

FIFTH STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN HANDBOOK

2019-2020



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WELCOME TO SCHOOL

Thank you very much for taking the time to participate in our enrollment activities and for choosing to share your child with us next year at Fifth Street Elementary School. We are eager to partner with our families and offer all students the best possible educational experience. With all of us working together, your child will have every opportunity for success.

Mrs. Kristy Dilger, Teacher
Mrs. Adrienne Kraft, Teacher
Mrs. Madelaine Massey, Teacher
Mrs. Kamasia Schnaus, Teacher
Mrs. Valerie Small, Teacher
Mrs. Alyssa Weisheit, Teacher
Mr. Ryan Erny, Principal

FIFTH STREET SCHOOL MISSION and VISION Statements

It is our mission at Fifth Street Elementary School to create a learning environment that encourages all to strive for excellence, embrace the leader within, and celebrate diversity.

VISION

By the year 2020, Fifth Street Elementary School will be a Lighthouse School and ranked in the top 15% of all elementary schools in Indiana.

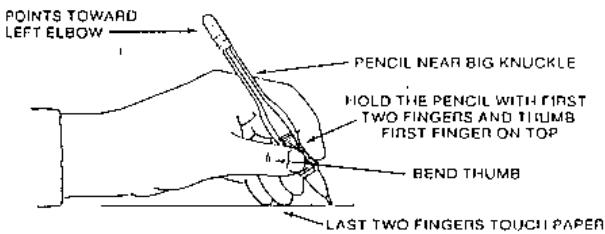
HANDWRITING

This alphabet will show you the correct formation of the letters your child will learn to write in the school handwriting program. The arrows and numerals indicate the direction and sequence of the strokes that form the letters.

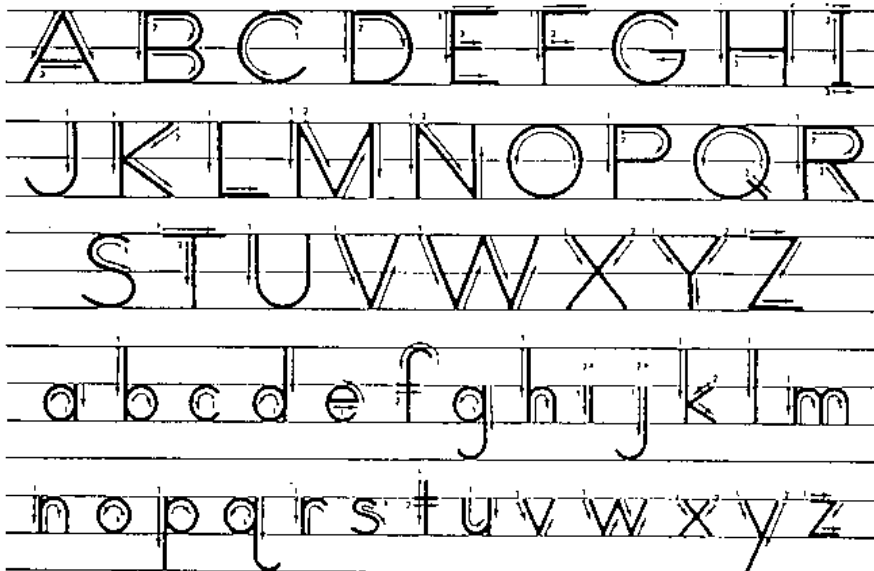
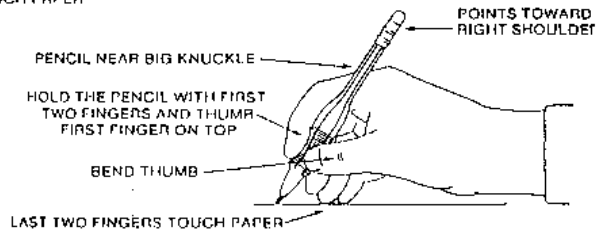
The size of the letters your child is writing depends on his or her grade level. At the readiness level, the letter size is 1½ inches, and at the first grade level, it is ¾ inch. In the event you wish to purchase paper for your child to practice the letter formations at home, please be sure the paper has the correct size ruled lines.

PENCIL POSITION

LEFT-HANDED _____



_____ RIGHT-HANDED



POLICY REGARDING PARENT PICK-UP

For the safety of your child, and legally, we cannot permit your child to leave the school premises without your permission in writing or without you personally picking up your child. In the event of an emergency or unexpected circumstance, a phone call will be accepted only with proper parent verification. Proper parent verification will include the following: (1) child's birthdate, (2) child's social security number, (3) name of emergency contact person. Since all three questions will be asked to verify the authenticity of the call, the parents/guardians are reminded to have this information available on them at all times in case such a circumstance should arise.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation - Several means of transportation have been successfully used by parents in the past. These include: driving daily, paying someone to drive, joining a neighborhood carpool, teaching your child to walk the route to school, or arranging for your child to ride the bus to and/or from school. Information concerning eligibility and routes can be obtained by contacting Fifth Street Elementary School **(812-482-1406)**. If your child will be riding a bus at any time during the year, please have him/her begin doing so the first week of school. At the beginning of the year, each child will be wearing a nametag, which will assist the bus driver and school personnel in directing children to their destinations.

MEDICATION

The administration of prescribed medication and/or medically prescribed treatments to a student during school hours is permitted only when failure to do so would jeopardize the health of the student, or the student would not be able to attend school if the medication or treatment were not made available during school hours.

Before any medication or treatment may be administered by school personnel to any student during school hours, there must be a written prescription from the child's physician for all prescription drugs accompanied by the written authorization of the parent or guardian. In the case of non-prescription drugs, preparations, or remedies, a written authorization from the parent or guardian must be on file before the administration of the medication or treatment. These documents must be on file in the office of the school nurse.

Only medication in its original container will be administered. If the medication is a prescription, it must be labeled with the student's name, the date and the exact dosage. All medication will be stored in the nurse's office.

Parent(s) or guardian(s) of students who want medication (prescription and non-prescription medicine) sent home will be required to pick up the medication from school by 3:00 p.m. as we will not send medication home with students.

2019-2020 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – Parent/Guardian of Kindergarteners

The current state guidelines for **required** immunizations for Kindergarten are as follows:

- 5 doses of DTP or DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis), DT, Td
- 4 doses of IPV (polio)
- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- 2 doses of Varicella (chicken pox vaccine) or **Physician documentation** of disease history, including month and year.
- 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine (Hep A) (six months apart) are required for all students entering Kindergarten – 4th grade. *Since it takes six months to complete this requirement, now is the time to schedule an appointment to receive the first dose of this vaccine, if your child has not received this vaccine.*

We **must** have an updated copy of your immunization record **prior to the start of school or on the 1st day of school**. We are obligated by the state to obtain these records.

The law does provide for exemption from immunization for those children who show a physician's statement saying the inoculations (shots) would be medically detrimental to the child, and for those children whose parents present the school with a written statement objecting for religious reasons.

Students whose parents do not provide the required documentation before the opening day of school may be admitted to school. However, they will be excluded from school if the documentation is not received within twenty (20) days.

Written documentation of a physical check-up by a physician and a dental visit by a dentist is also recommended for students entering the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools for the first time.

2018 – 2019 School Year
 Indiana State Department of Health School
 Immunization Requirements

<i>3 to 5 years old</i>	3 Hep B (Hepatitis B) 4 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis) 3 Polio (Inactivated Polio) 1 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) 1 Varicella	
<i>K – 5th grade</i>	3 Hep B 5 DTaP 4 Polio 2 MMR	2 Varicella 2 Hep A (Hepatitis A)
<i>Grades 6</i>	3 Hep B 5 DTaP 4 Polio 2 MMR 2 Hep A	2 Varicella 1 Tdap (Tetanus & Pertussis) 1 MCV4 (Meningococcal conjugate)
<i>Grades 7 to 11</i>	3 Hep B 5 DTaP 4 Polio 2 MMR 2 Hep A *	2 Varicella 1 Tdap (Tetanus & Pertussis) 1 MCV4 (Meningococcal)
<i>Grade 12</i>	3 Hep B 5 DTaP 4 Polio 2 MMR 2 Hep A *	2 Varicella 1 Tdap (Tetanus & Pertussis) 2 MCV4 (Meningococcal) 2 Men B * (Meningococcal B)

* Denotes recommended vaccines

HEAD LICE

Following the evidence based recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), defining pediculosis (head lice) as a nuisance and not a disease, students found to have nits and/or lice will remain at school until the end of the day. Parents of affected students will be notified of need for treatment and educated on proper treatment procedures. All siblings of affected students in the school corporation will be checked as well. Students will be rechecked the next day and if live lice are found following treatment, the student may not stay at school and will be sent home to be treated again. The presence of nits will not prohibit a student from attending school; however, education to parents will be reinforced of the importance of removing all nits to prevent the chance of a recurrence. Classroom checks will only be performed if 3 or more separate students in the same classroom have a confirmed case of head lice in a time span of 1 month. Parents are encourage to routinely check their child's hair. If parents find lice and/or nits on their child, they are to notify the school nurse. Information about the control of head lice, modes of transmission, diagnosis, treatment, and examination, can be found on the CDC website, or you may contact the Dubois County Health Department, your family physician, or the school nurse.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Fifth Street Elementary School participates in the National School Breakfast/Lunch Program. The meal prices for the **2019-2020** school year is as follows and are subject to change:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Adult</u>
Breakfast \$1.25/day	\$2.00/day
Lunch \$2.00/day	\$3.50/day

Breakfast/Lunch money will be collected for deposit in each student's individual meal account. If possible, please send your child's money weekly. Students may bring their own lunch to school to be eaten in the cafeteria. If you choose to send a lunch to school with your child, we encourage a well-balanced meal and discourage fast food and "junk food". No sodas please!

Each student is expected to eat at school unless the parent writes a note regarding special arrangements. An adult may eat lunch with his/her child at school by notifying the office no later than 9:00 a.m. of that day. All visitors must stop by the office to sign in and purchase their meal tickets.

Breakfast/Lunch menus are published in The Herald each Friday or on our website at www.fifth.gjcs.k12.in.us.

BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS

1. Complete Physical and Dental examinations. An eye examination is not required but strongly encouraged.
2. Purchase listed supplies.
3. Arrange transportation.
4. Look for the "Back to School" issue in The Herald for book rental information.
5. Label your child's belongings.
6. Make certain your child wears his/her nametag for the first two weeks of school.
7. Reassure your child that school will be a positive experience.
8. Review the parent checklist found in this booklet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Clothing - Dress your child in simple, comfortable school clothing, which he/she can manage without help. Shorts are permitted on exceptionally hot days. Remember to put your child's name on items of clothing to be removed at school. Sandals and flip-flops are discouraged as **tennis shoes are best for children.**

Name Tags – Children are asked to wear the name tag that is provided for your child the first two weeks of school. Please be sure to complete the information on the back of the nametag.

Attendance – If a student is absent for any reason, the parent or guardian must notify the school before 9:00 a.m. on the day of his/her absence. If parents do not have access to a telephone, you must send a note with your child when he/she returns to school. Parents of afternoon preschool students should call before 1:00 p.m. If your child is absent due to any type of doctor or dentist appointment, please provide the school with the doctor or dental visit note.

Information – We will send a school message by phone to all families. Also, the information will be posted in the Herald newspaper. Look for the “Back to School” issue.

Emergency Phone Number – The emergency name and number you list on the registration card should be a local one. In an emergency situation, the parents are contacted first, at home or at work. If we are unable to reach the parents, we need a local emergency name and number. ***If this changes, please notify the school office.***

Weather Closings – During the winter months, please listen to the local radio stations for information about school closings. The School Message phone service will also call to notify families of any school delays or cancellations. The number listed on your child’s registration card will be called for school messages. Please include all phone numbers you wish and let us know when there is a change in your phone number.

Conferences – Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in around the end of the first quarter. Report cards and overall performance will be discussed. Feel free to call or arrange extra conferences when necessary, together our students succeed!

Parent Teacher Organization – Parents of Fifth Street Elementary School students may join our **P**arent **T**eacher **O**rganization (PTO). The contribution is \$5.00 per family. The PTO will conduct fundraisers throughout the school year. Information regarding these fundraisers will be sent home at the appropriate times.

Home School Advisor – The Home School Advisor, Heather Goodhue, works with students, individually, or in groups. Our goal is to support students who may be experiencing difficulties in the school environment. Challenges some students face can include but are not limited to the following: academic, attitude, self-esteem, emotional, social, home and/or family, etc. Students are referred by their teachers, the principal, their parents, or by themselves. Ultimately, the main goal of our home/school program is to improve communication between school and home as needed. Mrs. Goodhue is also a leader in our building with school-wide positive behavior supports. Mrs. Goodhue can be reached by calling our school at 812-482-1406.

Speech – Speech and language services are available for any student enrolled in the Greater Jasper Consolidated School system, if the guidelines appropriate for their age or grade level are met. To qualify, a student must exhibit one or more of the following disorders: articulation, fluency, voice quality, language skills, or auditory disorders. Parents or the classroom teacher may refer a child for a communication disability. After parental permission is granted, the speech/language pathologist, Mrs. Hilgefert, will evaluate the child. A conference is then held with the parents and speech/language pathologist. Eligibility is discussed, and a decision is made as to whether the child will be enrolled in speech.

School Nurse – The role of the school nurse is to assist students who become ill or injured during the course of the school day, and to identify students who have a communicable illness that requires exclusion from school. Some of these conditions include chicken pox, strep infection, scabies and active head lice infestation. Some other reasons your child may be sent home include a temperature greater than 100 degrees F., vomiting, diarrhea, inflammation of the eye, or an undiagnosed rash. The nurse is responsible for administration of daily medications and all state mandated screening, as well as record keeping of immunizations. She is available to provide health-related educational materials to classroom teachers and parents. Please feel free to call if you have any questions, concerns or need to make the school aware of your child's medical condition. ***If your child is sick with vomiting, diarrhea, and/or fever they should not return to school until vomiting free, diarrhea free, and/or fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours.***

IS MY CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN? (A Checklist for Parents)

1. _____ My child has attended preschool or Head Start regularly.
2. _____ My child is eager to start school and is not anxious about leaving me.
3. _____ My child does not tire easily.
4. _____ My child can take care of his or her personal needs (dressing, using the restroom, keeping track of belongings, riding a school bus, etc.)
5. _____ My child communicates well.
6. _____ My child listens well and follows a series of 2 directions.
7. _____ My child can work on a task for at least 10 minutes and completes tasks independently.
8. _____ My child makes friends easily and knows how to share.
9. _____ My child adapts well to new surroundings and changes in routine.
10. _____ My child can use pencils, crayons and scissors successfully.
11. _____ My child is familiar with alphabet letters and numbers.
12. _____ My child can say his/her first and last name.
13. _____ My child recognizes the basic colors.
14. _____ My child demonstrates self-help skills (ties shoes, buttons, zips).
15. _____ My child can print his/her first name using correct form (1st letter capital, remainder lower case).

Kindergarten is a big step in your child's life. As a concerned parent, you will want to consider your response to the above checklist in determining readiness. If you feel your child is not ready for this important step, you have the option of delaying entrance. This would give you the opportunity to provide your child with another year of preschool experience. If you choose to

delay entrance, or have questions or concerns, please contact the school as soon as possible.

HEROES SCHOOL

Fifth Street Elementary School has been awarded the HEROES grant through Welborn Baptist Foundation. "HEROES" stands for: **H**-healthy **E**-energetic **R**-ready **O**-outstanding **E**-enthusiastic **S**-school. This is a three year grant, which was completed in the 2013-2014 school year. During our seventh year as a HEROES school, we are committed to the health and well-being of our staff, students, and families. As a result, we have initiated activities and events that focus on positive physical and mental health. Our goal is to establish healthy lifestyle habits for our students. We challenge you to join us in our journey towards a healthier and happier community.

We also:

- Provide the SPARK program in gym class which incorporates games to develop and improve motor and sports skills.
- Provide school health assessments every other year on all Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students attending school which includes height, weight.
- Encourage students to bring healthy snacks for recess.
- Offer a healthy balanced breakfast for any student interested.

HEALTHY SNACK IDEAS FOR RECESS

A healthy snack during recess provides your child with the energy to finish the school day. A hungry child has more difficulty concentrating and learning in the classroom than one who has been refueled between meals. When you pack your child a recess snack, be sure it is portable, will keep without refrigeration and is something he/she likes to eat. A healthy snack is one that is high in nutrients, but low in fat, calories, salt and sugar.

Fruits

apples slices
bananas
blueberries
cantaloupe cubes
cherries
clementines
kiwis – sliced
orange wedges
strawberries
raspberries
watermelon cubes

Grains

whole grain crackers
tortillas
baked chips
homemade popcorn
cereal bars
pretzels
honey wheat pretzels
whole grain fruit bars

Vegetables

baby carrots
cucumber slices/sticks
grape tomatoes
bell peppers-sliced
celery
cauliflower
zucchini sticks/slices
broccoli
yellow squash

Dried Fruits

apples
apricots
raisins
mangos

Other

beef jerkey 95% fat free
cheese sticks

granola bars (without nuts)

rice cakes