



SCOT TIMES

MacArthur Middle School

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Dear Parents,

Test time is upon us! The state has set April 10-May 1 as our testing window. April 14-21 marks the period of time students will be administered the paper/pencil portion of the Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test. On line tests will be administered April 10 & 13 in 7th grade geography, and April 16-29 in 8th grade math and reading. The law requires each school to test **all** students who are enrolled during this time. These scores are very important to you to see the progress of your student. Results of these tests will determine if students are enrolled in a remediation course for math and/or reading as one of their electives next year. State law also requires everyone to score satisfactory on the reading CRT in order to receive a driver's license. Additionally, these tests assist the school in our continued effort to improve curriculum and instruction. If your child absolutely **must** miss school during this time, please contact the grade level counselor ahead of time to see when tests may be made up.

We have completed enrollment for next year and the 5th grade students from our feeder schools have been invited to MMS on May 11 & 15 for an orientation and tour of the building. This is an exciting time for these students, and we hope to help ease the transition through this process. We look forward to meeting this new group of middle school students.

The weather is getting warmer and students are beginning to wear their shorts and tee shirts. Please go back over the dress code with your child. A good rule of thumb--if you have to ask yourself, "Does this meet dress code?"--then you probably shouldn't wear it.

As the year winds down schedules will become busy for everyone, so we encourage you to place May 21, 9:30 A.M. on your calendar for 8th grade promotion. This is an opportunity for parents and teachers to celebrate student accomplishments. We hope you will be able to attend.

Reflecting on the quality of students that we get to work with each day helps us realize our good fortune to be teachers at MacArthur Middle School. It's been a tremendously rewarding year and we look forward to finishing strong.

Sincerely,

Mark Mattingly

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And
Community**

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**For the welfare of
our young people.**

HARD WORK, PAYS OFF!

SHADES Newsletter

Math and Algebra I—the students are finishing up skills they need to know for the state testing (CRT). They will be reviewing all skills to prepare for the CRT. Students need to get on line to complete lessons for Study Island. Algebra will be preparing for the EOI (End of Instruction) exam as well.

Science- Please ask you child about their in class Science Fair Project that is worth 16 grades. They should have brought home a packet on March 23rd to have it signed.

The project is due May 7th. Approval forms are due April 17th, written reports are due April the 28th, and their Science Fair Boards are due May the 5th. May the 7th students will present the project and explain their boards to the class.

Parents CRT Testing starts April 14th please make sure your child is here and they have had a good breakfast and a restful night sleep. If they have completed study island this will help prepare them for the test.

SCOT BAND NEWS

Congratulations to the Symphonic Band for making superior ratings at the OSSAA Concert & Sightreading Contest in Duncan on March 4, 2009.

Also congratulations to the following students who participated in the OSSAA Solo & Ensemble Contest at MacArthur High School February 21, 2009. Emily Ross, Kessa Fehring & Jonathan Martin made 1's on their solos. Lacy Flaig & Nicolai Littau made a 2 (excellent) on their solos. Kessa & Lacy made a 1 on their flute duet.

Upcoming events for the band is the MMS Solo & Ensemble contest which will be held Friday afternoon, after school on April 10. All band students have been encouraged to enter this contest and are working on solos or ensembles during class.

The Beginner Band will perform for the 5th grade orientation assembly sometime at the end of April or the beginning of May. They are looking forward to this.

Our Spring Concert will be Thursday May 7, 2009 at 7:00 P.M..

2008 School Report Card

Parents are encouraged to access the Lawton Public Schools Website and view our 2008 School Report Card. The Lawton district and school site report cards are available at the following website address: <http://www.lawtonps.org/Departments/Testing/index.html>. If you do not have internet access at your home, you may request a copy of the school report card at the principal's office.

Champions' News

Mrs. Swofford's math classes will be working with probabilities. In Ms. Allen's reading classes students will begin the novel The Boy in the Striped Pajamas. Mrs. Easson and Mrs. Priest will cross the curriculum when weather is studied through science lessons, new vocabulary and spelling words, and reading about clouds using context clues to infer meaning.

Students are prepared for testing and should do well. We look forward to continued success for all students during the last nine weeks. Keep up the good work!

Amended Dates for CRT Testing

The sixth, seventh, and eighth graders will be participating in the state mandated Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) multiple-choice testing. During these test weeks, it is important for students to get plenty of sleep, eat breakfast, and arrive at school on time.

Parents you may want to reschedule appointments that conflict with testing dates.

Multiple choice tests: (paper/pencil) **April 20-21** for Grades 6, & 7 in math and reading, and Grade 8 science and social studies – **April 14 and 15**

Multiple choice tests: (on-line assessment) **April 16-May 1** (window) for Grade 8 in math and reading, Grade 7 for geography – **April 10 and 13**

Algebra I End of Instruction (EOI) test: **May 7 and 12** for Algebra I students

If you have questions please contact Kathy Reese.

CARS TEAM

Teachers are busily preparing students for testing that is mandated in April.

Mrs. Dixon's English students completed Anne Frank projects and posters.

Students of the Month

February

Dominique Brown
Logan Heisler
J.J. Hayes
Tyler Voeller

March

Jackson Payne
Taylor Kennedy
Kaylee Snow
Warren VanHorn

COME ONE, COME ALL

TO

MACARTHUR MIDDLE SCHOOL'S

**5TH ANNUAL
ART SHOW**

FRIDAY—APRIL 17TH

4:00-5:30

MMS COMMONS AREA

Trailblazer News

We hope everyone had a great Spring Break.

This time of year, as the weather turns warmer and the days get longer, our thoughts turn to the end of school and summertime. Before we get too excited about the end of school and summer, we have a couple of important goals we must achieve to call this a successful year. The first thing we need to do is to prepare ourselves to do the very best we can on the upcoming state tests. Our test dates will be April 14 and 15. Ensure your student is present, and rested on test days. The second goal we need to work toward is to have our students finish school strong and give their best effort all the way through the semester tests. .

We continue to have students show up for class without supplies. This is very disruptive to our class as we have to stop class and provide supplies or borrow supplies from other students. Please ensure your student has the required supplies to do their work.

Math and Reading-We will be beginning to review for the upcoming state test. In sixth grade, we only take the math and reading test, but these tests require a total team effort to ensure success. We will all be working hard to get the students ready.

English-We will be focusing on the usage of words in our sentences.

History-We will begin a study into medieval Europe and the Renaissance.

Science-Science projects are due April 20th.

Students of the Week

12-16 Feb 09

(M) Corina Thompson
(E) Kyle Ruff
(H) Daisha West
(S) Robert Baker
(R) Adriene Monetathchi

15-20 Feb 09

(M) Samantha Cooke
(E) Rebecca Haskell
(H) Katherine Book
(S) Lisa Fisher
(R) Septemba Walker

23-27 Feb 09

(M) Chole Schell
(E) Corina Thompson
(H) Anthony Torres
(S) Kameron Fisher
(R) Rebecca Wilkerson

2-6 March 09

(M)Cayden Bowles
(E) Xavier Velazquez
(H) Kirt Davis
(S) Garrett Velarde
(R) Kelsi Freeman

9-13 March 09

(M) Zac Morrison
(E) Rebecca Wilkerson
(H)
(S) Leah Stewart
(R)Sidney DeHate

Have a great month.

The Trailblazer Team

Mini Mac News

The Mini Mac students have been busy with projects and Benchmark testing. Thanks for the hard work on the Benchmarks in reading and math. We are looking forward to the CRT's in April ! Our month has been busy, in Reading the students have been preparing for the Benchmarks and working on poetry. In English we have been working on punctuation skills and writing. The science classes have been studying space and the planets. History classes have been studying the Roman Empire.