

March 2009

Dear Parents,

It is the time of year that we realize that MSA is pressing upon us. Testing will begin on Monday, March 16th and will continue until the end of the month. The testing schedule is as follows:

MSA Reading

Monday, 3/16 Grades 3 & 4
Tuesday, 3/17 Grades 3 & 4
Wednesday, 3/18 Grade 5
Thursday, 3/19 Grade 5

MSA Math

Friday, 3/20 Grades 3 & 4
Monday, 3/23 Grades 3 & 4
Tuesday, 3/24 Grade 5
Wednesday, 3/25 Grade 5

MSA Make-up

Thursday and Friday, 3/26 – 3/27 Grades 3, 4 & 5

It is important that students arrive on time, well rested and well fed. Testing will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. It is critical that students are in school every day during the testing window. While there are make up days, it can be challenging if there are many students who need to make up the test. We hope to have few make up sessions.

We will be having a school wide MSA Pep Rally on Friday, March 13th at 2:00. Primary grades are preparing a MSA “surprise” for the upper grades. We are fortunate that again this year the Columbia Union gymnastics team will be performing for us. Their performance is just amazing. This is a celebratory time for the entire school.

We have been diligently preparing for the MSA and are confident that our students are going to perform well. We have had several test preparation sessions to relieve test anxiety for students and so they will be familiar with the procedure. Students are well prepared.

The PTA has graciously agreed to provide snacks during the MSA. If you can assist in providing snacks for your child’s grade level, please contact your child’s home room parent or a member of the PTA.

Spring Break is quickly upon us, right behind the MSA. Spring break will be April 6- April 13th. The school year is fleeting by.

We have much to celebrate and many exciting events as we move towards the fourth quarter and the end of the year.

Sincerely,
Diantha Swift
Principal