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Community Announcements March 5, 2012

Remember, Sunday, March 11th begins Day Light Savings Time. Clocks move ahead one hour. Make sure your clocks are correct for the beginning of our TCAP state-testing week.

TCAP testing (previously called CSAP testing) begins on Monday, March 12 and will continue through March 15, 2012. It is imperative that all students are in attendance and on time for each testing day. Testing will begin at 7:35 am and conclude at 11:30 am each day. Testing is mandatory for all $6^{th} - 10^{th}$ grade students. Students who miss a test will be pulled from regular classes beginning on March 16^{th} to complete testing.

On Monday, March 12th the 8th grade and 10th grade science tests will be administered. Only 8th and 10th grade students are to report to school on this day. All 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th and 12th grade students will not report to school on Monday, March 12th. These students will have lunch following the am testing and will report to periods 1 & 2 in the afternoon.

For the remainder of the testing week all 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students report for testing on Tuesday through Thursday, March 13- 15. Upper classmen (11th and 12th grade students will report for afternoon classes only.)

Students will not be allowed to bring anything but a pencil and a book to read to the testing classroom. On Tuesday, March 13th 9th and 10th grade students must also provide their own calculator for math testing. Students are asked to place backpacks and jackets/coats in their lockers before reporting to their testing classroom. ABSOLUTELY NO ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, GAMES, DRINK OR FOOD MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE TESTING CLASSROOM AND WILL BE TAKEN AWAY BEFORE A STUDENT MAY ENTER. IF A CELL PHONE IS FOUND TO BE IN USE DURING TESTING THE DISTRICT REQUIRES THAT DSA ADMINISTRATION CHECK PHONES OR ELECTRONIC DEVISES FOR TEXTS AND PICTURES THAT MIGHT COMPRIMISE TEST SECURITY. PHONES AND DEVICES WILL ALSO BE KEPT UNTIL FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH.

Granola Bars needed!! Just as we did last year, we are asking for nut-free granola bars. We will give them to our kids each day as a snack. We will need over 3,000 bars. Last year we had a few families concerned about food allergies. We ask that you have your child bring his/her TCAP snack if allergies are a concern. Any donations may be dropped off at the main office.

DSA parents, if you know that your student will not be returning to DSA next fall we ask that you email Ms. Odom, Assistant Principal at <u>miranda_odom@dpsk12.org</u> and confirm that you will not be returning to DSA and what school you will be attending. We are finalizing numbers for next year and need to make sure that we have open slots accounted for.

This is a reminder that after-school tutoring is available to students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays in the DSA Library from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. All DSA teachers are also available to students on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 2:45 - 3:20 pm during their scheduled office hours.

The first quarter of second semester grades will be posted on IC by the end of the day on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 3 pm.

Spring break is just around the corner. Students and staff will be on spring break from March 26^{th} – March 30^{th} . During this time the school and offices will be closed.