



WALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Walls Family,

Where has the time gone? It seems impossible that we have entered the final quarter of the school year. Spring has sprung and the students are certainly in full swing, anxiously awaiting outside play and many activities. At the bottom of the newsletter, you will find a list of dates extending through the end of the year. I know how hectic family schedules can get, so give us a call if you have any questions about dates and time commitments in the future!

Along with end of the year fun, April brings the task of state assessments to the forefront of our mind. It is the time where all students have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of grade level content. We are so proud of their hard work during the past year, and look forward to this opportunity. It is important to keep in mind that these assessments can be somewhat taxing on your child. As in the past, I have included some suggestions about the weeks of testing...

- Make sure that your child gets a GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP during the week(s) of testing (even on in-between days). Consider an earlier bedtime in case nerves make it hard to fall asleep!
- Give your child a WELL-BALANCED BREAKFAST or remind them to eat one at school. It is very important that they have a "full tank" of energy as testing lasts 2 ½ hours.
- Remind your child to WORK at a STEADY PACE throughout the testing period and not to get hung up on one question too long.
- Reassure your child that regardless of results, we are "ALL IN THIS TOGETHER." Try to minimize the level of individual pressure that they may feel.

Feel free to contact your child's teacher or the main office if you have any questions or concerns about the testing process. Thank you for supporting your child during this important time.

I want to acknowledge the hard work and support of our PTO for their generous contributions to our Walls School family this year. You are most likely aware that we have made an effort to cut our budget, and our PTO has been gracious in supporting many endeavors that may otherwise have been put on hold. Along with the generous contributions to our playground, the PTO has supported programs such as Study Island, Razkids, COSI on Wheels, and a skating unit for our PE classes. These donations, along with their countless hours of volunteer time, are a huge part of the success at Walls School. They are a wonderful group of people!

I look forward to seeing you all at the events in the coming days! Have a wonderful spring!

Sincerely,

Heidi B. Singer, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER:

4/12	Kids Expo & Dance 6:30-8:00 pm	5/2	OAA Testing- Grade 5 Science
4/15-4/19	Spring Book Fair	5/6	Interims go home
4/17	Last Day for After School Tutoring	5/13-5/17	Right to Read Week
4/17	Grandparents Day (during lunch periods)	5/23	PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
4/18	Spring Music Program 7pm (grades 2 & 3)	5/27	NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day
4/23	OAA Testing- Grade 5 Reading	5/28	COSI
4/24	OAA Testing- Grade 4 Reading	5/31	Awards Assembly
4/25	OAA Testing- Grade 3 Reading	6/3	Field Day
4/26	OAA Testing- Grade 4 Math	6/3	Volunteer Appreciation B-Fast
4/30	OAA Testing- Grade 5 Math	6/4	5 th Grade Graduation
5/1	OAA Testing- Grade 3 Math	6/5	Last Day of School!!!