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State Testing Next Week



Wednesday, April 8th, we are planning on completing the math portion of the required state assessments. The assessment is computer based this year and is a bit more complicated and challenging than

the multiple choice, bubble tests you are familiar with. Students are now required to generate answers like plotting data on a graph, correctly segment and shade a shape to demonstrate an understanding of fractions, or construct a frequency distribution table. Again, much more intensive than choosing and bubbling A, B, C, or D.

Since the test is new, and done on a computer, there will be a bit of a learning curve for student and teacher alike. However, the parent responsibility remains the same, help your child to an early bed time to get good rest, provide a relaxing morning environment, and a solid breakfast. The brain works better with rest, fuel and calm. So, Tuesday night needs to be a new routine. (Hopefully a continuing routine.)

Having prepped you, there is a caveat. Since this is a computer based test, we had anticipated having enough computers for every student in the intermediate grades to test on the same day. We have yet to receive our last cart of computers from the district, and we may need to adjust our testing days. So, please watch for any information about a change of testing days in the next two weeks. I hope we do not need to change days, but we may need to.

Hodgepodge

Flower Baskets

You will probably notice another fundraiser packet in today's Thursday folder. This is a whole school fundraiser. The funds raised will go toward school events, trips, and possibly other needs that come up with in the school. I have encouraged students to fully participate in helping our school. Our school is setting a performance goal of ticket sales. I am hoping our class make a good showing of effort. The flower basket sales are actually pretty well received in the community. There are some folks in the community who rely on this fundraiser for their flower purchase for the spring.

6th Grade Swimming

Permission slips are in today's Thursday folder for

6th Grade Pictures (Repeat Info)

It is hard to believe that we already are having to start thinking about the end of the year, and the time we say goodbye to our 6th grade students. We have arrived at the beginning of our planning stages for what has become a tradition... our 6th grade graduation and slide show. It is usually a tear-jerker, but in order to ensure eye leakage, we need 6th grade baby pictures. I am asking parents of 6th grade students to provide me with baby/child/growing up pictures... Cute, funny, interesting... You choose. I do not limit the number of pictures you may submit, but I will only use 4 in the show. Please submit your photos digitally (Preferred). You can email them (jdevold@kpbsd.k12.ak.us) or bring in a disk/usb. I will return the disk/usb to you at graduation. You can also send in hard copy photos, and I will scan them and return them to you (Less Preferred).



If your child does not bring in any photos the school will get together four school pictures from the past years. While this works, it is much more fun to use pictures from home. Please send in pictures by the end of next week.

6th graders swimming weeks. Please return these permission slips soon. Also, please prepare for having your student bring swimming gear each day April 20-May 1.

Kasitsna Bay Field Trip—Chaperone Info

So far I have several parent volunteers with their Chaperone forms turned in. (4 to be exact.) I also have a solid verbal confirmation from two other parents who are planning on coming on the trip. That is 6 adults. It is looking pretty good for chaperone participation. If you have not turned in the chaperone form, and are planning on joining us, please do so soon, so I can have a better understanding of our numbers. I think there are 3-5 more adults who are thinking about coming, but I am not certain, even though we may have talked about a month ago. The cost is \$170 for each participant. Also, please complete your background check & driver forms ASAP.

Emergency Information:

5th Grade Drivers Needed. We have our last Arc Lake water testing with Dan. We are in need of drivers.
April 17 @1:45-3:15

Special points of interest:

- April 3—NO SCHOOL (Vacation Day)
- April 8—State Testing DAY for 4th - 6th Grade (MATH)
- April 15—State Testing DAY for 4th - 6th Grade (L.A.)
- April 17—Water Quality Testing Field Trips (Need Drivers)
- April 20-24—Middle School Prep Week for 6th Graders (AM)
- April 20-May 1—6th Grade Swimming (Daily in PM)
- April 28—Kasitsna Bay Parent Meeting
- April 30—Intermediate Spring Music/Talent Show
- May 1—Early Release Day
- May 4-6—Kasitsna Bay Field Trip
- May 8—6th Grade Visit to SMS
- May 8—Salmon Celebration @ Soldotna Creek Park with Dan
- May 18—Volunteer Appreciation & End of Year Slide Show
- May 20—6th Grade Graduation (9:00ish)
- May 20—Field Day (Location ???) 11:00ish
- May 20—Last Day Of School