



Downtown School Newsletter

Excellence in Everything!

MARCH 2023

Downtown Families,

This year, students in grades 3rd-8th grade will participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). ELA and Math SBAC assessment will be administered April 24 - May 4. All 3rd-8th students in California are asked to participate. 5th and 8th Grade Science CAST Assessment is March 13-15. During this very important testing period, please ensure that your student(s) are well rested and that they eat a nutritious breakfast either at home or here at school before their school day begins. Also, please be sure that your student(s) arrives at school on time during testing so they won't miss any of the testing period. Please encourage your students to do their very best on these tests and also discuss these **TEST TAKING TIPS** with your students!

California students take several mandated statewide tests. These tests provide parents/guardians, teachers, and educators with information about how well students are learning and becoming college and career ready. The test results may be used for local, state, and federal accountability purposes.

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) tests consist of the following:

Parent Conference Week

March 20-24
Minimum Days

Students dismissed one hour early.



Teachers will be scheduling conferences only for those students who need extra support. If you are not contacted for a parent conference but would like to schedule one, please notify your child's teacher.

- Smarter Balanced Assessment
- Consortium Assessments

The Smarter Balanced computer adaptive assessments are aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics tests are administered in grades three through eight and grade eleven to measure whether students are on track to college and career readiness.

Thank you for helping to ensure that your students are successful on the assessments!

MRS. MCENTIRE



You Can Do This!

TEST-TAKING TIPS

REST zzz
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EAT BREAKFAST

PREPARE know the facts

Use a No. 2 Pencil **FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS**

If you don't know an answer **SKIP IT** come back to it at the end

STEADY PACE BE not too FAST or too SLOW **NEAT**

CHECK YOUR WORK

RELAX do as well as you can!

DOWNTOWN ROCKS



Members from our
Downtown staff,
Superintendent Luque and
our BCSD Trustees
enjoyed a trip to Anaheim
to receive the California
Distinguished Schools
Award.



GO DRAGONS

Academic Events

CONGRATULATIONS!

BCSD Math Bowl

Coach: MS. Riley

Theo Brandon
received 3rd place in
the SUPER STAR
category!



Dexter Kitchen received
2nd place in the
Fantastic Flash
category!



6th Grade Math Bowl Team



Battle of the Books - 3rd Grade

Coach:

Mrs. Langella
3rd place
Virginia
Rodriguez &
Sophia Leon



Academic Events

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 8th Grade Robotics Team competed at the state competition in San Luis on March 5. Their hard work paid off and they received the "**THINK AWARD**" which qualified them to compete at the **WORLD COMPETITION** in Dallas, Texas on April 26-30.

GOOD LUCK TO COACH MAYER AND THE DRAGON ROBOTICS TEAM!

Toni Dethlefsen, Alana Tablit, Jonathan Cruz Boone, Nikki Nicholson, Isaac Ornales, Natalie Rubio, Isaac Subia, Krhystian Beltan (Not Pictured)



Our 7th Grade Robotics Team also competed at the state competition. They did a fantastic job! Eevee Porte, Gavin Frank and Liam Craig.

**WAY TO
GO
DRAGONS!**

3rd Quarter Awards Assemblies

Yay!

March 28

5th-6th Grade @
8:15

1st-2nd Grade @
8:55

3rd-4th Grade @
9:25

March 29

Kindergarten @
8:15



Academic Events

CONGRATULATIONS!

These students will be representing Downtown at the Kern County Science Fair on March 14. Samantha Salazar, Genelie Melecio, Eeve Porte, Gavin Frank, Liam Craig, Lauren Clough, Bailey Murano, and Ashlyn Rodrigue



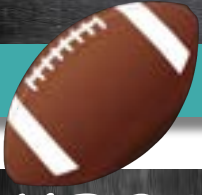
Science Exploratorium

The K-3rd grade Science Exploratorium was beyond **AMAZING!** The families did such a great job with the displays and the students learned so much!



Please click to enjoy the great [video](#) presented as part of Walter Richert's Science Exploratorium project.

SPORTS CORNER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Soccer Finals

March 18 @
9:00-2:00 @
Kern County
Soccer Park



Boys Softball Boys Volleyball Girls Softball

3/14 @ Curran
3/24 @ Mesa
Marin & Stiern
3/30 @ Compton



Mark Your
Calendars! Track
Meets are coming
in March!



Junior High
Track Meet on
March 25

Elementary
Track Meet on
March 27

SPORTS CORNER

Join us for Condors Night





**DOWNTOWN
SCHOOL**
GROUP NIGHT

FRIDAY
MARCH 17 | 7:00P
vs. HENDERSON

SCAN TO BUY
DISCOUNT GROUP TICKETS



MORE INFO: 661.324.PUCK [7825]

Downtown Elementary School's **Night with the Condors** is on Friday, March 17th @ 7:00pm vs. the Henderson Silver Knights. Come watch the Downtown Elementary choir and glee club perform the National Anthem at the game! In addition to the performance, the team will also wear St. Patty's Day themed jerseys which will be auctioned off with proceeds benefiting local charities.

Standard Group Ticket: ONLY \$18!

You can purchase tickets by using the QR code above or click this link:

<https://condors.isportstix.com/order/group/downtown/>

Deadline to purchase tickets is Saturday, March 11th @ 3pm (on-line only)



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Family and Community Engagement

DAAPAC
MARCH 21st
11:00AM - 12:30PM
ED CENTER

SSC
MARCH 16th
2:30PM

DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING
MARCH 28th
6:00PM

Parent Cafe
March 3rd
7:30-9:00 AM

FAMILY CONDOR'S
TICKET SALES
MARCH 3RD - 11TH

Family CONDOR'S Night
MARCH 17TH
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Downtown School loves our parent volunteers! If you would like to be involved, please contact Ms. Susie to sign up. We have lots of opportunities including our morning drop off - Parent Brigade, classroom volunteers, Booster Club, coaching and field trip chaperones.

DOWNTOWN
BOOSTER CLUB
JOG A THON 3/17

RUNNING TIMES:

K - 8:45 - 9:15
3RD - 8:45 - 9:15
1ST - 9:30 - 10:00
2ND - 9:30 - 10:00
4TH + 5TH 10:15 - 10:45
6TH - 8TH 11:00 - 11:30
PLEASE COME AND HELP IF
YOUR'E ABLE.



Family Paint Night
was a blast!

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