



EMPOWERING ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED IN A CHANGING WORLD

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FROM THE DESK OF MR. OLSON

Federal law requires schools to test students in grades 3-8 and grade 11 on an annual basis. For South Dakota students this test is called the SmarterBalanced Test and 5th grade Science Test. These tests, which are scheduled for late March and all of April, are important to schools because they help determine areas of strength and areas which might require some additional work.

Here are a few tips on how to help your child do their best on the upcoming SmarterBalanced and Science tests.

First and foremost make sure your child is present and on time during test week. Your child needs to be in school to do well so make sure you check with your child's teacher before scheduling appointments and make every effort to be here on time.

Test Anxiety can also impact how your child does on the SmarterBalanced test. Here are a few tips to share with your child to help limit test anxiety.

- Don't Cram the night before. A good night's sleep is more important than the extra hour of studying.
- Read the directions carefully. Know what types of things you are looking for before you read the actual question.
- Don't spend too much time on one question. If a question is taking too much time put down the best answer you can and move on to the next question.
- Remember past successes. Think back on a test you did well on. Self-talk helps the mind to prepare for success.

Going over these test tips with your child will not only help limit test anxiety. It will let your child know that this test is important.

CREEKSIDE AWARDS AND HONORS

PILLARS OF OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY~ TRUSTWORTHINESS~ FEBRUARY

SIX STUDENTS ARE PICKED BY OUR SECRET SPIES WHO ARE LOOKING FOR THE BEST REPRESENTATIVES OUT OF OUR SCHOOL POPULATION FOR EACH CHARACTER PILLAR

"I trust you." Doesn't it feel great when you know people trust you? Have you ever thought about how you get someone's trust? You can't just tell them you are trustworthy. Trust is earned one trustworthy deed at a time. Trustworthiness involves four major qualities: integrity, honesty, promise-keeping, and loyalty. The student we are nominating displays all of these qualities. She has the courage to do what is right even when others around her are not making good choices. We know we can count on her to tell the truth and be sincere. She stands up and protects her classmates and is a good friend to everyone. Since she continually shows these characteristics daily, she has a reputation for being trusted by adults and her peers. It is with great pleasure that we nominate Cora Pierson for this month's pillar.

Mrs. Scharf and Miss Wientjes

The Pillar of the month for February is Trustworthiness. The definition for trustworthiness is the ability to be relied on to do or provide what is needed to be honest and truthful. The person I have chosen for the Pillar of the month is someone I have had the privilege of knowing for the last 3 years. I have watched him grow and mature in to a very amazing young man. I have looked back on how he has changed and become all that trustworthiness represent. I recall a cold day a year or so ago, when I was entering the school building, carrying all the items needed for the school day. I was not paying attention to where I was stepping and missed the curb, here out front. Needless to say I fell flat on my face. This young man came to my aid and helped me up and collected all my things that went flying. There were several other people out front when this happened. He was the only one to come to my rescue. This is the type of young man he has become. He is also always there for a hug and a smile. He takes great care of our building and the people he interacts with. He is a very caring and enjoyable young man. The person I have chosen for February's Pillar is Timothy Schilling.
Kelly Winter-Howard

Trust is built and maintained by many small actions over time. Trustworthiness is one of the most important traits a person can have. Without trust you cannot build meaningful relationships. There are many times during the day I rely on a student, coworker, or family member for help. When I ask for help, I ask someone I can trust to do the best they are capable of, who I know will follow through until they have done all they can. I have noticed a student who repeatedly steps up to help other students. During the Christmas Concert, she assisted a student who needed help by offering her hand to help him up and down the risers. She also encouraged him and complimented him when he did a good job during rehearsals and the performance. She notices what needs to be done without having to be asked.

In her classroom, her teacher knows she can rely on this student to stay on task and assist her peers when needed. She does this not expecting any rewards, Spartan Cards or extra praise. I feel she is a great example of a trustworthy person and I know she will continue this throughout her life. For these reasons I nominate Arleigh Cain.

Mrs. Thompson

Someone who is trustworthy is a person who will do what she says she will do. A trustworthy person can be counted on to do the right thing, even when no one is looking. That person will be honest, caring, and responsible. A trustworthy person is someone others look to for guidance and reassurance. The person I have chosen to win a Trustworthiness pillar is someone who is always honest. If I ask her if she has practiced, she will tell me the truth, even if it's not what I want to hear! She can be trusted to get to speech on her own and

on time without stopping or getting distracted in the hallway. She can be trusted to work hard and always give her best effort. For all of these reasons, the winner of the pillar for Trustworthiness goes to . . . Abby McClure!
Julie Peldo

When searching the word trustworthiness, the first definition to pop up on Google is: the ability to be relied on as honest or truthful. Trust is a trait people earn, and sometimes it takes time to earn. For a person to gain trust, they tell the truth and do what is right even if no one else is doing it. They play by the rules, take turns, share, listen to others, think about how their actions affect others, and treat everyone with respect. Trustworthy students are good examples for other students in the classroom, because they are reliable and follow through on what they say they will. I have had the privilege of getting to know and gaining trust in a student in my classroom. Not only can I trust this student to work with anyone in the class, but I can also trust this person working with other teachers and students in the building. This is so meaningful and helpful to teachers. When I think of the word trustworthiness, this young ladies' name comes to mind right away! Thank you, M.H. for your trust and honesty!
Mrs. Anderson

Trustworthy is integrity- it's defined as the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. It's making good choices and doing the right things for the right reasons. And above all, it's being honest with yourself, and with others. Being Trustworthy is incredibly important- It will affect our friendships, your family, your community, and your future, because the little choices we make can have BIG consequences on ourselves and others.

Caring about others and choosing honesty is incredibly important to the student I selected for this award. Every day I watch this student making good choices: to get right to work- to listen quietly and attentively- to make sure all assignments are handed in and done to the best of her ability. This student includes others in classroom activities, and on the playground, not ever wanting to leave someone out or hurt their feelings. She is sincere, she keeps her word, she returns things she borrows, she doesn't gossip. I observe her considering how a decision she makes might make others feel, and it matters to her that others know they can depend on her. She understands being honest and trustworthy means doing the right thing, even when no one is looking because it's the right thing to do.

It takes great courage to stand up in front of your peers and do the right thing, even when they are not. It's for these reasons I am honored and excited to nominate Saray Chapeau for the Trustworthy Pillar Award.

Congratulations Saray!

Mrs. Damuth

ABOVE AND BEYOND

THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES A STUDENT FROM EACH CLASS WHO HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE TEACHER. THIS CAN INCLUDE ACADEMICS, BEHAVIORS, SOCIAL INTERACTIONS ETC.

3rd Grade:

Ethan Dietrich
Sydney Telford
Brooklyn Moser
Shelby Hoyt
Martin Ornelas
Tylee Tetrault
Ethan Foote
Gus Haivala

4th Grade:

Kinsley Mossett
Gavin Ball
Heidi Hansen
Levi Ostwald
Josh Chapeau
Koby Broderson
Tucker M.
Xander Rodgers

5th Grade:

Brenna Haivala
Torr Broderson
Alex VanOsdel
Taylor Vitto
Teegan Frederickson
Alex Marich
Lily Lawson
Cora Gill

SPARTAN CARD WINNERS

SPARTAN CARDS ARE EARNED THROUGH GOOD CITIZENSHIP. ANY STAFF MEMBER CAN AWARD ONE. CARDS ARE COLLECTED AND A MINIMUM OF SIX ARE DRAWN FOR EACH GRADE

3rd grade:

Willow Baatz
Michael Ahlgren
Arianna Tinnell
Talan Johnson
Carter Thompson
Taylor Tennant

4th grade:

Graham Hughes
Randall Reader
Kaiden Bradley
Steven Towry
Jovan Weigel
Sierra Hansen

5th grade:

Tanner Barse
Sean
Finley Worthington
Loius Thompson
Jarahdi Wickenhagen
Parker LaRose Schnaible

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH WINNER

STUDENT COUNCIL TAKES NOMINATIONS FOR THE TEACHER OF THE MONTH, AND THEN THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES VOTE AT THEIR MONTHLY MEETING TO PICK THE WINNER. TEACHERS OF THE MONTH RECEIVE A DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE FOR THE MONTH.

MRS. SEYER

Mrs. Burke's 4th grade class sold Creekside Elementary t-shirts as a fundraiser for the Ron Materi Road Trip Foundation. The profits were presented to Kori Meredith at the January monthly assembly. The \$450.00 raised will go towards purchasing gas cards for patients traveling for medical care. We would like to say a big THANK YOU for purchasing t-shirts to support this wonderful organization!



IMPORTANT DATES:

MARCH 11TH- 4TH GRADE MUSIC PROGRAM FOR MOSER, ZIEGLER, BURKE, AND SEYER

MARCH 12TH- 4TH GRADE MUSIC PROGRAM FOR HUPP, TIFFANY, SCHULER, AND DAMUTH

NO SCHOOL MARCH 14TH AND 15TH SPRING BREAK

MARCH 20TH- GARCIA, MILLER, SCOTT, AND ENGELHARDT TO DEADWOOD

MARCH 22ND- FAIRNESS HONORS ASSEMBLY

MARCH 26TH- JUMP ROPE FOR HEART AT THE HIGH SCHOOL