

The Falcon Nest

CMSD Parent Newsletter

April 2017



WHAT IS PARENT ACADEMY?

Parent Academy is an exciting program offered by CMSD that provides hands-on training for parents and others topics relevant to academic achievement and student success. Research shows that the more parents are involved in their children's education, the better their children succeed in school.

This month's Parent Academies will focus on methods for students to be successful on upcoming state assessments. Dates, times, and locations are on the back.

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**EXCELLENCE ALL OVER
ONE TEAM, ONE COLUMBUS**

TESTING TIPS


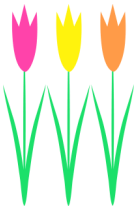

- Go to bed on time the night before the test.
- Read and listen closely to directions. Ask questions if you do not understand the directions.
- Build test taking stamina by taking practice tests.
- Read each question carefully and thoroughly.
- Before answering, look at all the answer choices.
- Pace yourself. Use all the time you are given.
- Use the "cover-up" strategy. Try to answer the question before looking at the answer choices.
- Highlight/underline important details in the text as you are reading.
- If you are unsure of an answer, try to eliminate as many answers as possible.
- Bookmark questions that you are unsure of and come back to them later. Another question may trigger the answer.
- Take a brain break and relax.
- Analyze all information in maps and charts to determine the best answer.
- Do not leave a question unanswered.
- If you have time left when you finish, go back over your answers.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
BCSC = Brandon Central Services Center; 2630 McArthur Drive, Columbus, MS 39705						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Fairview - 3rd Grade Summative Assessment 11 AM - 1 PM CMS - Upcoming 6th Grade Parent Meeting 5:00 PM BCSC - 6-8 Grade ELA/Math MAP Assessment 5:30 PM	Franklin - 3rd Grade Summative Assessment 9 AM - 1 PM BCSC - 3rd Grade Summative Assessment 5:30 PM	Stokes-Beard - 3rd Grade Summative Assessment 9-10 AM & 1-2 PM	CHS - Subject Area Exams 8-9 AM Cook - 3rd Grade Summative Assessment 10 AM - 2 PM Sale - 4:00 PM 3rd Gr. Summative Assessment	Sale - 5th Grade Science Assessment 12-1 PM	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	CMSD Board Meeting 6 PM	CSA - Assessment 8:30 AM-10: 00 AM Fairview - ELA/Math MAP Assessment 12-1 PM BCSC - 5th & 8th Grade Science Assessment 5:30 PM		READ-RIGHT-RUN 	GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
EASTER 	Parent-Teacher Conference Day BCSC - Elementary ELA/Math MAP Assessment 5:30 PM	Cook - 5th Science Assessment 8-10 AM Fairview - 5th Grade Science Assessment 12-1 PM BCSC - High School Subject Area Exams 5:30 PM	Stokes-Beard - ELA/Math MAP Assessment 9-10 AM & 1-2 PM	Franklin - 5th Grade Science Assessment 8-10 AM CMS - Honor Society Induction 9 AM Stokes-Beard Federal Program Parent Meeting 4:30 PM	CMS - ELA/Math MAP Assessment 10-11 AM, 11 AM -12 PM, & 12-1 PM	Elementary Track Meet  "I AM GIRL" Meeting at MSU
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Cook - ELA/Math MAP Assessment 8-10 AM & 12-2 PM	CMS - 8th Grade Science Assessment 8-9 AM & 12-1 PM BCSC - Federal Program Parent Meeting 5:00 PM	Stokes-Beard 5th Gr. Science Assessment 9-10 AM & 1-2 PM	Sale - ELA/Math MAP Assessment 4:30 PM		
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