

Esko's Corner
Elementary News
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Important Dates

- Friday, Mar. 20: End of Quarter 3
- Monday, March 30 – Friday, April 3 – Spring Break
- Tuesday, April 7: Kindergarten Round Up Parent Meeting – 6:00 – theater
- Friday, April 10: Staff Development – 7:30 – Office
 - No School For 14/15 Kindergarten Students
 - 15/16 Kindergarten Visiting Day
- Monday, April 13: PIE Meeting – 6:30 – Library
- Monday, April 20: No School for Students
 - Staff In-Service Day
- **April 21-24: MCA- Reading (Grades 3-6)**
- **April 27-May 1: MCA - Math (Grades 3-6)**
- **May 5, 6: MCA- Science (5th grade)**

MCA Testing

The MCA testing season is among us for grades 3-6. Our students in grades 3-6 will take the MCA Reading Test on April 21-April 24. The MCA Math Test will be administered on April 27-May 1. The MCA Science Test will be on May 5 and 6 for 5th graders only. It is very important that the students get a good night's sleep each night and that they eat a healthy breakfast in the morning. Please help ensure that your child is rested and prepared for each and every school day. Also avoid appointments or family trips on these testing dates. It's imperative that the students are here on these days.

Elementary Teacher Requests

We will follow the same process as we did last year for Teacher Requests. There is a Teacher Request Form that will need to be filled out if you wish to request a teacher for your child for next year. This form can be picked up in the elementary office. One form will need to be completed for each teacher request (one per student). This form must be completed in full and turned into the office by Friday, May 1st. **There may be some cases in which a teacher request cannot be accommodated. Requests made after May 1st will not be granted.**

Morning Drop-off

Policy under School Hours in the Elementary Student Handbook states:

Students are not to be in the school buildings before 7:45 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m. unless they are under the direct supervision of a teacher or coach. Students are not to be in the hallways or school commons area after 3:30 without staff supervision. Student rides should be arranged accordingly. The buildings are closed to students on weekends and vacations unless a teacher or coach is present and has scheduled the use of the building through the Community Education Office.

