



Room Parent Guide
TCA North Elementary
5th Grade

Please use the events as a guideline to the fifth grade school events. It is important to contact your classroom teacher to see what the classroom's needs are for each event; some events may require food or parent volunteers, while others may not. These descriptions come from past year events and how they were implemented – teachers may feel the need to alter some of the activities.

Fifth Grade Events

Field Trips

Field Trips will be coordinated by your classroom teacher. Here is a tentative list –

Birds of Prey (October)

Philharmonic (October)

Cool Science (February)

Denver Botanical Gardens (April)

Grandparent's Day (September)

Coordinate with your teacher any anticipated needs for this day. It is often nice to have one or two parent volunteers in the classroom to help with escorting grandparents (often they may need to use the elevator vs. the stairs), providing coffee/tea to them, answering questions. Send a class email as required. Note: The school caters a brunch to the grandparents on this day – classes need not bring food!

Field Day (September)

Don't let this sneak up on you - Field Day is Friday September 26! Coordinate with your teacher how they would like you help with the shirts. Teachers should have the shirt color and design to you as soon as possible.

Field Day does require a lot of parent volunteer as it is a 4th-6th grade school wide half day event of outdoor games and fitness fun. The front office usually coordinates the signups for this event and will work with the RPLs and room parents to help spread the word.

Explorer Day (October)

Your child gets to dress up in period garb as their assigned explorer and give a 5 minute speech to the class describing the facts of their life. The children then go down to the forum and repeat the amazing facts of their lives to the other grade levels and parents of TCA. Coordinate with your teacher to see if they have any special needs for this day.

Thanksgiving Event (November)

Talk to your teacher about what they would like to do for a Thanksgiving celebration. Don't let time sneak up on you send out signup sheets!

Christmas Party (December)

Christmas is a busy time of year for many families. It's also a time to express gratitude towards your teacher and tutor. Some class room parents like to coordinate a class gift, while others leave teacher/tutor gifts up to each family on an individual basis. Whatever your preference is, let the families know early – many like to shop the after Thanksgiving sales.

Christmas parties usually occur on the last day before Christmas break – discuss with your teacher what they would like to do to celebrate this holiday.

Renaissance Day (December)

This is a period costume day for the children and teachers alike. Coordinate with the teacher early for this day – sometimes they need costumes picked up. Decorating the night before this big event is huge – it takes many volunteers to transform the fifth grade classrooms into a Renaissance Village. Also, much food is needed for the enjoyable dining experience of dining with a real queen! Plan Early!

Valentine's Day (February)

Coordinate with your teacher what they would like to do for this holiday. Some teachers like to have the children decorate gift bags in the classroom, then exchange valentines, and maybe eat a small treat. Remember to send a class list of all the children's names to the parents in the class, also mention giving valentines is totally optional – however if you give one, you must give one to everyone! Don't forget to give one to your teacher and tutor.

Pi Day (March)

Everyone at TCA knows that Pi Day means "Pie Day." Coordinate with your teacher as to what pies they would like to have parents volunteer to bring on this special day. Also, a volunteer or 2 is helpful on this day to serve and to help with activities (they are really useful if they know what pi is and how to use it – previous knowledge is not required)!

Westward Expansion Day (March)

This day allows your child to come dressed to school in their assigned "Westward Expansion Day" character. You could be a Chinese Transcontinental Railroad worker, a pioneer girl, or many other assorted characters. Your child will deliver a brief 5 minute speech to the class as to who their character is and why they were important. Coordinate with your teacher as to the needs for this day.

Teacher/Tutor Birthdays

It is always nice to recognize a teacher/tutor on their birthday. Check early to see when your teacher's birthday - don't get caught with a teacher/tutor who has an early birthday! This activity is entirely up to the discretion of the room parent!