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ARENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## California Assessment of Students Performance & Progress (CAASPP) April -June 2023

Your child(ren)'s teacher will let you know the exact dates their class will be taking the CAASPP, however, administration will officially begin for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> upon our return from spring break, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Students will take a total of four tests (two in English Language Arts and two in Mathematics). Fifth and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students will also participate in a science test. Teachers have been preparing students for the CAASPP with standards-based instruction as well as test-taking "practice" so that students are familiar with the testing format and strategies.

You can help your children by making sure that they come to school with plenty of rest, a good breakfast, and a positive attitude. In addition, please help your child to avoid unnecessary absences during testing by not scheduling appointments and/or planning special trips during this time.

Here are some other ways parents can help their children prepare for standardized tests:

- **Prepare for tests one day at a time** – Some students get so worried about tests that they don't do well on test day. Encourage your child to simply do his/her best, and be sure to point out his/her strengths.
- **The night before the test** – When possible, try to spend a relaxing evening at home. It is important for your child to get a good night's sleep.
- **Start the day off right** – Getting up early on test days helps prevent the morning rush and allows time for a protein-based breakfast. Starting the day on a pleasant note will likely send your child to school with good feelings.
- Remind your child of the following practical test-taking tips:
  - Reading or listening carefully to the directions.
  - Once finished review answers to be sure.
  - Skip a question and move on if you don't know the answer. You can always come back later. Maybe you will be ready to answer that question then.
  - Develop a healthy perspective – Remember, standardized tests are only one way to measure a child's learning.

Most children don't enjoy tests. But, helping your children develop a positive attitude about this "fact-of-life" can go a long way in helping them feel better before, during, and after the test.

Kristi Hahn  
Reading Specialist



## Over the Counter (OTC) COVID-19 tests

Over the Counter COVID-19 tests will be sent home on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please test your child prior to returning to school on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your Spring Break-April 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> !

## Mark Your Calendar!

**April 5** School Board Meeting  
PAHS Library at 4:30p.m.

**April 18** Kindergarten Registration  
Arena Library 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**April 10-14** SPRING BREAK/NO SCHOOL

**April 17-June 2** CAASPP Testing

**May 8-12** BOOK FAIR

**May 18** OPEN HOUSE

## Folkloric Performance April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Our afterschool program folkloric dancers, led by Ramona Mariscal will perform at the Almost Fringe Festival 2023 in Point Arena on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00-2:30pm at the Centennial Plaza. Please come by and support our students during their performance!

## 2023-2024 7th Grade Required Immunization

**All students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade need additional immunizations, which include:**

- Tdap-Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis
- Second MMR
- Second Varicella

Please submit a current copy of your child's immunization record to the school office as proof of immunization.

Students entering the 7th grade may need further immunizations if they previously had a personal belief exemption. SB 277 changed the law that only medical exemptions are valid in the state of California. Additional information regarding immunizations can be found at: <http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/sb277faq/>

For questions regarding immunizations, please contact our school nurse, Lynn Finley at 707 882-4090 or the school office at 707 882-2131.

## 2023-24 Kindergarten Registration Day April 18<sup>th</sup>

Arena Elementary School 2023-2024 Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Registration Day is Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, in the Shelley Aubrey Library

Enrollment packets are available in the school office and the day of registration.

To be eligible to enroll for kindergarten, your child must be 5 years old by or on September 1, 2023,

To be eligible to enroll for transitional kindergarten, your child must turn 5 years old between September 2, 2023-April 2, 2024.

Kindergarten is a one-year program, and Transitional Kindergarten is a two- year program.

Please bring the following documents to enroll:

- Birth Record
- Immunization Record
- School Entry Health Exam form
- Oral Health Assessment Exam form
- Proof of District Residence (current electric or gas utility bill)
- Photo ID

Immunizations needed to attend kindergarten or TK are:

- 4 doses of polio (3 doses meet requirement if at least one dose was given on or after the 4th birthday.)
- 5 doses of DTP or DTaP (4 doses meet requirement if at least 1 dose was given on or after the 4th birthday)
- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) 1 dose may be a measles-only vaccine, both doses given on or after the 1st birthday.
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 2 doses of Varicella or Physician-documented Varicella (chickenpox) disease history or immunity will also meet the requirement.

Contact the school office for more information at 707 882-2131.



## Treasure Chest and Student of the Week Recognition

These students are being recognized for showing great respect, responsibility, and safety at school during the months of March 2023.

Congratulations! A Round of Applause for the following students:

### Treasure Chest Recipients:

**Kindergarten:** Neymar, Rose, Arturo and Eduardo

**First Grade:** Melissa, William, Allisson, Fernanda

**Second Grade:** Bella G., Silas

**Third Grade:** Angie

**Fourth Grade:** Jesus, and Silas E.

**Fifth Grade:** Alexa, and Analiza

### Student of the Week Recognition:

**Kindergarten:** Anthony, and Emmanuel

**First Grade:** Jack, and Seneca

**Second Grade:** Shelby

**Third Grade:** Andrea

**Fourth Grade:** Jesus

**Fifth Grade:** Russell

**Sixth Grade:** Leigh

**Seventh Grade:** Lucille

**Eighth Grade:** Jackie



## Literacy Library News

Congratulations to Sebastian from 1<sup>st</sup> grade, for completing the book club challenge for the month of March! Great job!

The Author of the Month for April is Mary Pope Osborne. In her younger years she traveled quite a bit being part of a military family moving every couple of years to a different state or country! This inspired her to write about people, places or things through every aspect of time. The books that have taken Mary to the most places are the Magic Tree House series. Some of these books were co-authored with her husband, Will Osborne and Mary's sister, Natalie Pope Boyce.

Mary Pope Osborne has written close to 100 books including, biographies, mysteries, picture books, novels and retellings of fairy tales and world mythology.

Select and check out a featured book of the month by Mary Pope Osborne or one among the rows of neatly shelved books throughout the library.

Read yourself a good book or to someone who will listen.

## Bees

Bees are extremely important for humankind and there are almost 20,000 species of bee on the planet. Every land surface apart from the Antarctica have bees.

Bees are crucial for pollination of our flowers, fruit, and vegetables on Earth. Almost a 1/3 of our crops are pollinated by bees. Without bees, our crops would be much smaller in size and quality.

How you can help bees visiting your neighborhood: Bees need food year-round. So, planting seasonal and year-round plants in your garden or in pots are very helpful. Try an herb garden!

Create a Bee water feature! In a shallow dish, place a variety of rocks or shells in it and fill with water a 1/3 of the way up leaving some dry areas for Bees to land, drink and rest themselves.

These small gestures in your garden will welcome more bees to pollinate our planet!



## Bees, by Aillen Fisher

There wouldn't be sunflowers,  
Wouldn't be peas,  
Wouldn't be apples,  
On apple trees,  
If it weren't for fuzzy old,  
Buzzy old bees,  
Dusting pollen  
From their knees

## Arena Science & Technology Fair Ribbons March 2023

### 3rd-5th Demonstration:

1st: Wesson Fields (4th)-The Polar Ice Caps Melting  
 2nd: Leanna Moore (3rd)-How Much Salt Will Make An Egg Float  
 3rd: Milan Avalos & Damien Arteaga (4th)-How Do Magnets Work  
 3rd: La'sha Rios & Mickey Ramirez (4th)-The Potato

### 3rd-5th Experiment:

1st: Silas Ernise (4th)-Does a Healy device make plants grow faster than just watering them?  
 2nd: Lucas Woodward (5th)-Which Soil is Best?  
 3rd: Joyce Gitchel (3rd)-Flower Power

### 3rd-5th Engineering:

1st: Athena Ramirez (5th)-Engineering Carnival Rides  
 2nd: Adam & Analisa Rodriguez (5th/4th)-The Best "Swing Ride"  
 3rd: Jacob Stornetta & Leon Avalos (5th)-Rc Car

### 6th-8th Demonstration:

1st: Montserrat Vazquez Cruz (8th)-Electrolysis  
 2nd: Jayde Swan, Priscilla Fuentes, Denise Coria (7th)-Elephant Toothpaste  
 3rd: Lyric Leyva (7th)-Invisible Ink

### 6th-8th Experiment:

1st: Khailaya Kirby (7th)-Erosion Prevention  
 2nd: Eddie Bower (8th)-The Third Wildest Wildfire Project of Them All: Comparing Plant Growth in Burned and Unburned Coastal Hills in Sonoma County, California 2.5 Years Later  
 3rd: Cuper Woodward, Sal Steckler, Joel Ramirez(7th/8th)-Mouth on Fire  
 3rd: Sophia Roach(8th)-Chemical Reactions of Pennies in Different Liquids  
 3rd: Shayla & Yazmin Carrillo, Camila Avalos (6th/8th)-Eww Bacteria

### 6th-8th Engineering:

1st: Treyce Zettler (8th)-Tackle Box Boat  
 2nd: Leo Estrada (8th)-Bottle Rocket  
 3rd: Lucas Owens & Tristan Orsini (6th)-Bombs Away



## Mendocino County Science Fair Ribbons March 2023

Arena Elementary School Winners

Athena Ramirez (5th Grade)-Engineering Carnival Rides took 1st place at the Mendocino County Science Fair in her division.

Shayla Carrillo (6th Grade), Yazmin Carrillo (8th Grade), & Camila Avalos (6th Grade)-Eww Bacteria took 2nd place in their division and advanced to the State Science Fair!

**Congratulations to our participants!**