

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.



“ TO THROUGH AND BEYOND COLLEGE ”

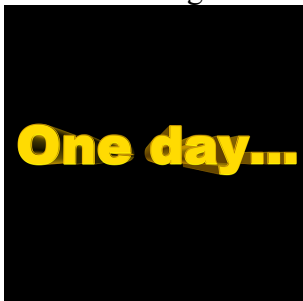
MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DUNGEY

Test Taking Tip

Offer positive reinforcement

A little encouragement can go a long way in helping students walk into testing days feeling confident—which, in turn, can have a huge effect on their performance. Praise your child for the work that he or she does to prepare for testing, and share in his or her excitement when he or she has success with a new concept or skill. Similarly, when he or she is struggling with a topic, point out the progress that he or she has made and encourage him or her to continue working. Having already experienced success with the material that he or she will be tested on will help your child avoid test anxiety and perform to the best of his or her ability on testing day.

Standardized Testing Count Down



| DAY | ANNOUNCEMENTS |
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| Monday 4/17 1 Day until State Testing Begins!!! | Read and Respond and C3 passed out STATE TESTING BEGINS TOMORROW Soccer Tryouts – form must be in !!! 3:45-5:00 4 th Grade Camp Meeting 3:35 In Person and Zoom Camp meeting |
| Tuesday 4/18 Parents please come from 7:45-8:10 and Cheer on our 1st testers!!! | PSAT 8th grade. 3rd ELA MSTEP 8th Grade dismissed at 12:00 |
| Wednesday 4/19 | 3rd Grade MSTEP ELA |
| Thursday 4/20 | Pretty Brown Girls |
| Friday 4/21 | Read and Respond & C3 Homework DUE |

| UPCOMING | |
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| 4/18 | 8 th PSAT Math & Reading 3 rd Grade MSTEP ELA |
| 4/19 | 3 rd Grade MSTEP ELA |
| 4/20 | 3 rd Grade MSTEP Math |
| 4/24 | MSTEP SCIENCE 5/8 |
| 4/25 | MSTEP SS 5/8. 4 th Grade Camp |
| 4/26 | MSTEP MATH 5 4 th Grade Camp |
| 4/26 | MSTEP ELA 5 |
| 4/27 | MSTEP ELA 5 |

| Quarter 3 Averages: | |
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| Kinder: | 37% |
| Roots: | 78% |
| Wings: | 63% |

Read and Respond
 And
 C3

Attendance for week of 3/24-3/31

| Grade | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| % | 80% | 83% | 81% | 78% | 85% | 79% | 89% | 93% | 93% |

Average Daily Attendance 85%. We are up 6% !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 4/3-4/6 **Shout out to 4th Grade!!!**

Math

| K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| 0 | 2 | 22 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 5 |

Reading

| K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| 0 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 57 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 |

Attendance Matters

- One in 10 kindergarten and first-grade students nationally are chronically absent, missing nearly a month of school. Emerging research shows even higher rates among preschoolers.
- These early absences correlate with reading difficulties and poor attendance patterns in later years. One California study found that only 17 percent of students who were chronically absent in both kindergarten and first grade were reading proficiently in third grade, compared to 64 percent of those with good attendance.
- The effects of poor attendance are particularly pronounced among low-income children, who need more time in the classroom to master reading and are less likely to have access to resources outside of school to help them catch up. Unfortunately, low-income children are four times more likely to be chronically absent.
- Students can begin to reverse their academic difficulties if they improve their attendance.
- Parents are often unaware of the corrosive effects of absenteeism and how quickly absences add up to academic trouble in the early grades. Some face challenges with health, transportation or housing that contribute to absences.



Ella Fitzgerald | Known as: Singer - Life: 1917-1996 | Certain celebrities are known just by their one name, and Ella is one of them. She was one of the greatest singers of the 20th century, despite racial bias that kept her out of famous performing venues for much of her early career. She won 13 Grammy awards and sold over 40 million albums. Fitzgerald performed with the greatest performers of the 20th century, among them Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, and Benny Goodman. (John Downing/Getty)

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](#) 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

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](#)