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PARENT NEWSLETTER

Week of April 3, 2023



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| **SCHOOL PLEDGE**  **Right now, today, this very moment, I am capable of giving myself,**  **the gift of absolute self-assurance,**  **self-belief, and powerful non-stop confidence in myself.**  **I AM COLLEGE BOUND!** | | | |  |
| **“ T O T H R O U G H** | | **A N D** | **B E Y O N D C O L L E G E ”** | |
| **MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DUNGEY** |  | | |  |



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation. • Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty. • By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.

Test Taking Tip

**Talk to your child about test taking**

The purpose and goals of testing are not always obvious, even to the students who take them. Especially with new test-takers, it’s easy to be intimidated by testing or simply not feel motivated to put forth a lot of effort. Have open, ongoing conversations with your child to explain the benefits of testing, focusing on how it helps them, their teacher, their school, and other educators understand their strengths and weaknesses and figure out the most effective ways to teach. You can also use this opportunity to ask your students how they feel about testing, and offer reassurance or perspective if they have any anxiety around exams.

Standardized Testing Count Down



4/18 8th Grade PSAT Reading and Math Test!

4/18 Testing begins 3rd Grade ELA

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| **DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Monday**  **4/3**  **15 days until MSTEP/PSAT** | Read and Respond and C3 passed out | | **Tuesday**  **4/4** | **After School Tutoring 3:45-5:30** | | **Wednesday**  **4/5**  **14 days until MSTEP/PSAT** | MSTEP/Read by Grade 3 & 8th  Parent meeting – In person and  Zoom  -[testing meeting](https://us06web.zoom.us/my/jacquelinedungey)  Locker/Cubby Clean out | | **Thursday**  **4/6**  **LAST DAY OF TUTORING – RD 2**  **After School Tutoring 3:45-5:30**  **Pretty Brown Girls Begins 4:30** | **4th Grade Camp Meeting 5:30 In**  **Person and Zoom** [**Camp meeting**](https://us06web.zoom.us/my/jacquelinedungey)  **Read and Respond & C3 Homework DUE !** | | **Friday**  **4/7**  **NO SCHOOL** | **NO SCHOOL -BEGINNING OF**  **SPRING BREAK** | | UPCOMING | | | Week of 4/7-4/16 | SPRING BREAK | | 4/17 | Return back to school | | 4/18 | 8th PSAT Math & Reading 3rd Grade MSTEP ELA | | 4/19 | 8th Grade PSAT/3rd Grade MSTEP ELA | | 4/20 | 3rd Grade MSTEP Math | | 4/24 | MSTEP SCIENCE 5/8 | | 4/25 | MSTEP SS 5/8 | | 4/26 | MSTEP MATH 5 | | 4/27 | MSTEP ELA 5 | | 4/28 | MSTEP ELA 5 | |  | **First Day of School**  **K-2 in person for the week**  Testing/Orientation 8:30-12  **Learning Pods in building**  Testing/Orientation 8:30-12  **Distance learning K-5**  8:30-12  Character Camp begins |
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| **Thursday**  **9/3** | | Testing Continues by Appt in building  Character camp continues |
| **Friday**  **9/4** | | **Labor Day No School**  **School resumes 9/8**  **9/8** |
| UPCOMING | | |
| Tuesday 9/4 | | Back to School  **K-2 in person for the week**  Testing/Orientation 8:30-12  **Learning Pods in building**  Testing/Orientation 8:30-12  **Distance learning K-5**  8:30-12  Character Camp  Lesson Plans due week of 9/14 |
| 9/5 -9/7 | | Testing Continues by Appt in building  Character camp continues |
| 9/12 | | **Preschool begins Loving** |
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Attendance for week of 3/24-3/31

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| Grade | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| % | 70% | 84% | 92% | 76% | 70% | 80% | 86% | 78% | 90% |

Average Daily Attendance 79%. We are up 1% !HOWEVER, OUR CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM RATE IS 45%!!! THIS MEANS OVER HALF OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE MISSED 8 OR MORE DAYS THIS YEAR!! WHAT WILL. WE DO TO TURN THIS AROUND??

Exact Path Percentages for log ins Week of 4/4-4/8

Math

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Reading

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| 0 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 |

Informational Meetings

MSTEP, PSAT, 3rd Grade Read by Grade 3 Meeting 4/5 5:00-5:30

8th Grade Washington DC Trip and 8th Grade end of year activities meeting will be held Wednesday at 5:30-6:00.

4th Grade students are invited to participate in our annual camping trip. This year students will go to YMCA Camp Copneconic. The camp will be one overnight and two days April 25-April 26.Students will explore and learn about nature and ecosytems and participate in STEM activities. 4/6 5:30

Daisy Bates is an **African American civil rights activist and newspaper publisher**. Through her newspaper, Bates documented the battle to end segregation in Arkansas. For her amazing career in social activism, we celebrate her as an American hero. Bates was born, Daisy Gaston, in Huttig, Arkansas on November 11, 1914.

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Read By Grade 3 Law

The Michigan Legislature passed a law that requires schools to identify learners who are struggling with reading and writing and to provide additional help. The law states that third graders may repeat third grade if they are more than one grade level behind beginning with the 2019-2020 school year and not being proficient on the M-Step. [RBG3 Good Cause Exemptions](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Kb_x8241qxsu6w_fGLumBWGg95w_YrB1V6Vei_lCfbU/)

Online Practice for M-STEP ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies

The online Sample Item Sets are a select group of test items in ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies that encompass different item types, such as multiple choice, constructed response, and various kinds of technology enhanced items.

The sets provide students, teachers, and parents practice in solving grade-level and content-specific test items aligned to Michigan's academic content standards.

There are two ways to get to the online Sample Item Sets: 1) Anyone can access the Sample Item Sets using the Chrome browser [Sample Set](https://wbte.drcedirect.com/MI/portals/mi)2) Schools that have installed the updated INSIGHT software can access the Sample Item Sets by opening INSIGHT. The directions to access the sample items are the same for both methods: a) M-STEP is on the left side; b) Select "Online Tools Training" c) Select "Sample Item Sets" d) Select the grade e) Select the content area f) Login with the Username and Password provided on the login screen