



Park Ridge Elementary
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Falcon Flyer

April 2015

April is the month! This month marks the beginning of our end of the year district and state standardized assessments. We are excited to see the improvements and academic growth students have made. Here are a few things that you can do to help your child perform to the best of his/her ability on these tests:

-Continue to read at home daily as part of his/her homework. Reading fluency and comprehension is key to student success in school and all standardized tests.

-Get your student to school ON TIME on the day of testing. Teachers will be sending home dates of the tests. Some of the assessments begin first thing in the morning, so it is important that your child be at school on time.

-Be sure your student gets a good breakfast on the day of the test. Studies have shown that protein-rich foods as well as citrus fruits help students think more clearly and keep better focus.

-Have your child drink a full glass of water the morning of the test. Good hydration is imperative for brain function.

-Encourage your child to do his/her best. As much as we are striving to meet state standards, it is even more important that students feel successful and not stressed about the test. Let them know that you are proud of them before the test is even taken.

Thank you for all of your help and support in educating your child. Students have been working hard at home as well as hard at school. They are going to do great!

Upcoming Events

April 2nd-3rd

Class Pictures

April 3- Para Professionals
Appreciation Day

April 16th, 5:30pm

Literacy Night

April 13-17

Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 22- Secretaries Day

PTA Upcoming Events

April 7th

Dinner Night
Out at Wendy's

April 10th

Movie Night

April 16th

Literacy Night
Bake Sale and
Basket Auction

April 21st

Skate Night



PTA in Action

Class who brought in the most Papa John's Receipts-

Ms. Hill's class brought in the most receipts and will get a pizza party, Congratulations!!!

Upcoming PTA Sponsored Events-

Dinner Night Out April 7th: Enjoy dinner night out with your family at Wendy's!!!!

Movie Night April 10th: Free movie night, April 10th, showing "Big Hero 6"!! Movie starts at 7:00 p.m., refreshments will be sold. Remember parents must accompany their children. Please join us for a fun movie night!!

Literacy Night-April 16th: PTA Bake Sale. Basket Auction. Please consider donating to our basket auction. (proceeds will go towards the purchase of a cart of Ipads for the school!)

Kindergarten: Art Supplies Basket

1st Grade: Family Movie Night Basket

2nd Grade: Chocolate Lovers Basket

3rd Grade: Going to the Beach Basket

4th Grade: Family Game Night Basket

5th Grade: BSU-Go Broncos!

Rollerdrome Night-April 21st: Come skate with your friends & family, you may see your teacher!! 6:00-8:00 p.m.



MUSIC NOTES

You might have noticed in several of our programs, there was a hand clapping sequence. This is April's skill of the month. Clapping games help children in several different ways. Motor skills are used in many ways, eyes are trained to track visual patterns, students can feel both rhythm and beat, and students have to work together. A great source to find new clapping games to try at home is youtube. Just search "Hand Clap Games" and try something new today!



Books Needed for Literacy Night!

Book Donations are needed for the book walk during Literacy Night, April 16th. You may drop off the books you would like to donate at the office prior to April 15th. Thank you!

Counselor's Corner

Pennies for Coats raised \$1,055.64 for the Nampa Firefighters Charity Fund. Thank You to all who contributed, counted change, and decorated their Boots. Students in Nampa will have warm coats thanks to Falcon generosity and thoughtfulness.

