



ASCENCION SOLORSANO MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT NEWSLETTER
May 2019



State Testing is coming in May! The window for CAASPP testing will be April 22 – May 24, 2019. All students, 6-8, will be tested in Math and ELA with a performance task section and a multiple-choice section. Your child's teacher will notify students and parents when they are scheduled to take the tests. In addition, **our 8th graders will also take the State Science test during the week of April 22 – 26. All tests will be taken on the computer.**

I am very proud of our **Youth In Philanthropy** students who have decided to give grants to two non-profit organizations. The Latino Family Fund contributed the first \$500.00 to our YIP students for one non-profit grant. Our students raised an additional \$500.00 so we can give two \$500.00 grants! The following two organizations will each receive \$500.00 – *Eden Housing* and *Child Advocates CASA of Silicon Valley*. What a great way to understand and participate in philanthropic work!

The end of the year is almost here and ASMS yearbooks are selling fast! The cost of a yearbook is \$55.00. The last day to pre-order yearbooks is April 30, 2019. After April 30, 2019, yearbooks will be on sale the last week of school for cash only. Buy your book now to have memories of middle school!

Calling all parents!! Please continue to support our Parent Club by coming to the last meeting of the year on Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. in C1-2. Parent Club has been very gracious in supporting the teachers, staff and students at ASMS. They continue to work on the 8th grade promotion dance and the Great America trip. Come out and support ASMS!!

There will be a **minimum day, 12:00 noon dismissal, on Friday, May 24, due to the Memorial Day Holiday weekend. Monday, May 27, is Memorial Day – no school for students and staff!**

Promotion Requirements: An 8th grade student may participate in the Promotion activities if they pass each class with a D average for the year. The yearly average grade is comprised of 1st semester and 2nd semester grades in each of their classes, including Physical Education and electives. In addition, **any 8th grade student suspended in the 4th quarter will lose the privilege to attend the promotion dance and the Great America trip. Administration will determine if a suspended student can participate in the promotion ceremony. All 8th grade students need to be responsible for academics and behavior!** Our 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 3:00 p.m. at Gilroy High School, Centennial Circle. With all three middle schools using GHS for their promotion ceremonies, Wednesday, 6/5/19, will be a minimum day with 12:00 noon dismissal to accommodate the three promotion ceremonies.

Help your child learn appropriate social skills. Some children have a harder time than others making friends. You can help by talking about the importance of *listening, cooperation and compromise, being polite, respecting differences, managing anger, apologizing when wrong and being supportive*. Remind your child that true friendships are about mutual respect.

Good Health = Good Test Scores! Getting ready for any big exam requires more than just studying. Your child must be physically fit, too. So, don't forget the following as your child prepares for any classroom and state testing.

- **Breakfast** – Get your child in the habit of taking time for a nutritious breakfast every day. Even toast and a piece of fruit will provide body and brain energy.
- **Sleep** – Get your child into a regular sleep routine. Then stick to it! Most children need at least nine to ten hours of sleep each night.
- **Exercise** – Encourage your child to exercise every day. Exercise increases oxygen to the brain and helps with thinking and memory.

With these tips, you can help boost your child's performance on classroom and state tests. They will feel more confident, well prepared and ready to succeed!

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please give me a call at 669-205-5000, or email Mrs. Walker at maria.walker@gilroyunified.org.