

Cougar Chronicle

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Let's get ready for the STAAR/ITBS TEST!

Whether we agree with standardized testing or not is a non-issue when it comes to our students in the classroom. They have to take the test regardless of our personal opinions, so if you want to know more about STAAR, there are some great resources on the Texas Education Agency website.

<http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/staar/>

Dates to Remember

March 11: End of 3rd nine weeks

March 24: Open House

March 14 - 18: Spring Break

March 25: Spring Holiday

March 29: STAAR 4th Writing; 5th Math

March 30: STAAR 5th Reading

March 30: Chick-Fil-A Night

Character Counts: Integrity

STAAR dates:

March 29 – Grade 4 Writing; Grade 5 Mathematics

March 30 – Grade 5 Reading

May 9 – Grades 3-4 Mathematics

May 10 – Grades 3-4 Reading

May 11 – Grade 5 Science

ITBS dates:

April 26 - 28 – PK through 2nd

May 16 - 17 – 3rd through 12th

Students do their best when they:

- Arrive to school on time.
- Get plenty of sleep: A tired student cannot stay focused.
- Eat a healthy breakfast: Protein helps keep their energy stable for a longer period of time.
- Exercise and free play after school: The test is stressful and their normal routine is different this week. Their minds need a mental break.
- Support and praise them: Tell them you are proud of them and know they will do a great job.

- Surprise them with a special note: Our students need love and support on a daily basis.
- Celebrate when the testing is complete: Acknowledge your child for their effort.

Spring forward: Get ready to spring those clocks forward on March 13th.

Report Cards: Is your child performing to the best of their ability? Open House is Thursday, March 24th from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to retrieve your child's report card for the third nine weeks. Students will not be crossed over to the PK building on this day because we want to assure that parents receive the report cards.

Head Lice: This is a friendly reminder to periodically check your children's head for head lice. They are spread by close person to person contact. It is a good practice to check your child's head, close to the scalp line regularly.

Our mission is to develop strong critical thinkers that will graduate from four year competitive colleges by providing strict character development and a rigorous academic curriculum.