



WESTERN PEAKSTM
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Message from Principal Brown

Good Afternoon, Falcon Family!

Happy April! The weather is great and Spring is in the air! April is a busy month for us at school! Read below and check out all that is in store for this month!

Our Spring Bubble Run Fundraiser was a huge success! We exceeded our goal, raising over \$26,000. I would like to personally thank everyone for your donations, sharing the link, and helping to support our school! The kids had such a great time during the Bubble Run, even though it was a little chilly! I know that they are so excited to see me turned into a human pizza!

April 20th-26th is Volunteer Appreciation Week! I want to personally thank all of the volunteers who come to Western Peaks & give their time assisting our students and teachers! What you do is so important & we value you & the time that you contribute to our school! We are making plans to celebrate our volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week.

State Assessments

Last week, our 5th grade students all completed the AzSCI state Science assessment. This month, our 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students will be completing the AASA state assessments in Reading, Writing, and Math. The testing dates are listed in this newsletter. It is very important that your child is at school each of these testing days. It is also crucial that they arrive to school on time, and that they are not checked out of school early on the testing days. Some of these tests can take the full day to complete & must be completed in the same day they are started. At home, you can support your child & help him/her be more successful by:

- **Getting a full night of sleep prior to the testing days**
- **Eating a healthy breakfast the morning on testing days**
- **Talking with your child about taking their time on each test & giving their very best effort to show what they know**
- **Ensuring that they arrive to school on time & they are in the classroom no later than 9 AM on the testing days**
- **Ensuring that you do not check them out of school early on the testing days**

All 3rd-5th grade students created their own goals for the Math & ELA AASA assessments. Ask your child about their goals & the strategies they have identified to help them reach their goals. As we explained to all students, the most important thing is to do their personal best! Everyone can make growth!

Calendar of Events

April's School Events

April 2nd

- **AASA Writing Assessment, 3rd-5th Grades**
- **PTSA Falcon Night -@Papa Johns Pizza **Every Monday & Wednesday in April***
- **National Paraprofessionals Day!**

April 7th - 11th

- **National Assistant Principals Week! *Thank you, Mr. Alejos, for all you do!***

April 8th

- **3rd Grade AASA Oral Reading Fluency Assessment**
- **PTSA Falcon Restaurant Night @ Sonic**

April 9th

- **3rd Grade AASA Oral Reading Fluency Assessment**

April 10th

- **AASA Reading Part 1 Assessment, 3rd-5th Grades**

April 11th

- **Principal Brown becomes a Human Pizza! *Fundraising Reward***

April 15th

- **AASA Reading Part 2 Assessment, 3rd-5th Grades**

April 16th

- **AASA Math Part 1 Assessment, 3rd-5th Grades**

- **PTSA Meeting, 5pm in the Library**

April 17th

- **AASA Math Part 2 Assessment, 3rd-5th Grades**

April 18th

- **Spring Holiday ~ No School *Happy Easter!***

April 21st - 25th

- **National Administrative Assistants Week! *Thank you, Ms. Espinoza, Ms. Falandys & Ms. Hines for all you do to keep our front office running!***

April 22nd

- **PTSA Falcon Restaurant Night @ Cafe Zupas**

April 28th

- **Dysart Schools STEM & Robotics Competition, 4-7pm @ Mountain View School**