



ROSEVILLE AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Raider's Den

THE HEARTBEAT OF 623

News for the week of April 17th - 21st.

MCA Testing

Students will be taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) tests in the following weeks. The schedule is as follows:

April 18 - Reading MCA test school-wide STAR through period 3

April 19 - Reading MCA test school-wide STAR through period 2

April 25 - Math MCA test school-wide STAR through period 3

April 26 - Math MCA test school-wide STAR through period 2

May 2 - Science MCA test 8th grade only STAR through period 3

A few notes for families to grab hold of:

- Make sure that your student is well rested and has breakfast (we will serve breakfast at school as we do every morning and each student will receive a snack on the first day of each MCA test).
- Make sure your student brings his/her school iPad each day fully charged (check with them Monday and Tuesday evenings).

Students cannot have a phone or any personal device in their possession in the classroom at all during the MCA test.

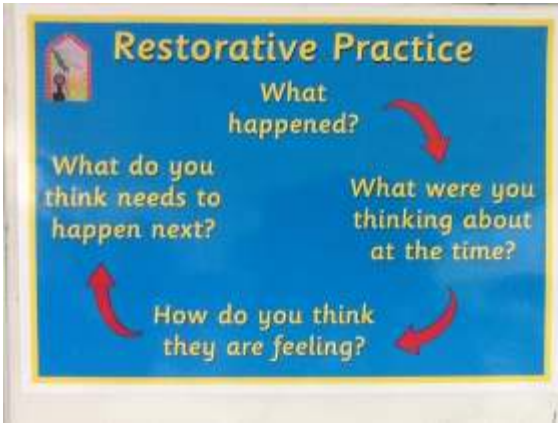
- Encourage your student to leave their phone and/or personal devices at home or make sure they know to lock them in their locker during MCAs (Staff have been directed to collect any devices in the morning before test begin).

Students can choose to wear headphones during the Math and Science MCA tests to have the questions read aloud.

- Encourage your student to bring a pair of headphones as many students prefer to wear their own.

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During STAR on Mondays, teachers are asked to run community building Circles to transition students back to school from the weekend. Here are some examples of the kinds of questions we have asked students to talk about in their STAR Circles throughout the year:

When teachers do not have time for Circles, there are still ways they can use Restorative Practices with students. The following strategies, which demonstrate a “restorative mindset”, will help adults to maintain a positive relationship while guiding students to get back on track: Take one or two calming breaths before speaking to the student.

- Speak to the student privately.
- Use a neutral tone of voice and facial expression.
- Remind the student of the positive behaviors we expect at RAMS.
- Use “I” statements and role model affective statements to express feelings.
- Ask “what happened?” instead of “why” the student chose a certain behavior. Asking “why” tends to trigger defensiveness, and some students don’t know why they did something. Asking “what happened” invites a story which allows the student to be heard. Telling the story can also help the student to analyze the situation as they tell it, which opens the door to their ability to take responsibility for their actions.

Happening at RAMS

Grade 8 Social Studies Teachers (Becca Blanck, Scott Lauinger and Kelly Patrick) hosted an East Asia Expo on Wednesday and Thursday in the lower media center. Students chose a pop culture topic from East or Southeast Asia and made a project to demonstrate their learning. Today, I already have learned about Tokyo tiny apartments, a Japanese football league, Mongolian yurts, martial arts films, Chinese fan dancing, Tae Kwon Do, a Mongolian fast food restaurant chain and Thai villages. Students presented their content they learned and fielded questions from their audiences.



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Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday, April 18 Wednesday, April 19	Periods 1 -3	MCA Testing –Reading
Tuesday, April 25 Wednesday, April 26	Periods 1 -3	MCA Testing – Math

For more information about Roseville Area Middle School and the Raider's Den, contact Dr. Brookins, Principal at tyrone.brookins@isd623.org or 651.482.5280.

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