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BLUE STAR NEWS

May 4, 2018

From the Principal

It is state testing time for third and fourth grades. Both grades take an online assessment in language arts (which is reading and writing) and in math. The state test is called the **M-STEP**. It stands for **M**ichigan's **S**tudent **T**est of **E**ducational **P**rogress.

Parents, please make every effort to have your child here on time for their test days.

3rd Grade: Monday, May 7 & May 14
4th Grade: Thursday, May 3 & May 10

What can you do at home to help your child perform his or her best? These reminders will set your child up for success on the M-STEP:

- Get 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night before testing.
- Eat a protein-rich breakfast.
- Be confident: Think and say positive self-statements: *I can do this!*
- Read s-l-o-w-l-y. No need to rush.
- Reread text or questions.
- Double-check your work. Did you actually type what you meant to type?
- Demonstrate your focus & mental stamina while taking the test.
- Stay positive!

Word of the Week: Let's Review a Few!

Cliffhanger: An ending that leaves the reader or audience in suspense

Concur: To agree

Doppelganger: A look alike

Fickle: A word to describe someone who frequently changes his or her mind

Integrity: An inner trait for doing the right thing

Relentless: To never give up

Scholar: A person dedicated to learning

Word of the Week: A New Word

Indubitably: This fun word with 5 syllables sounds like a mouthful! It is a unique way of saying *undoubtedly* or *no doubt*.

Pronounce it this way: in-doo-bit-a-blee

Last Hot Lunch Order Form Due on Monday

Thank you to the families who consistently completed the hot lunch order form and sent it to school on time this year. There is one more to complete!

Calling All Future Cub Scouts

Boys in grades K-5 are invited to launch into a world of fun with Pack 3033 on Tuesday, May 8. There is an informational meeting at Hamilton Elementary at 6:30 p.m. Check it out!

Half-Day on Wednesday, May 9!

Students have a half-day of school on Wednesday, May 9. Mark your calendar now for this unique day! If you are picking up your child, please arrive by 11:30 a.m.

Marathon Challenge…Keep Going to the Finish Line…Be Relentless to Finish!

All finishers will earn a marathon t-shirt, a cool medal, and a pizza party celebration. Please encourage your child to do a few laps each day. There are prizes along the way! **The marathon is finished on Friday, May 11.**

Summer Rec Sign-Up

Walk-in registration for 2018 Rocket Cheer, Rocket Football, Flag Football and Soccer will take place on Monday, May 7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. - noon at the Middle School. **No registrations will be taken after June 8.**

PTO Meeting for Blue Star Parents

Please join us for the PTO Meeting at Blue Star from 5:30-6:00 p.m. on May 14. All parents are invited!

Look on the back for our Formidable Feet Finalists!

SOC Applications will be sent home next week Thursday. Please return the form on Friday. The application deadline is different this year.

Mon., May 7	**Hot Lunch Orders Due** Teacher Appreciation Week! M-STEP 3rd Grade
Tue., May 8	K-5 Info Night for Cub Scouts at Hamilton Elementary 6:30 p.m.
Wed., May 9	**Half-Day for Students** **Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.**
Thurs., May 10	M-STEP 4th Grade 1st Grade Field Trip
Fri., May 11	Snack Friday 4th Grade Track & Field Day 2nd Grade Field Trip **Final Day for Blue Star Marathon**
Mon. May 14	PTO Meeting 5:30-6:00 p.m.

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Formidable Feet Finalists

Distance

3rd Grade Girl: Leah Brink
3rd Grade Boy: Brayden Dams
4th Grade Girl: Mary Kate Robbins
4th Grade Boy: Charlie Harris

Accuracy

3rd Grade Girl: Aubrey Breuker
3rd Grade Boy: Brett VandenBerg
4th Grade Girl: Kennedy VanNuil
4th Grade Boy: Owen Brown

Juggling

3rd Grade Girl: Julia Brown
3rd Grade boy: Carter Hickok
4th Grade Girl: Annika Johnson
4th Grade Boy: Drew Borg

Formidable: Strong, tough!

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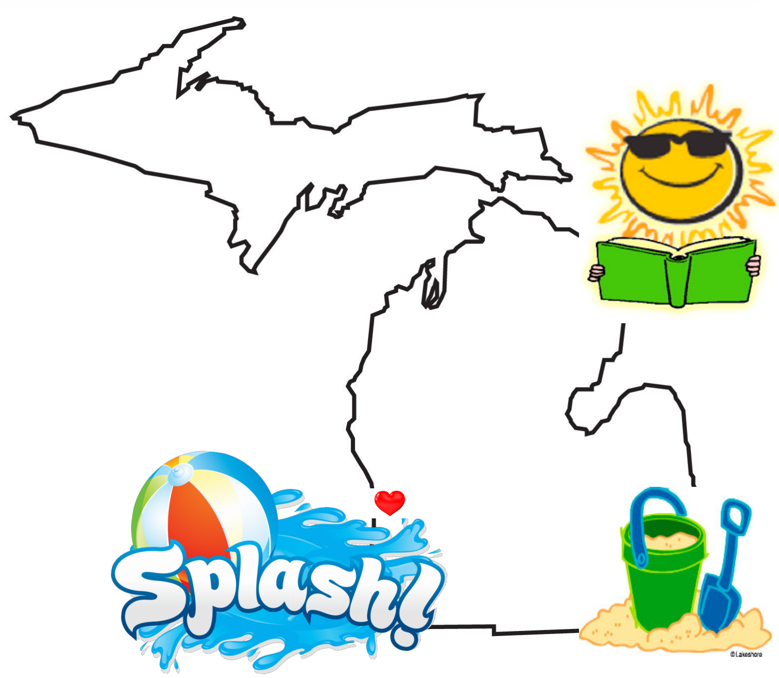
Summer Fun & Learning

We love summer in Michigan! All of us at Blue Star want kids to play and take advantage of the great things there are to do during the summer months. At the same time, please help keep all the momentum for learning going this summer! Look for details to be shared soon about summer library, a book swap, opportunities for tutoring, and a summer challenge.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