



Appleton Elementary School



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March 12, 2024

For Your Calendar

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
Mar. 28 - 4:10 PTA
Mar. 28 - 11:30-1:00 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
Apr. 5 - 5:30-8:00 Art Night At Appleton
Apr. 8 - Book Fair Starts (it ends Apr. 26)
Apr. 11 - No School - Elementary Planning Day
Apr. 12 - No School - Conference Exchange Day
Apr. 24 - 6:00-8:00 BINGO Night

Dear Appleton Community,

Happy Spring Break! - March 14-24

Classes Resume Monday, March 25

Volunteer Luncheon Thursday, March 28

We want to thank, honor and celebrate our many volunteers who make Appleton such a great place. If you are one of our valuable Appleton volunteers, please plan to join us on Thursday, March 28, any time between 11:30-1:00 for our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in our library. We will have some great food (soups, salads, and dessert) to say "Thank You" for all that you do for our school 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.

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

Go Bookworms!

Corey Hafey - Principal