



THE FOREST VIEW

FROM MR. WALL



A Word from Mr. Wall

Dear Forest View Families,

Happy April! I hope all is well for you and your family.

Assessment

This week, we are conducting our IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) testing for students in grades 3-5. Students are working hard to demonstrate what they know and doing a great job.

I wanted to quickly explain our formal testing here as there are so many assessments. After we finish IAR testing, we only have one more round of iReady to check in on our students' growth for the year. This table

summarizes our largest assessments:

Test	Who	Frequency	Purpose
Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)	Grades 3-5	1 time per year (Spring)	Schoolwide accountability. Results are reported to the state to measure school quality
Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)	Grade 5	1 time per year (Spring)	Same as IAR, but with a focus on science
iReady	All Grades	3 times per year (Fall, Winter Spring)	To monitor individual student growth and provide data for teachers to plan to meet student needs
CogAT	Grades 2 and 4	1 time per year (Spring)	To assess student reasoning skills to help assign programming
ACCESS	EL Students K-5	1 time per year (Winter)	To assess student progress towards English proficiency

There are other assessments and classroom assessments that are not contained in the above chart. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions.

Upcoming FUN!

This month, students will be working towards earning a special prize: a game day! Students will be allowed to bring in non-screen based games from home (board games with batteries are ok) to play with peers on Friday, April 29.

[One suggestion: chess is such a fun game to play with kids (usually 2nd grade and up, but you know your child best) and has lots of great [benefits](#). If you would like your child to learn it (or to learn/relearn yourself), [Chess Kid](#) is a great option for videos and having kids practice with a computer.]

Students will earn this fun time by treating others respectfully throughout the month. Our school definition of respect is treating people, places, and things with kindness.

Chores

While doing some reading regarding chores in my own family, I came across

some research that is summarized in [this article](#). In short, according to the Harvard Grant Study (which has been going for 75 years), doing chores in childhood is one of the biggest predictors of life satisfaction. Thought I would share.

Water Bottles

As a general reminder, please continue to send your student with a refillable water bottle daily. While we have some disposable water here for students that forget, it is wasteful to be sharing these with students daily. If you are unable to purchase a water bottle, please let the office know and we can get you set up. Thanks!

Upcoming Spirit Days

- Friday, April 8: *National Zoo Lovers Day*--wear shirts with animals/animal prints
- Thursday, April 14: *"Get cozy for the long weekend"*--wear sweats/comfy clothes
- Friday, April 22: *Earth Day*--wear blue or green
- Friday, April 29: *Arbor Day*--wear green

Registration for the 2022-23 School Year

Registration for the 2022-23 school year for returning students is **currently underway**. If you have not yet registered please [do so as soon as possible](#). We will begin working on class placements for next year soon. If you will be moving out of the Forest View area, please contact the office.

All the best,

Mr. Wall

Ms. Woemmel

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 7

PTO Dine & Share at Portillo's

Monday, April 18

Teacher Institute Day - No School

Saturday, April 9

[BPAC Springs into Action](#)

Monday, April 11

[Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.](#)

Friday, April 15

- *School Closed - Non Attendance Day*
- *PTO Dine & Share at LePeep*

Thursday, April 21

- [Family Education Night: Anxiety and School Refusal, 6:00 p.m.](#)
- *PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.*

Latest News

- [Board Update - 3/14/22](#)
- [A Look Back at Women's History Month in CCSD59](#)
- [ISBE Recognizes CCSD59 Through 2022 Those Who Excel Awards](#)
- [A Look Back at Black History Month in CCSD59](#)

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