Stephens Elementary School

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Dear Stinger Families,

We begin KSA testing Monday May 11 - Monday May 18th for all 3rd - 5th Graders. Our students have already shown tremendous growth this year and we can't wait to see how amazing they do on this state assessment. Please encourage your students each day to try their absolute best. The results of this exam along with their MAP and class assessments really open so many potential opportunities moving into next year.

A few reminders:

Cell Phones: We have a ZERO tolerance policy with student cell phones or smart watches with text/call usages during any part of the school day. This begins from the bus stop until the students get off the bus. This is an especially important testing week. ALL smart watches and cell phones MUST be turned off and put away during the day. It is preferred that they are not brought to school at all. If your child has a phone, please also monitor all of their communication and social media.

Toys: We are having an increase in students bringing toys to school. Please remind your children and also check backpacks daily to ensure that they are not sneaking toys to school. These can become a distraction, safety concerns, and also students have been getting in trouble with toys from home.

Sports Equipment: We are also having more students bringing sports equipment and such for recess. Remember that there are no balls or other equipment. This is especially dangerous on the bus. No balls or equipment should be brought on the bus or brought to school.

Dress Code: Dress for Success: We are here to focus on learning!

- Hats/Sunglasses/Hoods are prohibited
- No sharp/distracting jewelry
- Shirts should have school appropriate language/slogans
- Overall attire should completely cover undergarments
- Avoid holes in jeans, halter tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops
- Shorts at fingertip length
- Any item that is deemed a distraction of the learning environment will be a violation of

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the code of conduct. Parents will be required to bring a change of clothes/shoes if a student's attire is not meeting the dress code or creates a disruption to the educational process based on administrator's discretion.

Water Bottles: If your student brings a water bottle to school, this bottle must have a sealable lid and only contain clear water. We are having an increase in spills and also many of these spills have been sticky colored liquids.

We want to ensure that the safety of the school is paramount. We also want to ensure that we are keeping our focus on showcasing the amazing learning that is taking place every day.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to be the best school in NKY!

Sincerely,

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