



Community Connection

January 10th 2020

Happy Friday!

What a great way to start the new year!!

Our students came to school this week ready to learn!! We cannot thank you enough for all you do to reinforce the importance of the work that we do! When you state your expectations for your child to do their best in school it helps to support us as we strive to help each child reach their fullest potential.

Thank you for making learning and behavior a priority in your family!! Your support is an essential component of our success.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Mrs. Amy Archer
Proud Principal



What's on the agenda this week??

Monday, 1/13 = Fire Drill @ 10:35am

Thursday, 1/16 = PTSO Meeting @ 3:15pm in the Media Center

Fri-Yay! 1/17 = Long Weekend! No School Monday in honor of MLK Day!

Grade 5 Families



invites you to an evening for 5th grade families
“CHECK OUT THE CHARGERS”

*Save
the
Date*

Tuesday, February 4th, 2020

6:30-7:15 Café - 7:15-7:45 Tour

Finding the right Middle School for your child is an important decision and tonight is an opportunity to explore all of what Venice Middle School has to offer. Please plan to join some of our staff and students for an informal question and answer session, as well as a tour of our new and improved campus, to help you determine if Venice Middle is the perfect fit for your child. We look forward to seeing you!



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Sarasota County Schools to Host School Showcase - January 14 & January 15, 2020

SARASOTA COUNTY, School Showcase is an excellent way for the community to learn more about Sarasota County Schools! Primarily geared toward parents and guardians that have a student enrolled in a Sarasota County school, the School Showcase is a once-a-year opportunity to learn more about middle and high schools in our county firsthand from the experts: current students, teachers and staff.

Both traditional public and charter schools will be in attendance. In addition, community partners and select school district departments including the Sarasota County Schools Police Department, EdExploreSRQ and the Education Foundation of Sarasota County will be on-hand to share valuable resources with families. Schools will showcase their academic programs and extracurricular activities, and will be prepared to answer a variety of questions related to enrollment, student experience and curriculum, among other topics.

It is highly recommended that parents and guardians attend a School Showcase event. School Showcase serves as a good precursor for those families interested in School Choice/Controlled Open Enrollment (COE) in the coming school year. The event is also extremely helpful for families with students entering sixth grade or ninth grade next year that want to explore academic programs to meet the needs of individual students. Please note, there are two School Showcase events and different schools will be featured on each night.

Locations & Times

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 - 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Suncoast Technical College
4445 Career Lane, North Port, Florida 34289

Wednesday, January 15, 2019 - 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Suncoast Technical College
4748 Beneva Rd, Sarasota, Florida 34233

Participating Traditional Public Schools

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 STC North Port

- Pine View School

- Laurel Nokomis School
- Venice Middle School
- Venice High School
- North Port High School
- Heron Creek Middle School
- Woodland Middle School

Wednesday, January 15, 2019 STC Sarasota

- Booker Middle School
- Booker High School
- McIntosh Middle School
- Sarasota High School
- Brookside Middle School
- Oak Park School
- Suncoast Polytechnical High School
- Sarasota Middle School
- Riverview High School

Kids Heart Challenge

Garden Elementary School's students are excited to be participating in the Kids Heart Challenge again this year. The Kids Heart Challenge encourages our students to take care of their hearts by participating in cardio-pumping activities throughout their lives and to help raise funds for the American Heart Association. This program helps our community become healthier and gives us the opportunity to help others who were not born with a healthy heart.

Next week, January 13th-17th, we will be doing some fun activities in PE to celebrate the challenge and to improve our "heart health". Our challenge this year is to "Move our Bodies More", "Be Kind to Others", and "Be Prepared and Ready" for school each day.

It's all about improving our "HEARTS".

We are excited to say that our Garden students have already been registering online with the American Heart Association, taking the Kids Heart Challenge and receiving their free wristbands!!

Got Sneakers?



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A Sneaker Recycling Organization

Do you have unused, old, sneakers at home? Let's keep them OUT of the landfills and make some money for each pair!

Bring in your unwanted, old sneakers January 21 through February 7! Garden will make \$3 for each pair that can be reused and \$.25 for each pair that will be recycled into playground mulch. It's a WIN/WIN!


Shoes should be dropped off in the Art Room. Please tie laces together so shoes remain in pairs. Thank you!

The 2019-2020 Elementary Daily Test Calendar



April 2020

Elementary Daily Test Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.3) PBT Session 1 /80 min. FSA-ELA Writing (Gr.4-5) PBT 1 session/120 min.	2 FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.3) PBT Session 2/80 min. Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.3)	3 Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.3) FSA-ELA Writing (Gr.4-5)
6 Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.3) FSA-ELA Writing (Gr.4-5)	7 Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.3) FSA-ELA Writing (Gr.4-5)	8 Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.3) FSA-ELA Writing (Gr.4-5)	9 Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.3) FSA-ELA Writing (Gr.4-5) 	10 NO SCHOOL
13 Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.3) FSA-ELA Writing (Gr.4-5) AP3 iReady (K-5)	14 Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.3) FSA-ELA Writing (Gr.4-5) AP3 iReady (K-5)	15 LAST DAY - WRITING Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.3) FSA-ELA Writing (Gr.4-5) AP3 iReady (K-5)	16 AP3 iReady (K-5)	17 AP3 iReady (K-5)
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State Regulations:

- Grade 3 ELA Reading Sessions 1 and 2 must be administered on Wednesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 2.
- Grades 4-5 ELA Writing must be administered on Wednesday, April 1 or Thursday, April 2 across the district (must be same date as Grade 6).
- Accommodated groups can be tested on a make-up day instead of the original administration day.
- Make-ups must be administered by Wednesday, April 15.
- This calendar accommodates collaboration schools (Taylor Ranch, Tatum Ridge) whose materials must be returned to the RAE Office by April 8.
- All tests completed by the end of the day on April 8th will be picked up from schools on April 9th. Additional make-up tests completed through April 15 can be dropped off at the RAE Office by 3:00 by April 17th.

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May 2020

Elementary Daily Test Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 AP3 iReady (K-5)
4	FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.4-5) PBT Session 1 /80 min.	FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.4-5) PBT Session 2 /80 min. Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.4-5)	6 FSA- Math (Gr.3) PBT Session 1 /80 min. Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.4-5)	7 FSA- Math (Gr.3) PBT Session 2 /80 min. Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.4-5) FSA-Math (Gr.3)
11 Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.4-5) FSA-Math (Gr.3) FSA-Writing (Gr. 4-5)	12 FSA- Math (Gr.4-5) PBT Session 1 /80 min. Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.4-5) FSA-Math (Gr.3) FSA-Writing (Gr. 4-5)	13 FSA- Math (Gr.4-5) PBT Session 2 /80 min. Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.4-5) FSA-Math (Gr.3-5) FSA-Writing (Gr. 4-5)	14 Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.4-5) FSA-Math (Gr.3-5) FSA-Writing (Gr. 4-5)	15 LAST DAY OF FSA TESTING Make-ups: FSA-ELA Reading (Gr.4-5) FSA-Math (Gr.3-5) FSA-Writing (Gr. 4-5) 
18	19 FSSA-Science (Gr.5) PBT Session 1 /80 min. (1 session/day) Session 1	20 FSSA-Science (Gr.5) PBT Session 2 /80 min. (1 session/day) Session 2 Make-ups: FSSA-Science (Gr.5)	21 Make-ups: FSSA-Science (Gr.5) 	22 LAST DAY OF SCIENCE TESTING Make-ups: FSSA-Science (Gr.5)
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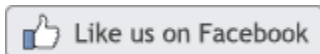
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State Regulations:

- Grades 4-5 ELA Reading must be administered before Grades 4-5 Mathematics. (Window is May 4-15, 2020)
- Grades 3 Mathematics may be scheduled at any time in the window.
- Grade 5 Science Sessions 1 and 2 must be scheduled on the same days across the district. (Window is May 11-22, 2020)
- Accommodated groups can be tested on a make-up day instead of the original administration day.
- Make-ups for Grades 4-5 ELA Reading and Grades 3-5 Mathematics may continue through Friday, May 15. Make-ups for Science may continue through Friday, May 22. An additional ELA Writing make-up window is May 11-15, 2020.
- This calendar accommodates calibration schools (Taylor Ranch, Tatum Ridge) whose materials must be returned to the RAE Office by May 14.
- All completed tests will be picked up from schools on the above designated dates. Additional make-up tests completed after the scheduled pick-up can be dropped off at the RAE Office by 3:00 by May 18th (FSA) and May 22nd (Science).

Have you joined our Facebook Page??

We use Facebook to post celebrations and reminders for families. Please like our page so you may be up to date and help us celebrate!



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