



Parent Corner

Some Food for Thought: Education is about more than a score on a test. Education is about preparing our children for success in the real world. Self-concept, self-efficacy, decision making, and problem solving skills for life are some of the learning goals we believe each child can pursue and thrive on.

Together in Education,

Mrs. Shonie Pachelli,
Principal



2017

April Showers...



Fisher's Peak Elementary School
April 2017

State Testing Schedule

State testing begins this month for all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students.

The PARCC/CMAS schedule will be as follows:

April 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th.

Good luck to all students and staff who have worked so hard this year to prepare for state testing! Make us proud!

Please refer to information on the back of this newsletter for more detailed information about state testing.

P.T.O. Meeting

The Fisher's Peak Elementary School's PTO meeting will be held this Tuesday, April 4th at 5:00 p.m. in the library. The following is a list of some of the topics to be discussed:

- Staff Appreciation Week in May
- TJS Scholarship
- Field Day

All parents are welcome to attend! We hope to see you there!

Late Start Reminder

As a reminder, Monday, April 24th is a regularly scheduled Late Start Day for all Trinidad School District #1 students. Students are to arrive no earlier than 9:30 a.m. and school begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Up and Coming @ Fisher's Peak

- April 4th - P.T.O. Meeting held at 5:00 p.m. in the library
- April 6th - PARCC/CMAS Pep Assembly
- April 10th - 12th - PARCC Testing for all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students
- April 17th - 20th - PARCC Testing for all 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students
- April 17th - 4th Quarter Mid-Term reports sent home to parents
- April 24th - Late Start Day for all TSD #1 students --- students are to arrive no earlier than 9:30 a.m. and school begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.
- April 26th - Administrative Professionals (Secretary's) Day



OVER PLEASE



March 28, 2017

Dear Fisher's Peak Families,

Our 3rd-5th graders soon will begin taking the statewide assessments that are aligned to the Colorado Academic Standards and measure real-world skills like problem-solving, communicating and thinking critically --- skills that are critical in college and careers for the 21st Century. These assessments, called the Colorado Measures of Academic Success tests, examines students knowledge in English Language Arts, Math, and 5th grade Science and **will be given over a two week window between April 10th and April 20th.**

What tests will students take?

	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	Grades 3 through 9		SCIENCE	Grades 5, 8 and 11
	MATH	Grades 3 through 9		PSAT	Grade 10
	SOCIAL STUDIES	Grades 4 and 7 To be done on a sampling basis with schools participating once every three years.		SAT	Grade 11

It is important to remember that these tests are just one measure of a student's progress, but they are the only common measurement across the state that helps parents understand how their children are doing compared with their peers around the state, how the school is performing and how the district is doing overall. The information from the tests also helps policy makers identify what schools or districts need help or which ones should be celebrated for their successes.

On the morning of test days, please encourage your students to put forth his or her best effort. Testing will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. Other strategies for helping your child do their best include:

- Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a good breakfast before taking the test.
- Get your child to school on time the day(s) of the test(s).
- Make the morning of the test(s) a pleasant one. Do not add to your child's stress.
- Encourage your child to stay focused on the test and don't stress the test!
- Explain to your child the importance of using time wisely. If your child gets stuck on a question, encourage him/her to make the best guess.
- Reassure your child that he/she does not have to answer all the questions correctly but to do his/her best. There is no penalty for guessing.
- Remind your child the test is important and to believe in themselves and to keep a positive attitude.
- Have your child dress comfortably.
- Please try not to schedule trips, dental or medical appointments or early pick-ups for test days.

Thank you for your continued support.

Together in Education,

Shonie Pachelli, Principal