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Graves Middle School

School Newsletter



STAR Testing

As many of you know, May is an important month in California public schools. GMS will be giving the STAR state tests from Tuesday, May 8th through Friday, May 11th. We will be on a minimum day schedule and students will be released at 1:20 pm the whole week. The following week will be make-up testing and students will be called out of class to make-up any missed tests. We will be on a regular schedule.

Save the Date!

Open House/Visitation

5/23/12

4th, 5th, 6th grade Parent Visitation begins at 5:30 in the field house. Open House begins at 6:00 pm. We will vote for PTSA officers too.

STAR Testing

May 8th-11th

Please encourage your child to do his/her best. Minimum day schedule, students released at 1:20 pm

School Site Council

5/16/12

Join us for the SSC meeting in the Parent Center from 2:50-3:50 pm.

Principal's Corner

This month I want to share information with you about some of our upcoming events and activities. I think you will find that there is some important information in this month's edition of the school newsletter.

First, STAR state testing will be from Tuesday, May 8th until Friday, May 11th. You will be able to read more about the STAR program in this bulletin, but please be sure to encourage your son/daughter to do his/her best on this important state test.

May 23rd is our 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Parent Visitation as well as our Open House. The Parent Visitation begins at 5:30 pm in the field house and then Open House will begin at 6:00 for all parents. Parents are welcomed to visit classrooms on their own schedule. We will also vote for PTSA officers. I think our parents will be impressed with our Open House at Graves. As I have said before, "Come see the difference at Graves Middle School!"



STAR Testing continued

As you know, Graves had great test results last year and we improved by 42 points, which was the highest Academic Performance Index (API) improvement of all of the middle schools in the Whittier and Santa Fe Springs area. We have been giving our Action Learning Systems benchmark assessments and we are encouraged by the results we have seen so far. The benchmark results lead us to believe that our students are on target to reach “Safe Harbor” and to have another good year on our API.

We will need your help though. We ask that you encourage your son or daughter to attend school every day and be on time, do their best on the test, and set high goals for himself or

GMS Panthers #1

herself. Also, please don't schedule any dental or doctor's appointments during the week of May 7th through the 11th.

We are meeting with all students and asking them to set high goals for themselves and to do their best to reach those goals. We are sharing with students their previous results on the STAR test so they know how they did last year and can set a goal to improve this year. We are also asking that they dedicate the test to a special person so they can be proud of their accomplishment and share their success with others. In addition, we will have a great incentives and rewards program that we know kids will be excited about so that students can be rewarded for good attendance and for their best efforts.

We want to thank you for supporting your child and the school during this important time of the year. Once again, come see the difference at Graves Middle School!



Panthers Battle On

Our Spring Sports Program ended and our Panthers had some success during the season. Our 8th grade boys' soccer team suffered some injuries that affected their season. Although our 8th grade boys sustained injuries, they still managed to play two close games during the tournament, but lost 1-0 during both games. The 7th grade boys' soccer team had a successful season and had some solid wins during the second half of the season. They really gathered some momentum this season and they will contribute to a strong program again next year.

The 8th grade girls' basketball team finished 9-0 during the season and won the league title. They were on their way to an undefeated season, but lost a close game to East Whittier during the championship game and finished in second place. We are proud of our 8th grade girls for the great season they had and for their effort and sportsmanship. The 7th grade girls' basketball team also had some injuries this year that affected their success. In spite of the injuries, the girls always played hard and made their coach proud every game. We want to thank all of the coaches for their great effort and long hours, our kids for their good sportsmanship and great effort, and our families for supporting their kids and the school. Way to go Panthers!

