



PANTHER PRIDE

April 2015

Principal's Message

Hello Los Paseos Families,
The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) testing begins soon. Please refer to the schedule below for grades 3-6. As a reminder, please do not remove your child from school on test days for appointments, vacations, etc. We ask that you keep your child home if he or she is ill. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

5th Grade Science Testing

Tuesday, April 21st-Wednesday, April 22nd

CAASPP Testing Schedule for 3rd-6th Grades

Tuesday, April 28th- Friday, May 1st

Tuesday, May 5th - Friday, May 8th

Help your child prepare for the upcoming test by sharing this poem together.

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Breathe deeply.

Rest well the night before.

Eat a healthy breakfast.

Always read the directions.

Take your time; there's no need to rush.

Have confidence in yourself.

Energize by stretching during breaks.

Have a wonderful Spring break!

Best,

Jenna Mittleman

What's Happening?

4/3-4/10 - Spring Break

4/22 Earth Day (Wear Green, Blue or Brown)

5/1 Spring Carnival (3:15-7:30)

5/7 Open House/Science-O-Rama/Bake Sale (6:00-7:30)

5/11-5/15 Book Fair



A Note from the Health Office...

All 6th Grade Parents

Please submit your TDAP information to the Los Paseos office as soon as possible. All 7th graders for the 2015-2016 must have a TDAP booster on file before being able to start the school year.

Full-Day Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten for 2015-16

The Morgan Hill Unified School District is considering implementing a full-day Transitional Kindergarten and regular Kindergarten program at all of our elementary schools for the 2015-16 school year. Presently, we have successful full-day kindergarten programs at P.A. Walsh, Barrett, and Jackson Academy. Full-day kindergarten provides an essential bridge between prekindergarten and the primary grades. It enables children to develop the academic, social and emotional skills they need to be successful. By laying a strong foundation, a full day program can close achievement gaps and boost student performance, access and attainment later in school.

The Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten teachers reached consensus at the end of January to implement a full day program for next year. If MHUSD moves to full-day transitional and kindergarten, the length of the day would be the same as 1st grade. District staff and the Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers are currently discussing the implementation of this program. Teachers will be planning the schedule and reviewing best practices. Additional information will be forthcoming this spring before the end of the school year.

For questions, please feel free to speak with the principal of your school or Ms. Arlene Machado, the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment at (408) 201-6072 or machadoa@mhusd.org.

Día Escolar Completo para Clases de Transición de Kinder y Kinder para el año 2015-16

El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Morgan Hill está considerando la implementación que el día escolar de la clase de Transición de Kinder y Kinder sea de todo el día en todas nuestras escuelas primarias para el año escolar 2015-16. Actualmente, contamos con programas de día completo de kinder exitosos en PA Walsh, Barrett, y Jackson. El día completo ofrece una preparación esencial entre pre-kinder y los grados primarios. Permite a los niños a desarrollar las habilidades académicas, sociales y emocionales que necesitan para tener éxito. Al establecer una base, un programa de día completo puede cerrar la brecha de rendimiento y aumentar el aprendizaje de los estudiantes.

Los maestros del programa de Transición de Kinder y Kinder llegaron a un acuerdo al final de enero para poner en práctica un programa de día completo para el próximo año. Si el distrito implementa el nuevo horario, el horario será el mismo como el día escolar de los niños del primer grado. El personal del distrito y el sindicato de maestros *Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers* están discutiendo actualmente la implementación de este programa. Los maestros planificarán la asignación de materias usando las mejores practicas para el programa. Se proporcionará información adicional esta primavera antes de terminar el año escolar.

Si tiene preguntas, no dude en hablar con el director de su escuela o con Sra Arlene Machado, Directora de Currículum, Instrucción y Evaluación al teléfono (408) 201-6072 o machadoa@mhusd.org.

Home and School Club News

We are still in need of volunteers for our Spring Carnival on May 1st. Please sign up online at Volunteer Spot at the following link: <http://vols.pt/86R7QJ> or in the office.