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Springtime at Scales Mound Schools

It seems like I was just informing everyone about winter closing procedures and now here we are finishing the third quarter. Spring is one of the busiest times of the year for schools. This is the time for parent teacher conferences, PARCC testing, high school SAT, Illinois Science Assessment, and staying focused on finishing the year successfully. With the recent warm spell, our students got an early taste of what the weather is going to be like over the next three months as we finish the year. Playing outside, days with longer daylight, and warmer temperatures can all cause distractions from the normal routines of getting homework done, studying for tests and quizzes, or completing projects. Encourage your student to stay focused on finishing the year on a strong note and being as successful as they can be.

Here are some events that are coming up that our students need to focus on and do great work on:

PARCC Testing – This is the annual State test to determine if students are meeting standards. We use this test to improve curriculum and instruction so that our students continue to improve. The testing will be take place at the end of March into early April.

SAT – The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) has replaced the ACT this year. All high school juniors will be taking the SAT on April 5, 2017. This test is one of the assessments used to determine a student’s readiness for college and is used by many colleges and universities as an admission requirement.

Illinois Science Assessment – The ISA is the state’s required science assessment. It gauges our students’ understanding of the Next Generation Science Standards and helps the district determine how we will improve our science curriculum. Our students took this test for the first time in the spring of 2016, but due to the state budget stalemate, we have not received our students’ scores. We anticipate receiving the scores this summer.

All three of these assessments, along with MAP and AIMSweb testing, give us a picture of our students’ academic progress and success. It is critical that students do their best on these assessments and demonstrate that they are at the “Top of Illinois in Education!”

Go Hornets!
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Superintendent