

FEBRUARY 2019

## CRT Coming Up

State-mandated assessments, the criterion-referenced test (CRT) also known as the SBAC, will be administered after spring break to students in Grades 3, 4, and 5. The CRT is administered in various parts on different days; a calendar will be sent home in the future for each class with their tentatively-assigned testing dates. Students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 complete Reading (3 parts) and Mathematics (2 parts). Students in Grade 5 complete Science (2 parts) as well. All tests are administered on computers. We encourage families to be sure students get a good night's sleep each night prior to testing and that students eat a good breakfast and lunch on testing days. We also encourage families to be sure students are present on their assigned testing days unless they are ill. Families can help students reduce test anxiety by talking about calming strategies, reviewing strategies students know in Reading and Mathematics, and reminding how students can do their best on the CRTs. We appreciate your support!

For all families PK-5, it is important to discuss with your child the importance of being an independent test-taker who applies all the skills and knowledge they know, who take their time, who do their very best work, and who stick with it (persevere) even when there are challenging or unfamiliar questions. *All students PK-5 must work on these skills.* It is too late for students to focus on becoming successful, independent test-takers when they get to third grade!

Thank you,

*Mr. Blume and Mr. Nellis*

## Dates to Know

March 4-8, 2019—PTA Penny Wars  
March 7, 2019—PTA Pastries with Parents  
March 12, 2019 – Read-a-Thons  
March 15, 2019 – End of Quarter 3  
March 22, 2019 – No School  
April 1-5, 2019 – Spring Book Fair  
April 15-19 – Spring Break

## NEWS AND NOTES

With weather changing frequently, please remember to write your child's name on the inside of their jacket. This helps to reunite lost clothing articles with students in the event that something is misplaced or left unattended. In addition, please review guidelines for dress code. Shorts and skirts need to be at least fingertip length and all shirts must have sleeves or straps at least three inches wide (not three fingers wide). With students growing quickly, please check your child's clothes to be sure they still fit and meet dress code since it was last warm outside.

Please remember to observe the rules of the road when parking around campus. Parking in front of a fire hydrant or in a red zone is against the law. Double parking and U-turns in school zones are illegal and jeopardize the safety of all. We appreciate everyone using marked crosswalks and being willing to park farther away from the campus as needed to take care of each other and our neighbors around the school. Your patience and positive choices are greatly appreciated.

Construction on our playground replacements continues. We are looking forward to their completion as they look like lots of fun will be had on the new equipment!

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