Hickory Woods Elementary Weekly Reminders

Dear HWE Families,

Beginning April 13 all Walled Lake Elementary Schools will begin to administer the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) to learners in Grades 3-5. The M-STEP will be given online again and will measure student knowledge of the State of Michigan’s academic standards in English Language arts (ELA), Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

Below are the testing windows for each grade level. A building specific schedule of dates will be available soon and your child’s teacher will inform you as well in their classroom newsletter. Please avoid having your child miss school on testing dates, have your child to school on time, and be sure they have had adequate sleep the night before testing.

- Grade 5: April 13-May 8 (English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies)
- Grade 3: April 27-May 22 (English Language Arts and Math)
- Grade 4: April 27-May 22 (English Language Arts and Math)

Share with your child the importance of these assessments, as they are an indicator of your child’s progress within the Michigan Standards and will assist us in knowing the progress of our student body at Hickory Woods. Below you will find some additional M-STEP resources and information that you may find helpful in preparing your learner for this assessment.

MSTEP Parent and Student Video

Online Practice for MSTEP (Google Chrome only)

Remember to have your child utilize iReady lessons at home in reading and math each week for 30-45 minutes each content area. This program helps to strengthen your learner’s skills within the Michigan standards and gives them practice with the computer skills needed on the M-STEP. If you have any questions about the M-STEP, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

Have a great weekend,

Patricia

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HICKORY WOODS NEWS

Third Grade Reading Law: A letter was sent out earlier this week to all 3rd grade parents regarding the Third Grade Reading Law. Please use this link for more information.

2020-2021 Kindergarten: If you have an incoming Kindergarten student for the 2020-2021 school year, please call our office and let us know (248-956-2600). We will be sending information regarding orientation and activity night events and want to be sure that every family is reached! Please see our website for more information.

Parking Lot Reminders: Please remember these few safety items when driving through the parking lot:
- Always use a designated crosswalk when walking from the parking lot to the building.
- If you need to exit your vehicle, use a parking spot to stop. Stopping in a throughway prevents the flow of traffic and is a safety issue as your child exits the car where other cars are driving.
- We have a drop off lane around the back of the building available at 8:50 for you to let your child out of the car and into the building safely at door 18. Please have them exit the driver’s side of the car.
Important Dates:

- March
  - 9 – Geisler 5th Grade Parent Night @ GMS
  - 12 – Musical Production @ 7:30 p.m.
  - 13 – PTA Bagel Day (pre-paid only), Musical Production @ 7:30 p.m.
  - 14 – Musical Production @ 2:00 p.m.
  - 16 – Kindergarten Orientation @ 6:30 p.m.
  - 18 – ½ day (12:25 dismissal), No School for the SXI Program
  - 20 – Spring Pictures, PTA Popcorn Day (pre-paid only)
  - 21 – Division 2 (Grades 2/3) Math Pentathlon Competition – Bloomfield HS
  - 26 – Peer Book Study @ 8:00 a.m., Nest, Staff v WLE Staff Volleyball @ Geisler MS. @ 6:00 p.m.
  - 27 – Hawk Pride
  - 30 – District Reflections Celebration

- April
  - 3 – All Pro Dad @ 8:00 a.m.
  - 6-10 – No School, Spring Break
  - 4/13-5/8 – 5th Grade M-STEP Testing Window
  - 14 – PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
  - 17 – PTA Bagel Day (pre-paid orders only)
  - 24 – Breakfast with a Buddy @ 8:00 a.m., ½ day (12:25 dismissal), No School for SXI Program
  - 4/24-5/1 – Book Fair
  - 25 – Division 1 (Grades K/1) Math Pentathlon Competition – WL Northern HS
  - 4/27 – 5/22 – Third Grade and Fourth Grade M-STEP Testing Window
  - 28 – Bus Evacuations
  - 30 – Nest, Knowledge Night

Please click here: 2019-20 calendar to view this year's district calendar.

2020-21 calendar update: This spring we will be negotiating the 2020-21 calendar with the Walled Lake Education Association. We are hopeful we will be able to announce a calendar before the end of the school year. We will communicate the calendar as soon as it is agreed upon. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**PTA NEWS**

HWE Alumni Scholarship for 2020: This is open to 2020 Graduating Seniors (WLW, WLC, WLN) that attended HWE. It is a $250 scholarship. Deadline is March 20, 2020.

**Rock Stars:** We have extended our Rock Star donations window through next Friday. Get those forms in ASAP to be a Rock Wall Rock Star!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Chance to win BIG & support WL classrooms! 15th Annual Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle: Purchase your Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle tickets today! Raffle's proceeds are channeled into Walled Lake Schools' classrooms through Foundation's annual mini-grant program (see list of grant awards per school). Tickets are $50 each or 3 for $100 (plus $2 convenience fee per $50). Only 1,000 tickets are available for sale. Great Odds! Grand prize winner will receive scholarship funds for postsecondary education (40% lump sum option available). Plus, ticket purchasers have the chance to win a FREE raffle ticket courtesy of the WL School Emp. Fed. Credit Union and opportunity to win secondary prize; HP Sprocket 200 Bundle Media printer donated by the FFE. Grand Prize drawing is March 30, 2020 at District's Reflections Celebration; need not be present to win. Visit the FFE's TE raffle website for
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