

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to fifth grade. My name is Mrs. Monkoski (formerly Ms. Raitt) and I will be your 5th grade teacher this year. This is my fifteenth-year teaching 5th grade at Buckingham. Prior to this year, I taught 6th grade at Jamison Elementary; 5th, 3rd and 4th grades at Cold Spring as well as 5th grade at Mill Creek. I am thrilled to be teaching 5th grade again and I look forward to having an exciting year together. This school year should prove to be absolutely fabulous!



A little bit about me: My husband and I live in Jamison and between us we have two sons, two daughters, and two granddaughters! My son graduated from Penn State and is now working as a nuclear test engineer in Connecticut at the submarine base. He and his wife have 2 girls, age 2 and 6 months. My daughter graduated as an industrial engineer from Lehigh University and is working for J. P. Morgan in New York City. She and her fiancé are currently relocating to Atlanta, GA.

I'm sure you are beginning to think about school supplies for this year. I am including a copy of my school supply list so that you can be ready for **the first day of school on September 5**. You can also find a copy of the supply list and other important information on my teacher website: <https://www.cbsd.org/Domain/1024>

It will only be a short time before I get to meet you. You could help me to get to know you even before the first day of school. **I am asking all of my students to write or email me a letter.** Your letter to me is to help me to learn as much as I can about you in these last few weeks of summer. What did you do over the summer? What are your interests? What do you like, what do you dislike, and what kind of student you are? Tell me where you like to sit in a classroom – I will try to put you there. Be creative. That helps me to get to know you, too. ***Please have your letter back to me by Tuesday, August 28th.***

Parents, I would love to receive an email or letter from you as well. If you could take a few minutes to write down a few of the things you would like me to know about your child, I would greatly appreciate it. You may include whatever you wish, but especially your child's learning style and needs, areas of concern, areas of strength, and favorite activities. You may email me at lmonkoski@cbsd.org or send the letters to school or to my home address: 2029 Carmel Drive, Jamison, PA 18929. Lastly, our **5th grade Back to School Night** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 13th at 7:15 PM**. Looking forward to a great start to our school year! See you soon!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Linda Monkoski

