



Mance Park Middle School

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Greetings Parents and Guardians,

As you know, staff and students at Mance Park are extra busy this Spring semester, whether it be extracurriculars, clubs, UIL competitions or academic learning in the classroom. In addition to all things fun, Spring also brings about testing season.

Testing season is often accompanied by stress and anxiety for many staff and students. You and I both know that there is NO single test or score that defines who our students are. In fact, effort is what truly defines each of us. The effort we put into a task often determines our GROWTH and success. However, we would be remiss to think that how our students perform on the state assessments do not have ramifications on our students and their futures in the next grade level. Some of these ramifications for students who do not pass the STAAR exam include required summer school attendance, mandatory tutorials in the upcoming year and loss of elective courses.

As you know, we recently completed our Spring Benchmark assessments (2023 STAAR Released Test). As previously shared with you, the data from these assessments assist teachers in creating targeted lessons for students based on their specific TEK standard performance. This recently completed benchmark assessment was the most rigorous test that has ever been administered by the state which allows us an opportunity to truly predict how your student may perform on the upcoming STAAR. The targeted plans created from this data are used to best prepare our students for the upcoming 2024 STAAR exams.

Just like you, we want your student to perform their BEST in everything they do. The upcoming STAAR is no exception. However instead of chasing a score, our continued focus for every student is GROWTH from their previous performance level. With that said, our teachers are in the process of conducting STAAR rotations and small groups with the designed plans across the campus to best meet the needs of our students prior to the exams. We ask that you continue to encourage your student to remain focused and do their best in these instructional opportunities to ensure GROWTH on their achievement.

Within the next few weeks, I will be reaching out to parents of students who did not meet the approaches expectation on their Spring Benchmark exams. That communication will include their tentative enrollment in our Huntsville Summer Academic Term (Summer School) for June. Even these students could earn their way out of summer school attendance by using this short period of time before STAAR to improve their learning and reach the approaches expectation on the upcoming STAAR exams.

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GROWTH is everything so please encourage your student to strive to do their best during these intensive and targeted STAAR rotations and small group learning opportunities. We have no doubt that with the right instruction and our students' diligent efforts, we will all succeed.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Josh Campbell
Principal

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