



Greetings Skyline Families,

It's May! Can you believe it? Not only does May usually bring us continuing blooms of flowers and more sunshine, it also brings with it state testing. State testing for our 3rd-5th graders is a part of our school years here at Skyline and throughout the nation. Testing is a chance for our kids to show us what they know, demonstrate their confidence, their growth, and their stamina. We know that we have prepared our students in the very best ways we can to ensure that each and every student has the opportunity to demonstrate his or her personal best on the tests. We wish each of our students the very best as they focus in, concentrate on, and put to use all of the many skills they have been working on in their academic careers.

In the months of April/May, your child (if in grades 3-5) will take the Smarter Balanced tests in Math and English language arts. Our students in grade 5 will also take the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS).

This is the fifth year our state will administer the Smarter Balanced tests and the second year for the WCAS. The results from these tests always provide us with a more accurate picture of whether students are on track to be ready for college or career as they continue on in their school careers.

Most students will take the tests online. Our school is scheduled to take the tests April 30th- May 23rd. **You will find a testing calendar included within our newsletter. Please look at it to know the days your child(ren) will be testing.**

During these days of testing as with each and every day, starting the day off with a good breakfast is so important. Having fuel for the brain allows the very best thinking. Make sure to check in with your child(ren) about how they are feeling about testing and how their testing goes during their testing days. Talking about the test helps it to go smoother and works to lessen any anxiety some may be feeling. Our goal at school is to promote positive test talk, motivate, and inspire our students to do their personal best all while making sure that they know just how much we all believe in them!

If you are interested in more information about the Smarter Balanced tests, visit [www.k12.wa.us/smarter](http://www.k12.wa.us/smarter). If you would like to try out an online Smarter Balanced practice test, visit <https://wa.portal.airast.org/training-tests.stml>. For more information about the WCAS, visit <http://www.k12.wa.us/Science/Assessments.aspx>. To try out a WCAS training test, visit <https://wa.portal.airast.org/training-tests.stml>.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us to make sure your child(ren) is/are as successful as he/she/they can possibly be. We want your child to leave us with a solid foundation of skills and a future full of opportunities and know that each one will do just that! Have a wonderful month of May everyone!

May Smiles,

Tori Thomas

Skyline Elementary Principal

What's Happening in the Skyline Library Program?  
Mrs. Moon and Mrs. Mielke

May

**Important information about the library!**

- LAST WEEK FOR BOOK CHECK OUT WILL BE May 20-24th
- BOGO BOOK FAIR WILL BE May 28-31st - a volunteer sign up will be coming home soon, let us know if you can help out!

We have had lots of classes earn a fun library "Read in" as a way to celebrate kids using our open check out system!



Mrs. Olesen's class has learned a lot about circuits and computer coding using "Makey Makey" boards!



## Skyline Elementary SBA Schedule - Please Save the Date

Date	Third Grade - 3rd	Fourth Grade - 4th	Fifth Grade - 5th
<b>Tues., April 30</b>	ELA CAT, Part 1	ELA CAT, Part 1	ELA CAT, Part 1
<b>Wed., May 1</b>	ELA CAT, Part 2	ELA CAT, Part 2	ELA CAT, Part 2
<b>Tues., May 7</b>	ELA PT, Part 1	ELA PT, Part 1	ELA PT, Part 1
<b>Wed., May 8</b>	ELA PT, Part 2	ELA PT, Part 2	ELA PT, Part 2
<b>Thurs., May 9</b>	ELA PT, Part 2 Cont.	ELA PT, Part 2 Cont.	ELA PT, Part 2 Cont.
<b>Tues., May 14</b>	Math CAT, Part 1	Math CAT, Part 1	Math CAT, Part 1
<b>Wed., May 15</b>	Math CAT, Part 2	Math CAT, Part 2	Math CAT, Part 2
<b>Thurs., May 16</b>	Math PT, Part 1	Math PT, Part 1	Math PT, Part 1
<b>Tues., May 21</b>	Make-Up Testing	Make-Up Testing	Science
<b>Wed., May 22</b>	Make-Up Testing	Make-Up Testing	Science
<b>Thurs., May 23</b>	Make-Up Testing	Make-Up Testing	Make-Up Testing

### Important Notes:

- These are the scheduled dates that **ALL** 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders will be testing. Please make note of these and schedule any and all Dr. appointments and family trips around these dates as much as possible.
- Being at school, on time everyday is vital as testing will begin first thing each morning. Being on time to school everyday will help your student from feeling rushed and from missing out on class directions or scheduled events.
- Holding to a regular routine throughout this testing period helps student focus and will decrease testing fatigue.
- Eating healthy and getting a great night's sleep is important to helping your student be ready for giving their best effort during this time.



# Important Information!

May is an incredibly busy month!  
Here is a list of the events happening this month:

May 2nd- PTA popcorn sale

May 3rd- Full day Friday, 3:00 PM release

May 7th- 3rd grade Music concert at Skyline at 6:00 PM

May 9th- PTA School Store

May 10th- Maple Bars for Moms, 8:00-8:35 AM @ Skyline cafeteria

May 10th- Full day Friday, 3:00 PM release

May 13th- 3rd grade Field Trip to Tillicum Village at 7:15 AM

May 16th- PTA popcorn sale

May 17th- Full day Friday, 3:00 PM release

May 17th- PTA Family Movie Night

May 20th- Kindergarten Field Trip to Kayak Point

May 23rd- PTA School Store

May 23rd- PTA General Meeting at 3:15

May 24th- Full day Friday, 3:00 PM release

May 30th- PTA popcorn sale

May 31st- Skyline Spirit Day! Wacky Hat/Hair Day

May 31st- Full day Friday, 3:00 PM release

**Skyline Book Fair- May 28th- May 31st**