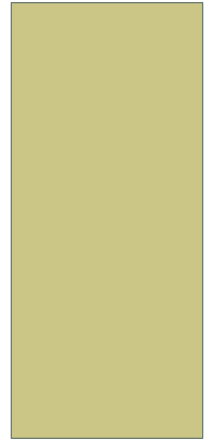


5th Grade *Departmentalized* Program
2016-2017 School Year

Information for Parents



What is a *departmentalized* program?

Teachers will be subject specific. Students will move from one subject to another.

Subject/Teacher Breakdown

- ELA (Reading/Writing) – Ms. Schatz , Ms. LaVolpe , Ms. Kuqi
- Math – Ms. Goldfarb, Ms. Molina, Ms. Fleming
- ICT (Math/ELA Support) – Ms. Bawer (5-406) and Ms. Singer (5-402)
- Social Studies – ALL 5th Grade Teachers
- Science/Health – Mr. Santaniello/Ms. Marano

What are the benefits of *departmentalizing*?

- This model allows the teachers to devote their planning time to one subject.
- Lessons will be more focused on teaching specific skill based standards.
- Students are better exposed to higher order questioning as teachers have a focus on their subject matter.
- Students learn organizational skills and responsibility in preparation for middle school.
- 5th Grade teachers will support students through each day to help them learn independent skills.
- Each teacher is in tune with best practices for their individual subject and can provide a variety of instructional strategies to ensure that the learning is differentiated and engaging for all types of learners.
- The 5th grade teams works closely together to ensure that cross curricular activities exist in the 5th grade. *Example: Writing in the science and social studies content*

DUE TO THE TRANSITIONS, HOW WILL THE P.S. 88 *STAFF ENSURE EACH CHILD IS PREPARED AND ORGANIZED* EACH DAY?

- The 5th grade teams will develop a plan to ease students into the new schedule.
- Teachers will make sure the homework is posted for students to put into their agenda books.
- During the first marking period, the homework for each subject will be posted in the homeroom class. Students can double check that they have it in their agenda books as they pack up.

When can parents *meet and/or communicate with teachers* to learn how to better support their child?

- All parents are strongly urged to keep an open communication/meet with their child's teacher on a regular basis.
- Every Tuesday afternoon is known as "Parent Engagement" Tuesdays from 2:20 pm – 3:35 pm. Contact your child's teacher via email or by calling the school to schedule an appointment today!
- On September 22, 2016, the school will be holding a "Meet the Teacher" night, where the 5th grade teachers will discuss the curriculum, procedures and policies, i.e. homework policy, grading, communication, etc., for this school year. During this time, teachers will also discuss an overview of the daily routine for your child, as well as how parents can support their child this year. More information will be forthcoming.
- In November, March and May, there will be Parent Teacher Conferences. More information will be given closer to the actual dates.

Important Resources

- Please visit our school's website regularly for important reminders and updates at **www.ps88q.com**
- Please ensure you have submitted your contact information to the school to receive the auto dialer reminders and updates. Please visit the main office for more information on how to do this, if you have not done so already.
- Ms. Palesty, 5th Grade Assistant Principal
 - Email: **mpalesty@schools.nyc.gov**
 - Phone Number: **718-821-8121 ext. 1230**