

September 4, 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> grade! I am so excited to be your child's teacher. 5<sup>th</sup> grade was my absolute favorite as a student, and I aim to bring a similar experience to your child's school career. While this year will certainly be different, I promise to do everything in my power to create a rigorous, caring, and safe environment for your child to learn and grow in. I am excited for the opportunity to build on your child's love of learning through exploration, creation, and problem-solving while connecting to the fifth grade curriculum.

There will be a **Virtual Back to School Night Presentation on 9/16/2020 at 7 PM**. At this time, I will go over in greater detail the routines and expectations of our virtual classroom. The actual Back to School Night will be a recording, but I will provide time for a live question and answer session to make sure I address anything else you might need. Until this time please feel free to email me at [JHEINE@CBSD.ORG](mailto:JHEINE@CBSD.ORG).

Attached to this email and posted on my website ([www.cbsd.org/jheine](http://www.cbsd.org/jheine)) is the schedule for the first week of school. On our first week of school we will focus on building a strong classroom community and we will learn how to best use technology tools such as Microsoft Teams and Canvas. **Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM**. Please have your child go directly to the Teams meeting which can be accessed here: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#). I will also send a reminder email to your child the day before and the morning of with the link included.

Please know that I am here for you and your child. I am preparing for a smooth start to the school year, but I understand that there may be some bumps along the way. Please be patient with me as I work through any unforeseen issues. We are in this together and I am certain that together we can make this school year a success for your child both academically and socially. I love teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade and I am eager to get started. I promise to care for your child and to do whatever I can to help them learn, grow, and enjoy the school year.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Heine