

# Sunset Notes

## State Testing

Our Statewide Assessment for Grades 3 – 5 will take place within the next few months. More information to follow once the dates and times have been established. The purpose of notifying you now is so that you can help us best prepare our students for taking these tests. We are hoping you will do your best to not schedule appointments for your child and make every effort to have them here in school.

The Statewide Assessment is an important tool available to parents and educators to determine how well our school is helping students meet standards outlined in our curriculum. In every assessment, scores are only as meaningful as the effort students put into the tests. Encourage your child to take the tests seriously and to give his or her best effort. You can best help your child prepare for the assessment by making sure that she or he is rested on the days the tests will be given. And, as with every day, it is critical that students have a good breakfast before heading off to school.

Thank you for supporting your child and our school during the testing period.

## March is Reading Month

March is a special month for the students at Sunset. The staff have planned many literacy/reading events to encourage our students to read.

Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> is Read my Shirt Day! (wear a shirt with an appropriate message)

Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> is Wear Green Day! (wear green for Saint Patrick's Day)

Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> is wear your comfy clothes! (wear your comfy clothes for reading marathon day)

Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> is Favorite Sports Team Day!



## ELL ACCESS Test Proficiency

Each year, Nashua students in the English language learner (ELL) program take the [ACCESS for ELLs language proficiency test](#). The test measures academic English language proficiency for students learning English in our school. Student progress will be measured in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. English learners in Nashua School District will complete ACCESS testing between February 1 and March 22. We will receive the results in late May and a copy will be sent home with the students to parents/guardians.

## Reminders from the Office

- If you know before your child leaves the house that there will be a change in the afternoon dismissal please write a note for your child to give to his/her teacher.
- Dismissals – we understand that there is a need to periodically dismiss your child early due to appointments and such. If this could be done before 3:15 PM it would make things much easier for the office.
- Drop off is no earlier than 8:50 and at 9:00 AM the child should be in the classroom beginning their day. If they arrive after 9:00 AM then they are considered tardy.
- If your child will be late due to an appointment or out sick for the day, please call 603-966-3694 and leave a message on the attendance line. This will help to alleviate the automated absenteeism phone call.
- Moving/change of address – Any time there is a change to the address we have on file for you we need to be notified. A new proof of residency will need to be presented whether it's a lease, current utility bills or a purchase and sale agreement.