

## Illinois Assessment for Readiness - April 8, 9 and 10

In the March 11 letter emailed home, we shared the Illinois Assessment for Readiness (IAR) dates and some changes in IAR when compared to the past PARCC assessment. A quick summary of those changes follow.

- The IAR assessment uses most of the same questions but is shorter.
- Next year, the results will be back more quickly.
- The year after that, the test will adapt to each student, so we gain a better understanding of where each student is in their learning.

## How can parents help?

- Be sure your Cavalier *has a charged laptop and earbuds.*
- Help your child get a *good night's sleep.*
- Be sure your Cavalier eats *breakfast* each morning.
- Children take *cues from trusted adults.* When parents and staff are *encouraging*, it helps our Cavs do their best.

## P.A.S.S. (Positive Academic Student Support)

P.A.S.S. is a grant-funded, *free school work help* provided by Kingsley teachers in the Kingsley cafeteria from 3:45-4:45 on:

- April 9, 11, 16, 23, 25 & 30
- May 2, 7, 9, 14 & 16

## 8th grade Dance-May 10

We are looking forward to celebrating our 8th graders and the friendships they have built on May 10!

Tickets will be sold for \$5 daily, May 6-10, during lunch. Attire is casual and should adhere to the school dress code.

A signup genius for chaperones, and ways to help will be emailed later this month.

**Traffic Safety Reminder** Please help us keep students safe by driving cautiously and being patient.

## Upcoming Dates to Note

### April

- 5: Popcorn Friday
- 8: PTO meeting - 7:00 pm
- 8,9 & 10: Illinois Assessment of Readiness Testing
- 10: Late Start
- 18: Teacher Institute - No School
- 19: Board-approved Holiday - No School

### May

- 6: PTO meeting - 7:00 pm
- 6,7: MAP testing
- 8: Late Start
- 10: Eighth grade Dance
- 22: 6th grade field trip
- 31: Last day of school

**UNIT 5 SCHOOLS**

**ACCEPTANCE:  
THE  
MISSING  
PIECE**

Purchase a puzzle piece during Autism Awareness Month to support the Unit 5 Educational Foundation. Puzzle pieces cost \$1 and are available April 1-30. All money raised will fund special needs programming in Unit 5 schools.

The idea for this project was inspired by the memory of Unit 5 graduate Jon Miskulin (Jon's father, Joseph, has a diagnosed son with autism spectrum disorder. His family continues the work of the H.E.A.L. Foundation by spreading his message for autism acceptance throughout central Illinois.)

In recognition of Autism Awareness month, staff, students and parents across Unit 5 may purchase a puzzle piece for \$1 to support the Unit 5 Education Foundation.

This project was inspired by a past Cavalier, Jon Miskulin, whose family spreads the message of autism acceptance work, Jon began, through the H.E.A.L. foundation.

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