



September 2018

Dear 5th Grade Families,

All 5th graders will be participating in a wonderful science and art opportunity through the Wake Water and Soil Conservation District. Each year they hold a poster contest with a theme related to their cause. This year the theme of the contest is "The Living Soil". This is a direct tie-in to 4th and 5th grade science curriculum and the units on erosion and ecosystems. During September and October, all students will be introduced to the poster contest, learn about the importance of healthy soil, actions that harm the soil and actions that help the soil in Library Team8. They will work to learn how the soil is a "living" ecosystem and why we should care about protecting it in Imagineering Team8 and poster techniques, both visual and interactive, in Art Team8. They will also be expected to research on their own, both at school and at home. The rubric for the contest is on the back of this letter and will be what the judges use to choose the poster winners. We will send the top 3 posters from each 5th grade class on to be judged at the county level. We will provide students with the poster board for the project. *While some of the research and planning will happen at school, the actual creation of the poster will be completed at home.* **Please make sure any GREEN papers connected to research, planning, and the contest are kept in the students' agenda or a folder that comes back to school each day.** This is a mandatory project and the posters are due back to school by October 30. You can see more info on our Combs Library website www.leadwithreading.weebly.com and you can email Ms. Headley aheadley@wcpss.net with questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Ms. Headley, Ms. L'Heureux, and Ms. Ferrell, Team8 Teachers