

- There are only 18 days left to make the most learning occur in this school year!
- Our staff has worked hard through a Pandemic and this year has been all about catching kids up from a very turbulent 2 years! So, I can honestly say they have given everything they have for your children's learning. This week is **Staff Appreciation Week at The Park!** Administration and PTA have planned special food events every day as well as prize drawings. I would like to invite you to shower them with love as well. It can be a special treat, have lunch delivered to them, send them flowers, have your child make a special card. Just ask your child who has helped them this year and don't forget the cafeteria crew, the custodians, the office gals, and the assistants that make sure the teachers have what they need to teach each day. We truly have a team of professionals that put children first in everything they do!
- We kick off this week with **State Assessments for 4th and 5th Grade!**
  - Monday, Tuesday and Friday we need every 5<sup>th</sup> grader to arrive on time as they will take their State Reading Assessment Monday and Tuesday and begin Math on Friday. We want them all to score well because their reading scores will determine whether they need intensive reading instruction in middle school. 5<sup>th</sup> graders need to get a good night's sleep tonight, Monday night, and Thursday night as well as eat a healthy breakfast each morning!
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Graders also have State Reading tests this week on Wednesday and Thursday. They also need to commit to doing their best as I will be using these scores to determine who will be Safety Patrol next year and who will need intensive reading or math interventions first thing in the morning instead of Safety Patrol. 4<sup>th</sup> graders need to get a good night's sleep on Tuesday and Wednesday and remember to arrive on time on Wednesday and Thursday.
- We have a change in chorus this week with Mr. Trese, there is no Junior chorus on Thursday. Again, **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade chorus is cancelled** this week. Also, boys and girls that still have a recorder at home are asked to return them back to Mr. Trese this week.
- Car rider parents we are asking for you to not arrive so early to the afternoon car loop. This is not safe for our community when we block the lane on Trouble Creek. This is also our delivery gate, and we can't block it for those large delivery trucks. Our **car rider gates open around 1:50** so please do not arrive earlier than that time.

**Thank you for all your support and wishing you all a great first week in May!**