

COYOTE NEWS

Notes from the Principal...

State Testing Quickly Approaching

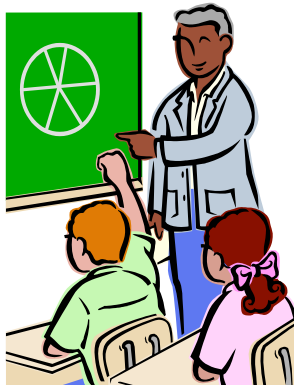
Standardized tests such as the STAR/CST are highly valued and used by educators, parents, and community members to improve the instructional program for the students.

These tests are one way to help measure your child's progress. Schools also use the scores to determine what areas of the curriculum need to be strengthened.

Attending school on a regular basis, completing classroom assignments, and homework are among the best ways that your child can prepare. Here are some test taking tips: pay careful attention to the directions, avoid spending too much time on any one item, check the answer sheet, and make sure that the answers match the right questions.

Be sure to get a good night's sleep before and have a healthy breakfast each morning!

Standardized tests, as well as other measures, such as daily work samples, classroom assessments, and projects reflect a child's academic performance. We are very proud of the instructional programs at Twin Oaks and look forward to communicating our progress and strengths in the coming months.



IMPORTANT DATES

4/19
ELAC Meeting

4/28
SSC & PTO

4/29
Luau Dance

5/6
Muffins w/ Mom

5/9 - 5/20
STAR/CST Testing

5/27
Budget Reduction Day-No School

5/30
School Holiday

6/3 & 6/10
Budget Reduction Days-No School

6/15
5th Grade Promotion

6/16
Last Day of School
Minimum Day - 12:55 pm

PTO Info

It's Yearbook Time! Just a reminder yearbooks are still on sale. Order forms are available in the front office.

Cookie Dough Kick Off will be on April 15th. Order forms will be sent home.

The Luau Dance will be on Friday, April 29th. Please join us for a fun-filled night.



The New Road Opens

As you know by now, the new road – the Cassou extension has finally opened. Thank you to everyone for working with us through the transition period.

Just a reminder, during dismissal it is a right-hand

turn out of the administration parking lot. Also, please know that the new road is a one-way only road.

Additional parking is also available on the new road and in the agriculture farm parking lot.



Next Year Already??!

We are in the process of planning for next year. You can assist us in the following ways:

- ✓ If your child(ren) are not returning to Twin Oaks next year, please notify the office staff immediately. This will assist us with classroom placements for new students.
- ✓ Do you have an incoming Kindergartener, or know someone who does? Please be sure to enroll your child now, if you have not already done so. Kindergarten registration will continue for the remainder of the school year.

The teachers, Mr. Kniseley, and Mr. Baum devote much time to class placements. It is important to create balanced classes in terms of academics, gender, work habits, and behavior. If you feel it necessary to request a specific teacher, you may submit this, in writing, to the office no later than May 16, 2011. Please be aware that a request for a particular teacher is not a guarantee. Also, please remember that all of our teachers work closely together, teach from the same curriculum, and it is healthy for children to work with a variety of teaching styles and class placements.

Staff Appreciation

Twin Oaks Elementary will be celebrating Staff Appreciation Week from May 2 – May 6. The Twin Oaks staff works together to make it a special place to learn and grow. This is one reason why we have chosen to honor our teachers and staff together. Please join us in the celebration of such a well-deserved recognition. Our PTO and office staff have surprises planned throughout the week. However, we hope that students and Twin Oaks' families will become involved in celebrating the special talents and dedication of our staff. A note or a short letter of appreciation is a very meaningful gift.

