



THE ROADRUNNER

Updates and News

Calendar Notes

- January 10**—Highly Gifted Center Testing for Gr. 3 applicants 9-11:30 a.m.
- January 11**—Grades 3-5 Mock Reading MSA
- January 11**—Data Notebooks go home
- January 16**—Holiday Martin Luther King Day (No school for students)
- January 16**—Skate for your School event 11-1:30p.m. Wheaton Ice Arena
- January 18**—Grades 3-5 Mock Math MSA
- January 20**—2nd Marking Period ends
- January 23**—Professional Day for teachers (No school for students)
- January 24**—3rd Marking Period begins
- January 24&25**—Gr. 2 Mock TN/2 (note date change)
- February 1**—Report cards distributed
- February 3**—January Principal's Wall of Fame 1:30-3:30 p.m. All Purpose Room
- February 7**—PTA Meeting 7-8:30 p.m. All Purpose Room

Upcoming School Closings

Schools and offices will be closed Monday, January 16th in recognition of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. There are many lessons to be learned from the life and legacy of Dr. King. I encourage you to spend some time talking with your children about his messages of peace and equality.

Also, there will be **no school for students on Monday, January 23rd**. This a professional day for teachers.

Reminder—Ice Skating Event

Have fun raising money for Rock View while ice skating during the Ice Skating "Fun"draiser on Monday, January 16 (no school due to Martin Luther King holiday), Wheaton Ice Arena will donate 15% of the total admissions between 11-1:30 pm. The fee is \$6.50 per person (this includes skate rental).

"Everybody Belongs" Assembly

On Friday, January 6, we hosted the anti-bully assembly, "Everybody Belongs." It was a fantastic program! Please talk with your children about the lessons they learned from the assembly and the importance of having a bullying-free school. Again, thank you to our wonderful PTA for providing financial support for this assembly.

Upcoming Testing and Mock Testing

January is a busy month at Rock View for testing and testing practice. For our students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, the winter mClass testing window has opened. mClass is a diagnostic

reading assessment that all Kindergarten through 2nd grade students in MCPS take. It provides teachers with important data that informs instruction and enables the school to monitor progress towards reading proficiency. These students will be re-assessed toward the end of the year to identify their final reading levels. The end-of-year goals for kindergarteners is a Level 4, for first graders—level 16, and 2nd graders—level M. If you have any questions about your child's reading progress, please contact your child's teacher.

Our 2nd graders will also participate in their second "mock," or practice, assessment to prepare for the TN/2 assessment. Please note—the dates for this practice test were moved to Jan. 24 & 25. This standardized assessment will be administered this spring.

Grade 3 students who have applied for the Highly Gifted Centers will take an assessment as part of their application on Jan. 10.

Our students in grades 3-5 will begin taking the winter administration of the computer-based reading comprehension assessment, MAP-R, this month. These students will also take their second mock MSA math and reading assessments in the next few weeks.

The mock assessments provide practice opportunities for our students to ensure they feel comfortable with the format of the upcoming assessments. Also, data from these practice tests is used by teachers to identify areas for reteaching.

Character Pillar of the Month

Fairness