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Carbon Valley Academy's Online Newsletter

March 2011

Spring CSAP Testing

Carbon Valley Academy's third graders have already completed their CSAP reading testing. Additional CSAP testing will be conducted in the coming months. The following information, taken from the Colorado Department of Education brochure titled "CSAP Parent Guide," will help you understand the purpose of CSAP testing and how you can help your child(ren) prepare for upcoming testing as well as generally perform most effectively in school.

Purpose of CSAP Testing

The CSAP is Colorado's standards-based assessment. There are three purposes to the CSAP program:

1. To determine the level at which Colorado students meet the Colorado Model Content Standards in the content areas assessed.
2. To measure the progress of Colorado students over time.
3. To add to a body of evidence to determine third grade students' literacy levels.

Tips for PARENTS

- PARTICIPATE** Participate in your child's learning activities. Studies have shown that parent participation and influence have long-term positive effects on student performance.
- ASSIST** Assist the educational process by discussing with your child the importance of being actively engaged with learning activities and working to his or her highest possible potential.
- REASSURE** Reassure your child that this assessment measures learning and will be used by teachers to better improve instruction.
- ENCOURAGE** Encourage your child to get a good night's rest, not just before the assessment but daily, in order to receive optimum benefits from educational opportunities.
- NOURISH** Provide opportunities for your child to grow physically, mentally and emotionally.
- TEACH** Teach your child to do his or her best in all settings, not just assessment situations.
- SUPPORT** Support your child's continued educational progress by modeling the discipline needed.

Source: CSAP Parent Guide

Volunteers Needed for Book Fair

Carbon Valley Academy will be holding their annual book fair during Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 10th and 11th. Brandi Wilson is in need of volunteer help for the book fair: help is needed setting up on the 9th, running the book fair on the 10th and 11th, and tearing down on the 13th. If you are able to help, please email Brandi at wilsonb@cvamail.com.

Coffee Talk with Tony

Tony Carey hosts Coffee Talk with Tony every Wednesday at 9:30 am at Bella Rosa Golf Course. This is your chance to talk about what is going on at CVA.

Tony wants to make Coffee Talk accessible to as many people as possible. If Wednesday mornings are not good for you, what alternative time would work best for you:

- Weekday Afternoons
- Weekday Evenings
- Weekend Mornings
- Weekend Afternoons

Please reply to the March Newsletter email and let us know what time/day you would prefer.



Important Dates

March 10th – End of Third Quarter

March 10th – 11th – Parent/Teacher Conferences and CVA Book Fair

March 11th – No School

March 14th – Start of Fourth Quarter

March 17th – Board of Directors Work Session at 6:00 pm and Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

March 28th – April 1st – Spring Break - No School

April 4th – No School - Professional Development Day

Carbon Valley Academy is now on Facebook! There's a link to our fan page on the CVA website: www.carbonvalleyacademy.org.



Mark Your Calendar

Carbon Valley Academy's Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, June 17, 2011 at Bella Rosa Golf Course.

Additional details will be coming soon so stay tuned!

