



Appleton Elementary School



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For Your Calendar

Feb. 28 - 4th grade at Safety Fair
Feb. 28 - 2nd grade at Safety Fair
Feb. 29 - 6:00 pm 4th grade musical
Mar. 5 - 4:00-8:00pm Freddy's (6&50) Restaurant Night
Mar. 5 - 6:00 1st grade musical
Mar. 7 - Class Picture Day
Mar. 13 - Last Day of 3rd Quarter
Mar. 14-15 -No School - Planning Day & Teacher Workday
Mar. 18-22 Spring Break
Mar. 25 - Students Return to School
Apr. 5 - 5:30-8:00 Art Night At Appleton

Dear Appleton Community,

Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) Q & A

Q: When is CMAS?

A: Selected dates between April 2-April 24. Students take 3 tests per week for 2 weeks (each test is 65-90 minutes in length). 5th grade takes an additional 3 sessions of science. Please avoid appointments during these dates.

3rd grade tests - April 2,3,4, 8,9,10

4th grade tests - April 2,3,4, 8,9,10

5th grade tests - April 2,3,4, 9,10,16, 18,23,24

Q: How does Appleton approach parent refusals to CMAS testing?

A: First, Appleton highly recommends that students take the test. If you are considering holding your student out and want to make an informed decision, please contact Mr. Hafey. Parents who wish to refuse state testing will be required to fill out

the **Parent Request for Exemption Form** that can be picked up at the Appleton office.

Q: Why test?

#1. CMAS results are the primary instrument used by the state to measure the overall performance of Appleton Elementary School.

#2. The Appleton staff uses CMAS results to shape our professional development and it has a heavy influence on our school goals.

#3. Teachers use CMAS to target specific areas for growing students.

#4. CMAS results have an influence on what classes students are placed in middle school and what electives they are allowed to take.

#5. It is great practice for future tests like: SAT(College acceptance), ASVAB (Military enlistment), & Licensing exams (getting a job) & Hunter Education.

Restaurant Night Update

Thank you to all the volunteers and families who chose to eat out at Culver's for our most recent Restaurant Night Out. We made \$278.14! Our next Restaurant Night Out will be at the Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers (2489 US-6 & 50, GJ 81505) on March 5th, 4-8pm.

Important Dates for Next Year - 2024-2025 School Year

Parent Information Night - Thursday, Aug. 15 5:30-6:35pm

Appleton Carnival - Friday, Sept. 6 5:00-8:00pm

Spell-A-Thon - Oct. 15-Dec. 3

Art Night - Friday, Mar. 28 5:30-8:00pm

BINGO Night - Wednesday, Apr. 23 6:00-8:00pm

1st Grade Music Program - March 5 at 6:00pm

Please be aware that the South Gym is NOT handicapped accessible. This historical 1938 gym provides the best viewing for audiences because it has a sound system, stage, bleachers, and a large gym for dances. Please let us know well in advance if there will be a member of your family or a friend who may need help getting up the stairs and we will be ready to help. Our other option is to hold the concert in the North Gym. Due to decorations, props, and moving heavy PA equipment, please give us plenty of notice if we need to move the concert to the North Gym, which is handicapped accessible. We will be happy to accommodate. Thanks so much!

Go Bookworms!

Corey Hafey - Principal