



## HARMONY SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

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**Wednesday Mail  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Hello Parents and Students,

For this week's Wednesday Mail, we have the following news:

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**February 20<sup>th</sup>, Staff Development Day:** There are no classes for students on Monday, February 20th, 2012. It is a Staff Development Day for our teachers. Classes will resume on Tuesday, February 21st.

**Early Dismissal / Parent- Teacher Conference Day:** Our Parent-Teacher Conference Day is scheduled for Thursday, February 23rd, 2012. To prepare for the conferences, we will have early dismissal for that day. All Magnet Art classes and extra-curricular activities will be canceled. Zenith services will be provided.

\*Kinder - 3rd Grade Students will be dismissed at 12:30PM.

\* 4th - 8th Grade Students will be dismissed at 12:45PM.

Note: If you have students that are siblings in grades K- 8th, please come at 12:45PM to pick them up. Conferences will start at 2:00PM. To avoid a waiting period, please contact your child's teachers to set up a meeting time with them. Due to time constraints, conference times will be limited to 10 minutes for K-3rd Teachers and 5 minutes for 4th-8th Grade Teachers. If you need a longer conference time, please contact the teacher to set up a conference at a different date and time. Thank you for your support.

### **REMINDERS:**

**FitnessGram 2012:** February will be the start of the official FITNESSGRAM Testing. This test will go through the month of February and the first week of March. This is a physical assessment that will be given to students in grades 3-8, and a practice test given to grades K-2.

**Kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation:** We will be hosting graduation ceremonies for our Kindergartners, 5th, and 8th Grade students in May.

- Kindergarten Graduation Date: Friday, May 18th at 9AM
- 5th and 8th Grade Graduation Date is Friday, May 18th at 5PM

**Summer Leadership Camps:** Every year, our Harmony School students have the opportunity to attend our Summer Leadership Camp. This camp is open up to students in grades 6th – 12th and starts May 29th – June 1st. The cost of the camp is \$300 and a \$100 deposit is due on March 23rd, 2012. For additional details, please contact Mr. Fidan at [ifidan@harmonytx.org](mailto:ifidan@harmonytx.org)



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**Mock (Practice) STAAR Testing #2:** The Mock STAAR testing will take place soon (February 27th - March 2nd) for students in grades 3rd through 8th. Please make sure that your child is well rested, has eaten breakfast and is at school on time on these days. Students need to come to school prepared, with #2 pencils and erasers. Please remind your child that it is important to do their personal best on these assessments, as we will use the results as guides for placing students into Saturday School and/or intervention pull-outs.

- Monday, February 27th: 4th & 7th Grade Writing Day 1 and 5th & 8th Grade Math
- Tuesday, February 28th: 4th & 7th Grade Writing Day 2 and 5th & 8th Grade Reading
- Wednesday, February 29th: 3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th Grade Math
- Thursday, March 1st: 3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th Grade Reading and 8th Grade Social Studies
- Friday, March 2nd: 5th & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

This assessment will test the following: flexibility, core strength, aerobic capacity, and arm strength. All students are required to wear tennis shoes to PE class during the duration of the official FITNESSGRAM Testing. It is recommended that students bring a bottle of water to PE.

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## **IMPORTANT Note to 7B Parents:**

Dear 7B Parents,

Due to changes in state testing policies, students in 7B will take the following STAAR assessments:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing (Day 1)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing (Day 2)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math**

In prior years, students were given the assessment for their grade level. TEA policy now states that students must be assessed for the course in which they are enrolled. As 7B students are enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-AP Math (Course III), these students will be required to take the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math STAAR assessment.

The schedule sent out by TEA has these students taking both the Writing (Day 1) and Math assessments on the same day. Due to the new 4 hour testing time limits, 7B students will need to be on campus at 7:30am in order to begin testing at 8:00am and complete testing by 5:00pm. We understand that this is an extended time period; however, due to state testing requirements, we are unable to provide any other scheduling solution.

In order to prepare students for this testing change, we will implement the same schedule for our Mock STAAR testing on Monday, February 27, 2012. Please make sure that your child is on campus by 7:30am. We will dismiss students from the picnic table area (behind the gym) at 5:00pm. **Students will eat lunch in between tests and may bring a dry snack and bottled water for testing.**

Please refer any questions to Mary Averill ([maverill@harmonytx.org](mailto:maverill@harmonytx.org)).



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