Dear Fifth Grade Parents and Students,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Marie Barno and I will be your child’s fifth grade teacher this year. I am very excited to meet you and I am looking forward to working with your children!

I have been a teacher at Buckingham Elementary for 16 years. This will be my 9th year teaching 5th grade. I have had many inspiring teachers throughout my academic journey, and I hope to emulate some of the wonderful lessons and activities that I experienced.

Like all of you, I am a busy parent and love to spend as much time as possible with my children. I have a 16-year-old daughter who attends CB East High School. She is heading into 11th grade this year. My son is 11 years old and is going into 5th grade at Cold Spring. My husband is a 7th and 8th grade history teacher at Holicong Middle School. He keeps himself very busy by coaching every known sport under the sun. We spend our summers in the Florida Keys and relaxing as much as possible. Reading is just one of my many passions and I try to squeeze in as many books as possible during the summer months.

 Fifth grade is an exciting year filled with interesting topics and learning experiences. It is also a year filled with responsibility and independence. Your child will be very busy in all academic disciplines. With such a busy year, it is important that we have a strong home and school relationship to ensure your child’s success. I am always available to answer any questions you may have. My email address is **mbarno@cbsd.org**.

*Students, it will only be a short time before I get to meet you. You can help me get to know you even before our year begins. I am asking all students to please write me a letter. Your letter is to help me learn as much as I can about you in these last few weeks of summer. What did you do this summer? What are your interests? What do you like? Dislike? What kind of student are you? When you write back to me, please include a recent picture of you and your family. These will be used for a back-to-school bulletin board. Please have your letter back to me before the school year begins. You can email your letter and picture to me at* *mbarno@cbsd.org* *or mail them to me at Marie Barno: Buckingham Elementary School, Box 158, Buckingham, PA 18912.*

I am looking forward to meeting all of you and providing you some insight into the meaningful opportunities your children will have this year! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

 Fondly,

 Mrs. Marie Barno