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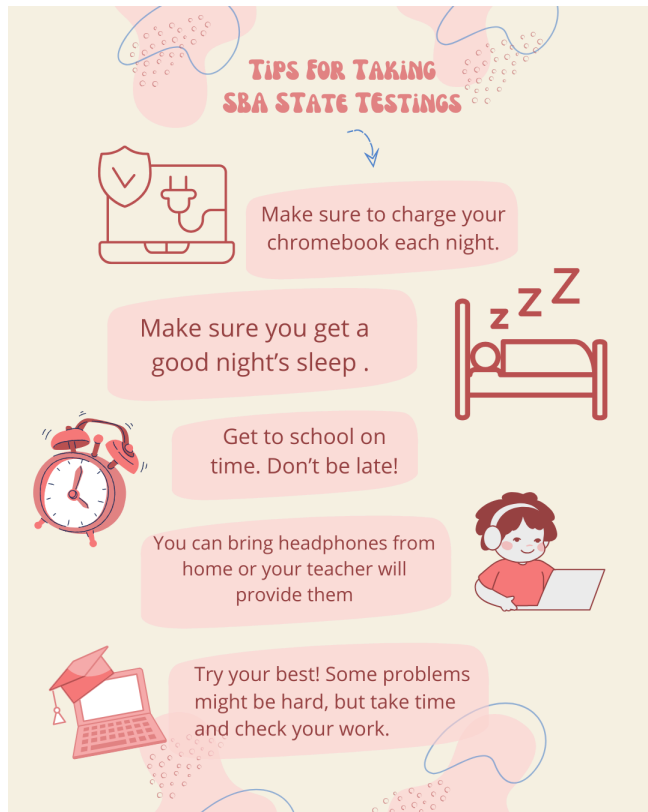
My Fellow Lions,

Great week back after Spring break. What a fantastic night at McTeacher's Night on Tuesday! It was so much fun seeing our families smiling, laughing, and cheering on our teachers behind the counter. A huge shoutout to our incredible PTA for sponsoring the event and making it all happen. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our school — we're *lovin' it!* Some photos below and the album can be found [here](#).



Important News

- **State Testing** - as you may have seen in this [letter](#) from Mr. Autieri, Assistant Superintendent, SBA state testing will begin on Monday, May 5th. Schools and educators use these tests to see how students are progressing at each grade level. Families can review the results of these tests to see how their child is performing on the standards. For resources specifically for families, please visit [this link](#).
 - Students in Grades 3-5 will be assessed through the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA), an individual adaptive computer-based assessment.
 - Grade 5 students will take the Next Generation Science Standards Assessment (NGSS).
 - See below for some helpful tips for testing.



- **Family Input for Class Placement -**

As the school year winds down, we are beginning the process of grouping students into classrooms for the upcoming year. Our goal is to meet the needs of every student while prioritizing balanced classes..

Key Points about the Class Placement Process:

- **Balanced Classrooms:** We consider a variety of factors including academic, social, and behavioral needs, class size, and when beneficial, student pairings or separations.
- **Family Input Welcome:** A Google Form is available for you to share insights about your child's strengths, challenges, interests, or any relevant considerations.
- **Teacher Requests:** Due to the number of teacher requests received in past years, **we cannot guarantee specific placements. We must prioritize balanced classrooms.**

Important Dates and Reminders:

- **Deadline for Input: May 12th.** Input received after this date cannot be considered.
- **No Late Requests: Please do not email additional input after May 12th.** Once class balancing has begun, the process is closed.
- **Final Class Assignments:** Due to enrollment changes over the summer, class lists will not be finalized until late August and will be available through PowerSchool. Once placements are made available to families, they will be final. Class changes will not be made.
- **[ADD YOUR INPUT HERE](#)**

- **OAS Career Week** - May 12th- May 16th: We are excited to announce Orange Avenue's Career week. We are looking for YOU (parents, family members, and community helpers) to help make this day a success! Please click [here](#) for our Career Day Flyer and [here](#) to register yourself and/or a family or community member!
- **MPS Summer Programming**
 - **Incoming 1-5** - The Milford Public Schools is excited to offer a summer enrichment experience for elementary school learners. Please click [here](#) to access more information about this opportunity.
 - **Incoming K** - Calling all incoming Kindergarteners and their families! MPS will host a four-week summer academy this July. There is no cost associated with this program. Families will need to provide their own transportation. [Sign up here!](#)
- **Kick off to Kindergarten** - For our incoming Kindergarten families who are fully registered or currently in a MPS preschool program, you should have received an email about our Kick-Off to Kindergarten school visits in May. If your child is eligible for Kindergarten but you have not yet registered, please click the [link](#) to register and be included in this Kickoff to Kindergarten experience.
- **Community Connections** - Be sure to check out [this week's CCC News](#).
- **Food Services links** - Visit the [MPS food service website](#) for lunch menus.

PTA News-

Walk, Bike, and Roll to School

- Wednesday, May 7th

Teacher Appreciation Week- May 5th-9th

- Please help us make this a fun week for the staff at OAS by donating \$5.00. Venmo us @oaspta2022 or send in cash/check made out to "OAS PTA" with memo line "Teacher Appreciation Week" or [click the link](#).

5th Grade Parents

- Save the date! Fifth grade sendoff is Thursday, June 5th (raindate Wed. June 4th) more information to follow

Spiritwear

- Limited quantities of adult and child sizes for tie dyed Long Sleeve shirt and adult size of hat. Items will be sent home with your child.
- [Click here to purchase](#)

Want to become a Member? No strings attached!

- [Click the link](#) and sign up!

Want to keep up to date on OAS PTA?

- Follow us on [Facebook](#)
- Check us out on Instagram @OAS PTA
- Questions/Comments ptaorangeavenue@gmail.com

Important Dates:

- [Printable MPS full year calendar can be found here.](#)
- **Subscribe to the Orange Avenue Public Calendar** with all our events and activities by clicking [here](#).
- **Monday, May 5th - Friday, May 9th** - Staff Appreciation Week
- **Wednesday, May 7th** - Walk, Bike or Roll to school day
- **Friday, May 9th** - MPS Family Kite Building Night from 6:00-9:00 pm at Calf Pen Meadow School. More info is [here](#).
- **Saturday, May 10th** - MPS Family Kite Festival from 12:00-3:00 pm at Walnut Beach. More info is [here](#).
- **Wednesday, May 14th** - Early Release Day for Professional Learning. Students dismissed at 1:25
- **Wednesday, May 21st** - Grade 4 & 5 Concert with Chorus, Band and Strings. 6:30 at Foran Auditorium. More info is [here](#).
- **Wednesday, May 28th** - Field Day (Raindate: Thursday, May 29th)
- **Thursday, June 5th** - Grade 5 Send off (Raindate: Wednesday, June 4th)
- **Friday, June 6th** - OAS Flag Day Celebration: Wear Red, White and Blue or your OAS Spirit wear.
- **Monday, June 9th** - Early Dismissal: Students dismissed at 1:25.
- **Tuesday, June 10th** - Early Dismissal: Students dismissed at 1:25
- **Wednesday, June 11th** - Tentative Last Day of School: Students dismissed at 1:25