

The Smyser Sentinel

An ISBE Honor Roll/Spotlight School
An Autonomous Management Performance School

ISAT Testing March 3rd-9th

Beginning Wednesday, March 3rd, Smyser will be administering the state required ISAT. Students in grades 4 and 7 will be tested in reading, mathematics, and science. Students in grades 3, 5, 6, and 8 will be tested in reading, mathematics, and writing. The tests are a part of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) program, and are being given to all students. The results of reading, mathematics, and science state tests will be reported to you on the School Report Card in the fall. We will review state test results along with other information to help us improve our school. In addition, you will receive information about your child's performance on the state tests he or she took.

You can help your child do his or her best on the test by:

- making sure that your child attends school on the days of the test;
- making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing;
- providing breakfast on the mornings of testing;
- reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he or she does not understand the test directions;
- letting your child know that you have confidence in his or her ability to do his or her best; and
- advising your child not to worry about the test- just do the best he or she can.

Smyser teachers have been working extremely hard addressing Illinois and CPS learning standards. Through daily instruction and MAP assessment data, we are constantly seeking ways to make sure 100% of our student meet/exceed state standards. Please support us by monitoring your child's daily homework. You can practice by downloading ISAT questions and booklets from the Illinois State Board of Education website at www.isbe.state.il.us and making sure your student is using Study Island regularly.

Please call your child's teacher if you want additional information or have further questions about these tests. We look forward to sharing the ISAT results with you this fall.

Parents Asked to Update Emergency Contacts and Forms

In the event of an emergency, up to date student information is necessary to contact you. Annually, emergency forms are collected and used to contact families. If your address, telephone number, contact names, emergency listing, or other important family information have changed, please come to school and complete a new emergency form. We will gladly assist you in verifying and updating information as needed.

Visit www.smyser.org or www.surveymonkey.com/s/smyser to complete your 2010/11 planning survey.

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Smyser 2010/11 SIPAAA Planning Survey

Once again, the Chicago Public Schools are using the Five Fundamentals of School Success survey to gather data on instruction, instructional leadership, professional capacity, learning climate, and family/community involvement.

Survey results will be analyzed by the principal, faculty, and LSC in planning for the 2010/11 school year. Each question has been developed by the CPS Office of Planning and Development and the electronic survey has been created by the principal to effectively gather and process information. Results will be shared with the Smyser Team Leaders, Professional Personnel Leadership Committee, and the Local School Council.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. I appreciate your participation. The survey will close on March 7th.

8th Grade Updates- NEXT MEETING IS Tuesday, March 9th at 5:30 PM at Smyser

The Class of 2010 parent committee is planning many exciting events to raise funds to help offset the fees for the banquet and school trip. We need your support:

- EXTREME COUPON BOOK FUDRAISER: March 15th-26th. 8th graders to sell to friends and family. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the banquet at Biagio's in May.
- 7th/8th GRADEDANCE: Friday, March 26th from 6-9 PM. A great way to kick-off Spring Break! Featuring DJ Spinnin D, live bands Boxes For James & Circular Convention.
- SPECIAL 8th GRADE RAFFLE REPORT CARD PICK-UP: April 21st: Cubs, Sox Tickets, and more!

We need lots of volunteers for the Spring Dance. We are also seeking donations of bottled water and packaged snacks such as chips or cookies. If you want to volunteer, have an item or service to donate for the raffle, or have questions on how you can help, place contact Deborah Staley 773-296-1869 email kittypgri@gmail.com or Bonnie Carlson at email bsancarnspb@aol.com.

CPS Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is a unique web-based tool that allows you to securely view your child's grades and attendance online. You can register to receive e-mail or text notifications when your child is absent or when his or her grades drop below a point you identify. Additionally, you will be able to communicate directly with your child's teachers, enhancing the opportunity for parent-teacher interaction.

You will need your child's CPS ID number as well as your unique school-issued personal identification number (PIN) prior to creating an account. Please contact Mrs. Luczak or Mr. Beiza to learn how to obtain your PIN. To ensure the security of your child's records, PINs will not be issued over the phone under any circumstance.

A direct link to the Parent Connection login page has been added. Please go to the "weblinks" section on the lower right portion of our homepage www.smyser.org to find this.

Smyser Spring Pictures- Friday, March 26th

Van Gogh School Photographers are constantly striving to bring a variety of style into our pictures in our Spring Photo Program. In an effort to aid that big question "What should I wear?", we recommend bright and cheerful colored clothing. In some posing, shoes will show so dress from head to toe. Van Gogh School Photographers will be taking a photo of students from all grades preK-8. In approximately 10 days you will receive a proof picture from your school along with package choices. If you wish to order pictures, please return the proof and order form with payment enclosed to the school within 7 days. **BRING YOUR SMILE :-)**

After-School Programming Coming to an End.

Smyser Accelerated School is extremely proud to announce that over 300 students were served in our After-School Programs this school year. Students were able to benefit from smaller group instruction in our After-School Reading and Math program, better preparing them for the mandatory ISAT battery of tests. They also participated enthusiastically in our After-School All-Stars Elite classes that were offered by our dedicated and talented staff members. You are reminded that our programming **will end Friday, March 26, 2010**. Program extensions will be handled on case by case basis by the sponsoring teacher. Thank you for your tremendous support as we continue rising to the challenge together at Smyser School!

Local School Council Elections


LSC Elections: LSC Election Nomination forms are available on-line via the CPS/Smyser website or by visiting the school. Elections are held on the second semester Report Card Pick-Up Day in April of every even-numbered year. Parents and Community Representatives are elected, while Teacher Representatives are appointed by the Board of Education.

Congratulations on a great basketball season Smyser 5/6 and 7/8 Girls and Boys basketball teams. The athletes and coaches worked very hard and posted winning records. Best of luck to our 7/8 Boys & Girls teams and our 5/6 Girls team as they advance to the playoffs. Go Smyser Eagles !

Smyser Quarter 2 Honor Roll- Congratulations!

Accardo, Angelina	Flores, Nathan	Lopez, Nick	Resendez, Ariana
Acosta, Soledad	Fruhworth, Nikki	Lopez, Sarah	Reyes, Emmanuel
Adams, Julia	Fuentes, Carmen	Luczak, Hayley	Reyes, Matthew
Aguilar, Jazmin	Garcia, Juan	Luczak, Patrick	Rivera, Megan
Akbar, Sohail	Glodz, Claudia	Lusuegro, Alliyah	Rodriguez, Israel
Aksdal, Jessica	Gonzalez, Alan	Mabruk, Muhammed	Rodriguez, Lisette
Alfonso, Kenneth	Gonzalez, Ariane	Malara, Klaudia	Rzeszutek, Jasmine
Almanza, Allesandro	Gonzalez, Eileen	Markowski, Emily	Sabah, Clinton
Almanza, Ambrianna	Gonzalez, Isaac	Marroquin, Alejandra	Salgado, Crispin
Alvarado, Andrea	Gonzalez, Lesley	Martinez, Edwin	Sanabria, Madeline
Arellano, Kayle	Grieshamer, Ryne	Martinez, Filiberto	Sanabria, Timothy
Arellano, Miklo	Groth, Benjamin	Martinez, Jared	Sanchez, Alexis
Augustynska, Klaudia	Groth, Christopher	Martinez, Samantha	Sanchez, Maria
Bailon, Manuel	Grzelak, Maciej	Martinez, William	Sandoval, Kevin
Bargielowski, Alyssa	Grzman, Katherine	Masso, Chrisjovan	Santana, Mateo
Barjami, Darlene	Hermann, Jack	Masso, Christopher	Scalzo, Louis
Basha, Denio	Horszowski, Mark	Mateo, Melanie	Schlatterer, Elizabeth
Becerril, Francisco	Hoyos, Maria	Matuszak, Anastasia	Shine, Daniel
Becker, William	Hurtado, Pedro	Mendez, Candy	Silva, Angel
Bilkey, Kyrsten	Immordino, Joseph	Mendoza, Emily	Sims, Anthony
Bocanegra, Frankie	James, Michelle	Mendoza, Janice	Skiba, Klaudia
Bosnic, Tyra	Jankowski, Alexandria	Merunowicz, Anna	Skoropad, Klaudia
Bredicean, Estera	Jankowski, Angelica	Michels, Nevaeh	Snyder, Lauren
Brozek, Natalia	Jelonkowska, Aleksandra	Miguel, Ashley	Sokolowska, Kuba
Bujno, Christian	Juarez, Amy	Molnar, Claudia	Soto, Marco
Burke, Amanda	Juarez, Jennifer	Monday, Cristina	Stec, Alexander
Byrne, Rebecca	Kamber, Joseph	Monroy, Emily	Summers, Tyler
Bywalec, Paula	Kamber, Justin	Montalbano, Angelo	Szpakowicz, Nicole
Campuzano, Jazmin	Kania, Mark	Munoz, Maria	Szponder, Sylvia
Casco, Roberto	Kazior, Marguerite	Munoz, Victoria	Tahiraj, Kendrit
Castelan, Jackie	Kells, Alexandra	Neil, Caitlin	Tahiraj, Marion
Chacon, Ashley	Khrawish, Samar	Neil, Meaghan	Torres, Alina
Chaidez, Cristina	King, Emily	Olszewki, Adam	Torres, Nicholas
Ciesla, David	Kondrak, Victoria	O'Toole, Rhianna	Tran, Kim
Contreras, Stephanie	Korniat, Elizabeth	Parker, James	Truchan, Annette
Cordero, Ashley	Koso, Michelle	Parsons, Olivia	Vega, Jessie
Crespo, Elizabeth	Koso, Nikola	Pedroza, Paris	Velniciuc, Aurora
Dado, Ishmaiah	Koso, Michelle	Pena, Cassandra	Ventura, Moses
Deer, Grace	Kostecka, Angelika	Perez	Villaflor, Percy
Deer, Jessica	Kras, Mateusz	Perez, Adrian	Wallace, Nick
Delvillar, Dew	Kulesza, Karolina	Perez, Angel	Wasik, Brittany
Dietrich, Sarah	Kuron, Julia	Petre, Eva	Wasik, Krista
Dziadkowiec, Magda	Kusar, Madeline	Plazas, Lenin	Wawryka, Kinga
Dziedzina, Veronica	Kusar, Margaret	Plucinski, Daniel	Weernink, Katherine
Enamorado, Rebecca	Lambert, Samantha	Plucinski, Matthew	Welch, Emily
Escobar, Alyssa	Lazowskileja, Dominik	Pomales, Aris	Welch, Megan
Esparza, Lillian	Lemanski, Julia	Poshi, Dea	Wilczek, Natalie
Espino, Daniel	Leon, Jennifer	Prince, Tatiana	Wlodarczyk, Peter
Ferrusquia, Adrian	Lesniewski, Mateusz	Pysklo, Karolina	Wojcik, Julia
Flores, Alondra	Lindahl, Mary	Quizhpi, Brenda	Zak, Karolina
Flores, Diana	Lopez, Jocelyn	Ramirez, Aleyka	Zelaya, Mario

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pulaski Day- No School	2	3 ISAT. PPLC meeting.	4 ISAT.	5 ISAT. 8th grade graduation proofs due.	6 Market Day pick-up 9-10 AM.
7 End date for SIPAAA survey.	8 ISAT.	9 ISAT. 8th grade committee meeting.	10 Mid-quarter progress reports.	11	12	13
14	15	16 Evening recital.	17 LSC Meeting.	18	19 NCLB nutrition workshop.	20
21	22	23 Instrumental Concert.	24 	25 Choir Concert.	26 Smyser Spring Pictures. PTO Easter Egg Hunt. 8th grade dance.	27
8th Grade Writing Assessment to be administered beginning this week.						
28	29	30	31			

Spring Vacation
Classes resume Monday, April 5th.