

♥ Welcome to ♥ 5th Grade

June 12, 2019

Dear Fabulous Fifth Grade Parents and Students,

Welcome to Mrs. Halpin's Fifth Grade Class! This morning we had a wonderful time getting to know each other during Move-Up Day! I feel so fortunate that I get to teach **YOUR CHILD** this year and I can't wait to experience my 17th year of teaching with my new class during the 2019-2020 school year. We are going to have so much **FUN** learning and growing together!

Personally, my husband, Sean, and I have two children. My oldest son, Aiden, turned four years old in April and keeps us laughing all the time. He loves reading, playing outside, and building new innovative creations with his Legos. Aiden is a great big brother to his younger brother, Gavin. Gavin turned two in April as well. His smile can brighten anyone's day, his laugh is the absolute best, and his bright blue eyes melt my heart! There is never a dull moment with those two who keep me busy all the time. I love spending time with my family and creating new memories together!



Academically, I graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School which is located in a suburb about 20 minutes southwest of Pittsburgh. Yes, I am a huge Pittsburgh sports fan. **Go Steelers!** After graduating, I attended Penn State University where I earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Kindergarten Education. To further my education, I attended Gratz College to earn my Master's Degree in Education. Additionally, I continue to challenge myself as an educator through taking various professional development classes to ensure I am enriching my students lives by keeping up with the most current teaching practices.

Professionally, I started my teaching career in Northern Virginia where I taught fifth grade for three years. This is my 14th year teaching at Butler Elementary where I have taught third grade for eight years and fourth grade for four years. I am extremely excited about starting my second-year teaching fifth grade! My **PHILOSOPHY OF TEACHING** is to create a positive learning environment where every child believes they can achieve anything they want by putting forth their best effort and believing within themselves. I want you to know that I am dedicated to help your child reach their fullest potential. Working together as a team will ensure your child receives the best education possible this upcoming school year. There are many things for your child to look forward to this year. Together we will become stronger readers, writers, and mathematicians. In Social Studies, the focus will be U.S. History up until the Westward Expansion. In Science, the students will learn about Weather, Energy, and Nature's Recyclers. In May, fifth grade goes on a field trip to the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia. It is sure to be an action-packed school year!



I hope you have a **wonderful summer** with your family and friends. I look forward to meeting everyone at Back-to-School Night in September! In the meantime, if you need to contact me, please email me at lhalpin@cbsd.org. See you in the fall!

Sincerely,



Mrs. Halpin

