Manchester Elementary Weekly News - Family Edition

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Spring Testing...

It's hard to believe that we are already in "testing season!" Please assure your child that, while testing is important, it is not something to be worried about. Testing is a "snapshot in time" and gives the school good information that helps us tailor our instruction carefully!

CAASPP is the state academic testing program, which is intended to provide information that is used to monitor student academic progress, yearly. This week and next, 3rd-8th grade students will be taking this test. Please ensure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast so they can do their best. We will also be providing snacks at school during the next two weeks as our 3rd-8th graders complete their CAASPP assessments.

ELPAC is California's testing system that is used to determine the English language proficiency of students whose primary language is not English. There are four parts: Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening. I am enjoying administering these tests because it is giving me time to get to know students better. These tests will be going all month because most of them need to be administered one student at a time. We will get scores to parents as soon as they are available.



We love our educators! There will be a special luncheon on Tuesday to show our gratitude for staff. THANK YOU to parents who have stepped up to donate food for our celebration on Tuesday. If you are still interested, but have not reached out, please contact erin@piperlogging.com. Thank you, Erin and everyone, for making sure our educators are feeling the love this week!

Mrs. Balliet off Campus...

Before I took this amazing position, I had already committed to being in Mississippi to see my son graduate with his Master's degree. I will be off campus May 4th-9th (this Wednesday-Friday and next Monday). Our school is in good hands with Ms. Leiser standing in as admin designee while I am gone. I am also a phone call away if I am needed. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding as I support my son in this big life achievement! Because I will not be at school at the end of this week, I have made this newsletter a "two week version."

This Week's Happenings

Monday, May 2nd 8:45 - 11:30 CAASPP testing begins

1:15 ELPAC

Tuesday, May 3rd **Teacher & Staff Appreciation lunch**

8:45-11:30 CAASPP

Wednesday, May 4th Mrs. Balliet off campus

8:45-11:30 CAASPP

Thursday, May 5th Mrs. Balliet off campus

8:45-11:30 CAASPP

Friday, May 6th Mrs. Balliet off campus

8:45-11:30 CAASPP

Coming Next Week

Monday, May 9th Mrs. Balliet off campus

8:45-11:30 CAASPP

Tuesday, May 10th ELPAC

8:45-11:30 CAASPP 4:00 Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 11th 8:45-11:30 CAASPP

1:45 Staff Meeting

Thursday, May 12th ELPAC

8:45-11:30 CAASPP

Friday, May 13th ELPAC

8:45-11:30 CAASP