

It is time once again for the Transitional Colorado Assessment Program, formally known as CSAP. Establishing a positive testing environment is our primary focus as we prepare for TCAP testing this year. As always, our aim is to foster a climate that encourages and inspires students to do their best.

All students are expected to take reading, writing and math tests. These will be given **March 18-22**. Eighth graders will also take science tests on **Thursday, March 14**. Students will take the tests with their core teachers, but our building schedule will be modified to accommodate the time requirements. School will begin as always at 7:55 a.m. and end at 2:55 p.m. To help unwind and refocus after a long day of testing, there will be exciting assemblies each afternoon after testing!

Teachers will not be assigning homework or projects during this testing week. There will **not** be homework club on testing days. Late buses will be available for students participating in athletics or drama.

Because of State TCAP rules, students may not bring or use:

- ☞ Any electronics (PSP, Gameboy, iPod, I-Pads, **cell phone**, computers, camera, etc.)
- ☞ Calculators

These items are not allowed in the testing rooms!

Testing like this can work up an appetite in kids. It is important that students are fueled and ready to test. Rest and breakfast are critical! Please make sure that your student gets a good night sleep daily and eats a healthy breakfast each morning. As always, our cafeteria is open each morning at 7:10 a.m. for students who wish to purchase breakfast. Due to our testing schedule this year, we will not be providing snacks for students. If you wish, you may send a snack and water with your student to have during breaks in the testing.

Thank you. Ms. Peterson