

# McMurray Elementary School



**Schedule Changes for 2014-2015**

# Our Goal

- Provide an outstanding educational foundation as student prepare for the rigors of Middle School, High School and beyond





# How do we meet that goal?

- Increase daily time allotted to instruction in core subjects
- 5 day schedule rotation (it was 6 previously)
- Classroom time for core subjects will be uninterrupted
- Instrument lessons will not take place during core classes (but will still take place during the school day)



# How did we make that happen?

- School will begin 5 min. earlier (8:55 a.m.)
- Spanish will become part of the specials rotation for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will have World Languages for 2 days in each 5 day schedule



# Our Goal

- Maintain the same high quality offerings for a well rounded educational experience








# How do we meet that goal?

- No opportunity will be eliminated due to new schedule
- Student instrument lessons will increase in length from 30-39 minutes
- 4, 5, and 6 Chorus will be offered AFTER school one day each week
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Orchestra will be offered AFTER school two days each week
- All staff members retain positions

# Minutes of Instruction: MATH

- 4<sup>th</sup> grade:  of 289 minutes/week
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade:  of 289 minutes/week
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade:  of 179-218 minutes/week

# Minutes of Instruction: English/Language Arts

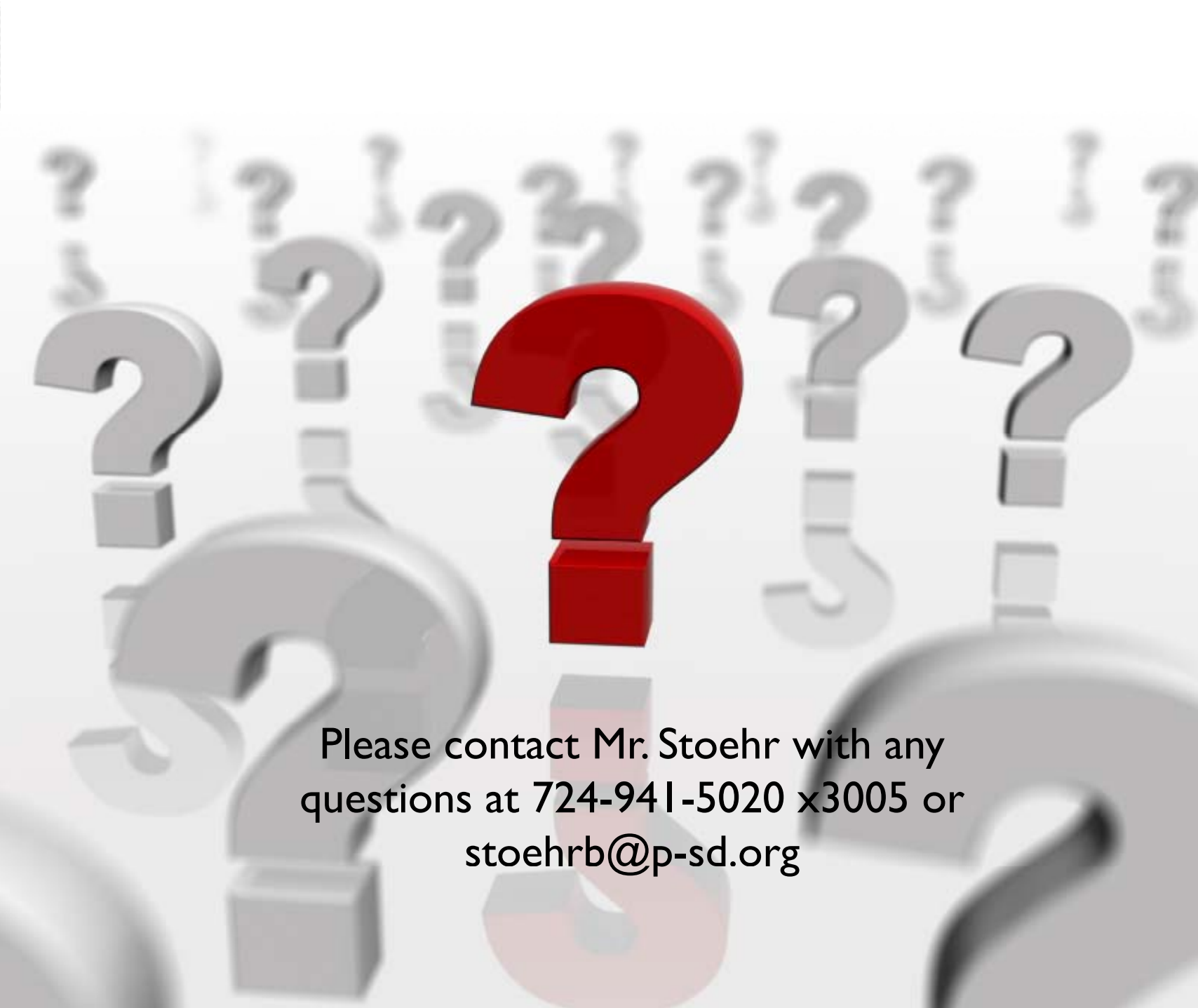
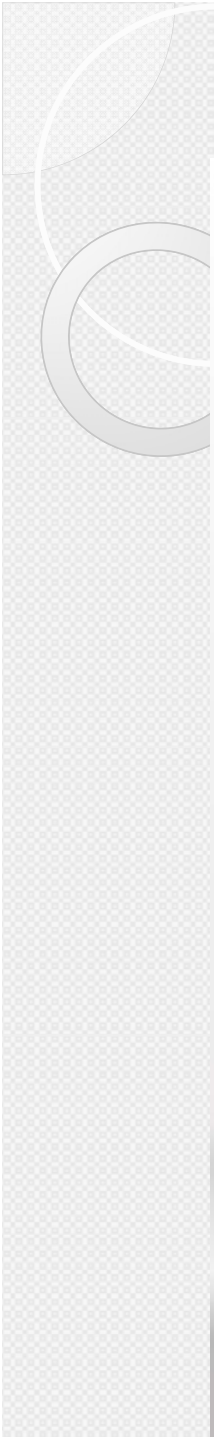
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade:  of 125 minutes/week
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade:  of 125 minutes/week
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade:  of 136-175 minutes/week



# Minutes of Instruction: Social Studies & Science



- 4<sup>th</sup> grade:
  - Social Studies: 31 min. increase/week
  - Science: 31 min. increase/week
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade:
  - Social Studies: 31 min. increase/week
  - Science: 31 min. increase/week
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade:
  - Social Studies: 31 min. increase/week
  - Science: 31 min. increase/week



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