

From the desk of Connie Gervasoni:

Week of April 16th – April 20th:



- We continue with ELPAC testing... Your attitude about testing has a major impact on students. Remind them that as a class you have planned and they have practiced and learned all the standards and skills to succeed and pass the ELPAC...
- This week Kinder through third grade teachers will meet with Mary Ann Santiago, Title III coach to work on cognitive planning. Please make sure you have plans ready for the substitute.
 - When completing your Math long-range plans for 2018-19, please include Interim Assessments in your calendars.
- This Thursday we will (hopefully) have ETK/TK/Kindergarten Tours. We want to showcase our impressive PreK/ Kindergarten programs to our prospective customers! Please pass along the word...
- **Please encourage daily attendance;** we need everyone healthy! Our attendance has increased slightly and let's improve this month! If a student is absent for 2 days, a teacher phone call can make a big difference. You can also notify our PSA Counselors, Ms. Karina Rivera and Ms. Rosemary Hernandez, for assistance. However, teachers, you have so much influence with our students!
- **Please make sure that you continue to review your classroom and school rules with your students.** Please be sure you consistently have conversations revolving around their choices. Students need your guidance and assistance to keep on track. To promote positive behavior, we will continue with our Monday Cougar Bucks' raffles-2 per grade-level during announcements. Students must be present to win! We will also continue with the Yellow Class Cougar Bucks. **Principal's Recess will be this Thursday (due to Attendance meetings on Friday).**
 - Just a reminder, **every teacher is expected to walk students to one of the dismissal gates (your room partner walks half or your class to the other gate).** We need to be proactive and your assistance is needed to keep dismissal calm.
- Monday, ELPAC Testing continues; 3rd grade, am/2nd grade, pm Planning, Room 3.
- Tuesday, 2-hour ELA/ELD PD, 1:45pm – 3:50pm, Room 3. L. Lopez Avila, out.
- Wednesday, 5th grade Parent Puberty Meeting w/Nurse Josie, Auditorium.
- Thursday, PreK/Kinder Tours, 8:30am; Selected students, Audiometric re-testing. Principal Recess, 2:15pm.
- Friday, Teacher Preference Sheets, due by 3:00pm; 1st grade, am/Kinder, pm Planning, Room 3; SARTS w/ PSA, 1:00-2:30pm.
- **Have a wonderful week! Together, we are stronger...**

"Certainly, effort is key for students' achievement, but it's not the only thing. Students need to try new strategies and seek input from others when they're stuck. They need this repertoire of approaches – not just sheer effort – to learn and improve."

- Carol Dweck, Education Week