



Crabapple Middle School

Friday Notes

April 14th –April 18th

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 17-23	CRCT Testing Window
April 17	Jr. Beta Club Meeting
April 24	Orchestra Concert @ 7:00pm
April 25	Olympic Opening Ceremonies
April 28	Progress Reports Issued
April 29	Chorus Concert @ 7:00pm
April 30	7th TAG to the Zoo

CRCT Testing Information

The schedule for the spring CRCT is as follows:

<i>April 17</i>	<i>Reading</i>
<i>April 18</i>	<i>Language Arts</i>
<i>April 22</i>	<i>Math</i>
<i>April 23</i>	<i>Science</i>
<i>April 24</i>	<i>Social Studies</i>

Moving Over the Summer?

SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADERS: PLEASE NOTIFY the Counseling Office if you are not going to be attending CMS next year. We will prepare a packet for you to take to your new school. The packet will contain immunizations, test scores, and other important info to help make a smooth transition. The packet will be sent home the last week of school.

EIGHTH GRADERS: If you are NOT attending our feeder school, Roswell High School, be sure the Counseling Office knows the high school you will attend-**IN WRITING**. We do not receive the placement letters you receive for Magnets, M TO M, and NCLB, or acceptances to private schools. We want to be sure your records are sent to the correct school. If your student has been assigned to Roswell High School through the M to M program, please send a copy of the approval letter to Mrs. Barteo, in our Counseling Office. This will ensure your child's records are sent to Roswell HS.

Agenda Policy

Parents, all students are **required** to have a school agenda on a daily basis. The agenda is used to issue passes to be out of class as well as write down assignments, keep a reading log, and record teacher and parent comments. If your student has lost their agenda, one must be purchased in the Counseling Office for \$20.00.

Attendance is of primary importance! Please do not schedule any appointments that week and make sure your child is on time for school each day. Students must be seated in homeroom by 8:25am daily to ensure optimal testing time. If you drive your child to school, please leave a little early to ensure they arrive in time. See page 2 of the Friday Notes for helpful hints in making testing successful for your child.

8th Grade Dance

Plans for the 8th Grade Dance are in full gear with the booking of a disc jockey, ideas for delicious food and wonderful decorations. Permission slips are in the front office and available on the website as well. We are looking forward to having our 8th graders experience a memorable night on May 22nd. Complete your permission form and attach a donation for \$25.00. An additional permission form, containing all of the rules, must also be completed. All students are asked to bring in a **copy** of a baby photo. These photos will not be returned. The committee is also looking for volunteers. Contact Karen Faber at KSFaber@aol.com if you would like to be a part of this wonderful event.

Early Arrival Procedures

Just a reminder that students who arrive to school prior to 8:05am should report to the cafeteria. They will be dismissed by a supervising teacher at 8:05am to go to their lockers and immediately to homeroom. We are having students roaming the halls in the morning unsupervised. Please refer to page 11 of the student agenda for additional arrival procedures.

Partnership Perks!

A huge thank you to LuLu's Bakery for supplying the delicious peach turnovers and muffins given to our Georgia Heritage Day presenters.

Thank you to Mario's Pizzeria for supplying the pizzas enjoyed by our Basketball Intramural team at their end of the season party.

Fidelity Bank is offering variable home equity lines as low as 5.00% and fixed rates at 5.25%, with no closing costs up to \$250,000. Contact Michele Owenby, at the Fidelity branch on Crabapple Road for more information.

CMS Lunch Menu

Hot wings are back on the line Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Monday	Chicken Divan, Cuban Pork Sub, Chicken Enchilada, Deli Sandwich
Tuesday	Chili with Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Nuggets, Pizza, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates
Wednesday	BBQ Chicken, Corndog, Nachos Grande, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates
Thursday	Oven Fried Chicken, Chicken Rings, Beef Enchilada, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates
Friday	Shrimp Poppers, Hamburger, Pizza, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates

COACH'S CORNER

Mimi Gamel—Graduation Coach

Dear Parents,

CRCT testing is going to be here before we know it. Here are some interesting tips that we can follow as parents before the test, the day of the test, and after the test. The students have all been working very hard to review and practice their skills. Also the teachers have been providing extra help sessions to ensure everyone has had every opportunity to work individual students to increase the probability of success. These tips work with all tests, not only CRCT and/or EOCT. Major unit tests and quizzes are just as important.

Successful Test Taking Strategies

The Night Before The Test

1. Make sure your child doesn't go to bed angry. As a family, plan ahead to stay away from problems before the test; for example, it would help to avoid talking about a child's overuse of the phone or avoidance of chores. Your child could stay upset about the argument and not do as well on the test.
2. Keep the rules of the house. Stopping normal discipline or upsetting the usual routine of the home may confuse your child. This may affect how well your child can perform the next day.
3. Consider talking about the test to reassure and encourage your child. At the same time, don't dwell on the subject, as you may cause your child to worry unnecessarily. Let your child know that you know tests can be hard, but that taking them provides a chance to show how well he or she can do. The test will help the teacher understand what your child needs to learn.
4. Be encouraging. If you say, "You'll probably blow this one," your child will expect failure.
5. Consider playing an educational game like Scrabble or 20 Questions to help a child get into the testing spirit.

The Morning Of The Test

1. Have your child get up early enough to avoid hurrying.
2. Being on time for school is important.
3. Have your child eat a good breakfast--but not a heavy one. Don't force a child to eat, though. If he or she is nervous, too much food can cause illness.
4. Have your child dress in something he or she likes, that others like, and that is familiar. Being comfortable is important. New clothes or new shoes that pinch will be distracting.
5. Don't appear unconcerned about the testing. While your child needn't be afraid of tests, he or she needs to understand the importance of testing. Be positive when you send your child to school. Let the child know that you understand that tests can be hard, but that they are not designed to "punish" him or her. Tests are very much for showing what your child needs to know as well as what he or she already knows.

After The Test

1. Reward your child for trying hard on the test. You might treat him or her to a special dinner, or allow an extra half hour of TV. Punishment for doing poorly will only hurt, because the test itself was punishing enough if he or she had a hard time.
2. Talk with your child about what was learned from the test. What would he or she do differently if the test could be taken over?
3. Talk with your child about what can be done between now and the next time a test is given, such as trying harder with homework or listening more closely in class.
4. Please don't hesitate to discuss with the teacher any questions that you or your child have about testing. Think about how you can help your child better next time! Keep these "tips" handy for future use!