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Greetings!

Spring is rapidly approaching, bringing the window for statewide testing. This is a crucial period of time in the school year. For that reason, it is important that parents stay informed about statewide assessments in order to provide the support our children need. In this issue we have included basic information regarding the Florida Standards Assessments as well as important reminders for testing days. We hope you find this information useful in providing support to your children. If you have any questions, you may contact the Bilingual Parent Hotline at (407) 870-4850.

Remember, the number one priority of our School District is student achievement!

Sincerely,

Naira Alvira

Florida Standards Assessments

Florida's K-12 assessment system measures students' achievement of Florida's education standards, which were developed and implemented to ensure that all students graduate from high school ready for success in college, career, and life. Assessment supports instruction and student learning, and test results help Florida's educational leadership and stakeholders determine whether the goals of the education system are being met. We encourage you to visit the FSA portal at www.fsassessments.org where you can find detailed information about the assessments as well as practice tests and other resources.

The School District of Osceola County Florida 2016-2017 Student Assessment Calendar, Grades K-12 can be found on the district's website at www.osceolaschools.net.

Important Reminders for Testing Days

- **Attendance**—It is extremely important that your child gets to school on time and that he stays the entire day. Please, avoid scheduling trips or appointments, etc. during testing days.
- **NO EARLY RELEASE ON THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS.**

-March 1st	-April 19th	-May 3rd
-April 12	-April 26th	

Students will be dismissed from school on these days as they normally would on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. By lengthening the Wednesdays during testing, it allows more flexibility of the school-wide testing schedule.
- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones and smartphones, at any time during testing or breaks, even if they turned off or they are not using them.
- **Enough Rest/Breakfast**—Make sure that your child gets enough rest and eats breakfast. It is important that students are relaxed and well rested when they take these assessments.
- **Encouragement**—Remind your child that he/she has worked hard during the school year and that he/she is ready for these assessments. Encourage your child to do his/her best and praise them every day for their hard work.
- **Stay Informed** — Stay informed by accessing the school's website, the District's website www.osceolaschools.net, reading all written communication that is sent with your child, listening to automated phone calls and attending SAC meetings and other informational events at the school.

ESOL PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

The Multicultural Education Department invites all parents of ESOL students in Osceola County to be part of the District's ESOL Parent Leadership Council informational meeting.



DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2017

TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Boggy Creek Elementary School Cafeteria
810 Florida Parkway
Kissimmee, FL 34743

Come and join us to learn about free academic resources and how to support our students through the upcoming testing season!

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