

Hello Weinberg Fifth Grade Families,

Welcome to fifth grade at Weinberg Gifted Academy! We are excited to take this journey with your family and create our WGA 5th grade community together. We wanted to take the time to introduce ourselves.

We can't wait to share this unique experience with you as we continue to build our growing campus together. Our philosophy is one that is student driven and we strive to create a feeling of community above all. Your child will have a teacher team this year to support them which will ensure each fifth grader has the opportunity to have multiple touch stones on campus to build a connection with.

Help Us With a Few Things

1. Student Supplies and Wishlists

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased supplies for our classrooms! Please click on your homeroom teacher's name below to access their supply list..

[Click here for Mrs. Durham's supply list](#)

[Click here for Mrs. Darden's supply list](#)

[Click here for Ms. Roberts' supply list](#)

[Click here for Mr. Thomas' supply list](#)

[Click here for Ms. Stevens' supply list](#)

2. Parent and Student Surveys

Below you will find the links that take you to a Parent Survey **and** a Student Survey. We appreciate you and your child filling these out before school starts.

[Click here for the Parent Survey](#)

[Click here for the Student Survey](#)

3. Curriculum Presentation

This replaces the traditional curriculum night where you would come back to the school. If you have any questions after watching, please email your homeroom teacher.

[Please click here for our curriculum presentation.](#)

School To Do

1. Transportation Survey

Please complete the transportation survey before the first day of school so we know how your child arrives and leaves. In addition to the transportation survey below, please make sure you review the school handbook and update your emergency contact information in Infinite Campus (please contact the office if you have questions #480-812-6600)

[Click here for transportation survey](#)

2. Handbook

Please take time to review the students handbook with your child and return the signed page below. Thanks.

[Click here for a digital copy of the handbook](#)

[Click here for a required signature page that needs to be returned to your homeroom teacher](#)

3. Band/Orchestra

If your child is interested in participating in band or orchestra as an after school activity please see below.

[Click here if your child would like to join band or orchestra.](#)

[Further information regarding orchestra can be found here.](#)

[Click here for spirit gear website if you would like](#)

Stay Connected With Us

- You can email us anytime:
 - arden.melanie@cusd80.com
 - durham.pamela@cusd80.com
 - roberts.colleen@cusd80.com
 - stevens.cassidy@cusd80.com
 - thomas.james@cusd80.com
- We will be using Parent Square as our main form of communication. We are currently waiting for the district to move forward with this. Until then, we will be using email as our main form of communication. Once Parent Square is up and running, we will let you know.
- [Click here for our Weinberg Fifth Grade Team Web Page](#) This page currently includes our social media feed, our teacher bios, the supply lists, an FAQ page, and links to our social media accounts.
 - Social Media Accounts: You will only need to follow one of the social media accounts because they are linked and get the exact same posts. Please go to the page and follow one of our accounts. This will give you a glimpse into our weekly campus life throughout the school year. It is one way for you to feel connected and be able to have purposeful conversations with your child when they come home from school.
 - www.instagram.com/wga5th
 - <https://www.facebook.com/wga5th/>

Our first day back to school is **Wednesday, July 19th**. We can't wait to connect with you!

Your Fifth Grade Team,

Pam Durham, Melanie Darden, Colleen Roberts, Cassidy Stevens, and James Thomas

WGA Fifth Grade Team Resume

SUMMARY

Powered by design thinking, we provide deliberate, relevant, and vigorous opportunities for gifted learners to engage in a dynamic global learning community that inspires and expects learners to **cogitate, collaborate, communicate, connect, construct, craft**, and be an active part of our **community**.

EXPERIENCE

Public Education

- Arizona 2003-present
- Gifted Academy 2013-present

Accomplishments

- 28 years of combined teaching experience
- International teaching in Italy and Tanzania
- Grades preschool- high school experience
- Endorsements in:
 - Gifted Education
 - Structured English Immersion
 - Middle Grade Mathematics
 - Biology
 - Dual Language Immersion

EDUCATION

B.S. Elementary Education
M.A. Elementary Education
B.S. Fine Arts
B.S. Liberal Studies
B.S. Mathematics
B.S. Strategic Communication

SKILLS

Mom, professional fort builder, European traveler, baker, gamer, rookie coder, risk taker, interior designer, artist, maker, two-time regional conference presenter, life-long learner, backpacker, explorer, world traveler, tennis player, science geek, scuba diver, musician, filmmaker, guitar player, pet owner, camper

REFERENCES

You.



Mrs. Darden



Mrs. Durham



Ms. Roberts



Ms. Stevens



Mr. Thomas