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**March 1, 2011**

**SPRING BREAK**

As a reminder Spring Break will be March 14 - 25. Enjoy your spring vacation and please remember to have your child continue to read and do math. Homework will be given over the break.

**STATE TESTING**

Students in grades 2 - high school will be testing in April. High school students must pass the AIMS assessments in reading, writing and math to graduate. Students in grades 2 and 9 will be given the Stanford 10. Students in grades 5,6 and 7 will be given assessments in reading, writing and math. Students in grades 4 and 8 also take a science test. All students in grades 3-8 take the AIMS assessments in reading and math. These assessments will be given April 11 - 15. **We want 100% of our students to take the tests.** Please make sure you have your child to school every day during April 11-15. Results of the assessments will be sent to you in the summer.

**STEEL DRUMS**

The Advanced Steel Drums class was invited to perform at the Westward Ho. The audience ranged in ages from 30 to 91 Great job students. Thank you to Mr. Johnson for being a great teacher,

**DRESS CODE REMINDERS**

Students are not allowed to wear ripped jeans. They must also have a jacket that zips. Sweat-shirts or pullovers are not allowed unless it was purchased on a school trip or at the school store. School bags/purses must not be larger than 8X10. Students in grades K-8 may not wear make-up and artificial nails are not allowed for any students on campus. Thanks for your support.

**LOST AND FOUND**

Please check this outside the office. Items will be donated over spring break.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Students may not use any electronics on the bus or school grounds. Students must check in their cell phones if they bring them to school and collect them at the end of the day. Students caught with electronics will be suspended from school or the bus. Electronic devices will be confiscated and returned at a later date. If a student is caught with a cell phone during state testing their test may be invalidated.

**BENCHMARK TESTING**

Students in grades K-8 are given benchmark tests in reading, writing and math. Students must pass these assessments to be promoted. It is important that students in grades 5 - 8 know their multiplication facts to 12. So please practice with them if they need further help.

**TUTORING**

On Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 PM students may get assistance with reading and math. Students are provided help with skills at their grade level. This is not a time for students to work on homework. Students need to turn in their homework every Wednesday for grades K-8.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>March 1</b>	<b>AIMS Testing Writing High School</b>
<b>March 2</b>	<b>AIMS Testing Reading High School</b>
<b>March 3-11</b>	<b>High School Students to Belize</b>
<b>March 11</b>	<b>Last day before Spring Break</b>
	<b>Deficiency Notices for Students</b>
	<b>Not Passing K-8</b>
<b>March 14 - 25</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>April 5</b>	<b>AIMS Testing Math High School</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>AIMS Testing Science High School</b>
<b>April 6 -7</b>	<b>3rd and 4th Grade to Flagstaff</b>
<b>April 11 - 15</b>	<b>State Testing for Grades 2-9</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Report Cards Home for Grades K-8</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>5/6th and High School to Chicago</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Deficiency Conferences for Students</b>
	<b>Not Passing</b>
<b>April 22</b>	<b>Holiday Friday/No School</b>