

Grapevine Middle Parents & Students:

We are now a day away from the first TAKS test and I believe our students are as prepared as they can be to tackle both the Reading and Math tests. Our 8th graders have already gotten a head start on these tests and have taken their Reading and Math tests. All that awaits them is the Science and Social Studies at the end of this week. Our teachers have worked diligently in their classrooms and, as parents, you have supported your students throughout this year. Your support is now needed in allowing your student to get plenty of rest each evening and to eat something each morning. It's difficult for a student to concentrate when their stomach is growling. That being said, our cafeteria will be opening early (7:15 a.m.) the rest of this week so all students can get something to eat each morning.

Here's what's happening at GMS the remainder of this week:

- Mon. 4/28 - * 6th & 7th LAT (Linguistically Accommodated Test) MATH
- Tues. 4/29 - * 6th, 7th & 8th LAT MATH continued
* 6th & 7th TAKS MATH
* Beginning Band Percussion Testing for 2008-2009 - Band Hall - 6 - 8:30 p.m.
- Wed. 4/30 - * 6th & 7th TAKS READING
* 8th TAKS READING (Retest if necessary)
- Thurs. 5/1 - * 8th TAKS SCIENCE & TAKS-Modified SCIENCE
* Traffic Task Force Mtg. - 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- Fri. 5/2 - * 8th TAKS SOCIAL STUDIES
* 8th TAKS LAT SCIENCE

* Outstanding Student Breakfast - Library -
7:15 a.m.

* Beginning Band/Men's Choir/6th Girl's
Choir Elementary Tour - All Day

* 8th Fitness Gram Mile Run - Afternoon
following TAKS

Pony Up Student Excellence Winners!

The following students were selected on Friday as our latest Pony Up winners:

6th grader Katy Szendrey - recognized by Mrs. Landers for showing effort, being accountable for her choices and showing self-discipline!

7th grader Milissa Maxin - recognized by Mrs. Bruce for being loyal to her school/classmates and caring for school property! Melissa turned in a cellphone that she found.

8th grader Ryan Dunson - recognized by Ms. McLaughlin for being loyal to his school/classmates, showing leadership qualities, being dependable, and recognizing the value of another's time and opinion. Ryan has been tutoring other students in his Math class!

Fitness Gram concludes Friday

All 8th graders in Texas have been participating in the Fitness Gram program this year. Earlier in the school year, our 8th graders were assessed in a variety of physical activities such as sit-ups, the flex arm hang, and the arm/shoulder reach to determine flexibility. The final piece of this Fitness Gram will take place on Friday with the Mile Run. Our 8th graders will complete this Mile Run following their Social Studies that afternoon out at our stadium track. Please have your 8th grader come to GMS on Friday with a pair of tennis shoes and a pair of shorts (if they do not already have them here).

Students will change into their shorts and shoes after lunch before

we have them complete the run. Students are not running against each other - they are running for their own time.

Again, our faculty and staff appreciate the support you have shown our program and, more importantly, your student this year. Please allow your student to be in the best position to be successful on the TAKS tests this week by getting enough rest each evening and getting something to eat each morning. It's time to **TACKLE THE TAKS!**

Tim Hughes
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Grapevine Middle School