



THE EAGLE GAZETTE



Simaran Bakshi, Principal

April 2015

The Principal's Corner

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the school year goes by, I continue to be impressed by how much your children have grown and progressed in the classroom and most importantly in life skills; like friendship, kindness, and empathy for others. When I reflect back on all of the things that we have done in and out of the class-room, I am proud of our school and our students

It is hard to believe that we have so little time left in the school year. The children have been working diligently to meet their grade level goals. We want them to continue to work hard and be prepared for the next grade levels. I am very proud of all their efforts.

With two months left of school, we get ready to finish the year with our state testing. The Florida State Assessments (FSA) will continue to take place for fifth graders from April 13 through April 22. Thank you all for encouraging your child/children to do their best. It can be a very stressful time for both students and staff. The assessments are not the be all end all of anything, however, an important life lesson is to teach children to always do their best no matter what is asked of them.

There are four ways that you can help your child do well on these tests:

- Make sure your student is at school on time.
- Get your child to bed early so they are well rested.
- Provide healthy food.
- Schedule appointments during another time.

Lastly, I urge everyone to please send their child/children to school on time daily. Make sure to set up meetings with the teachers if you have any questions about your child's school progress.

Thank you so much for working with us to help your children do their very best work.

Sincerely,

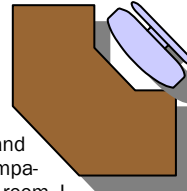
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Assistant Principal's Corner

Are you speaking the language of encouragement?

Most parents enjoy praising their children with phrases like "Great Job!" and "Good for you!" However, did you know that research suggests that encouragement has a bigger effect than praise on a child's motivation? The big difference is that words of **praise** lead your child to rely on your assessment of his or her accomplishments, while words of **encouragement** lead him or her to form their own positive assessment of themselves: "You cleaned your room without being asked, Look at that clean floor and organized desk!" **Motivation** can also be given regardless of your child's performance: "That didn't work the way you planned, did it? I can tell you're disappointed, but I know you'll try again next week. What do you think you might do differently next time?" So, parents let's remember that **encouragement makes motivation soar!!!!!!**

Mrs. Hare



4/1 – April Fool's Day; End of the 3rd Nine Weeks

4/2–Teachers' Planning Day (No School)

4/3– Good Friday (No School)

4/8–Early Release Day (12:45 p.m.)

4/13-22–FSA Testing, 5th grade

4/14–Report Cards (Go Home)

4/29–Early Release Day (12:45 p.m.)

4/30 Writer's Tea (2:00 p.m.)

4/30–SOM Pictures(2:00 p.m.)

4/30– Family Night, (Health and Career) 5:00-6:00 P.M.



5th Grade FSA Schedule

April 13-14	Science
April 15-16	Reading (Computer based)
April 21-22	Mathematics (Computer based)