

FLOYD DRYDEN EAGLE GAZETTE



From the Desk of the Principal

Standards Based Assessment (SBA) Starts April 6th!

The SBA test period starting April 6th includes Reading, Writing and Math for all students. In addition, our 8th grade students only take a Science SBA. The dates are below.

Please mark the following applicable dates on your calendars to help ensure attendance during all testing days.

Standards Based Assessment
April 6th – Science 8th Grade Only
April 12th – Reading All Grades
April 13th – Writing All Grades
April 14th – Math All Grades

Please challenge your daughter and/or son to beat their scores from

last year. All our kids will be reminded of their scores from last year's testing by their Advisory teachers, then encouraged to increase that score by at least one point. As a school we are discussing how to provide a celebration for all students who beat their previous year's score. **If you do not have last year's SBA report handy and wish to be reminded of your child's score, feel free to email or call your student's Advisory teacher.**

Our students' test results will be known before the end of the school year. You will receive the results, and a copy of the results will be placed in each student's academic folder that follows them to the high school. These test results are considered in future placement decisions and opportunities, so it is

critical that our students are at their best on the testing dates above. Please send them to school each morning with a smile on their face, a full tummy of breakfast, and bright eyed and bushy tailed! If students are sent to school bright eyed and bushy tailed, I promise they will not be made the quarry of a fox hunt!

FDTV News

The morning announcements are broadcast each weekday on channel 6, at 8:30; 10:30; 12:30; and 5:30. You can also watch them on the Floyd Dryden web site <http://www.k12pages.com/fdms/>

School Happenings

Band Concert Success

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade band students gave a wonderful concert at TMHS auditorium March 16th. The Jazz band played and Zeta Hay sang a lovely version of "When I Fall in Love." The 6th grade percussion section played a special drum cadence arranged by Jake Pierce who has helped out our Percussion class immensely! Thanks Jake! It's much more complicated putting on a concert at TMHS but the sound, lighting and percussion instruments are all better. The parents also enjoyed being in the comfortable seats of the auditorium. Thanks to the parents for helping during the set-up and break-down as well as the bake sale. Our next concert will be May 10th at FDMS gym.

Two Students Win Sitka Fine Arts Scholarship

Ravencloud Hall and Zachary Heywood have each won full tuition scholarships (\$1200 each!) to this summer's Sitka Fine Arts Camp.

Ravencloud, who plays flute in band and saxophone in Jazz Band, and Zach, who plays trumpet in band and Jazz Band, each had to write an essay explaining what playing in a jazz band meant to them as well as aspirations they had for a future that included jazz band. The scholarships are the generous gift of Ron and Kathy Maas of Juneau, who started it last year. Only 4 applications are chosen. Congratulations Ravencloud and Zach!!

Fiddler on the Roof

The cast of Fiddler on the Roof has been rehearsing diligently and they sound great. Choir parents should stay alert to upcoming rehearsals as our May 4/5 performances approach. ***Students in 7th and 8th grade choir will all be required to rehearse daily after school from 3-4:30 in the 2 weeks prior to the performance (April 18-May 3).*** This is essential for us to get the show ready. Finally, we will be needing many parent volunteers to help

with sets, costumes, chaperoning kids, etc. Stay tuned and lend a hand! That's the only way to have a strong, successful program like this. Thanks for your help ahead of time!

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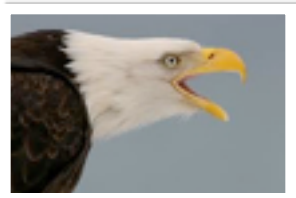
Culture Club

Greetings from Floyd Dryden Culture Club. There are two Indian Studies Program Parent Board meetings left this year. They are on April 18th and May 23rd and are located at Marie Drake on the Second floor in room 311. For more information call 523-1737. All parents of native students are encouraged to attend.

Gunalcheesh!

Track and Field Season

The Track and Field season begins the second week in April. Watch for sign up information.



Did you know...

8th Grade Dance Committee

Hello Parents!

This year's annual 8th Grade Dance will take place on Saturday, May 21st. It is a very special event for our 8th graders and it cannot happen without your help!

Please join us for the April planning meetings on the 13th and 27th at 5:30 to 6:30pm. The meetings will be kept to under an hour. We will be meeting in the art room at Floyd Dryden. To get to the art room go past the office to the back hall and turn right. The art room is at the end of that hall.

If you are interested in helping out, but can't attend a meeting, please send your contact information to...

creativation@ak.net or call Melissa McCormick at 790-3949

deniseguizio@yahoo.com or call Denise Guizio at 321-3533

Attendance Hotline

If your student is going to be absent please call the Attendance Hotline at 463-1809 available 24 hours a day

Library Evening

The Dryden library is open on Thursday evenings, from 6:00 to 7:30. All are welcome! Please use the back door. On April 14th we'll celebrate the end of the SBA's with a Connect 4 Tournament.

As always, families are welcome!

Guest Artist, Roblin Davis, Teaches at FDMS

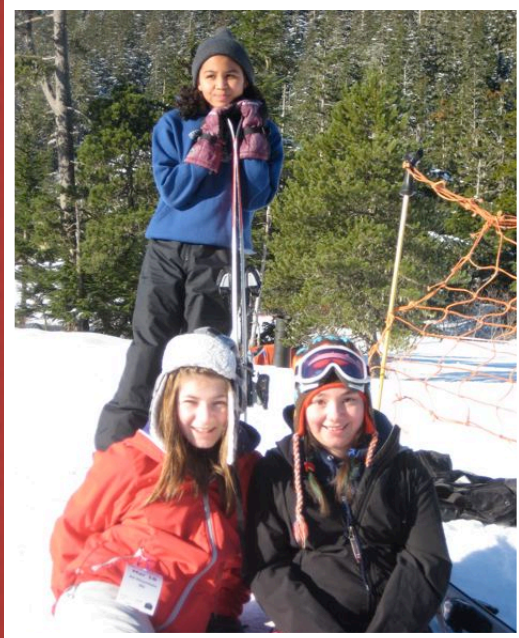
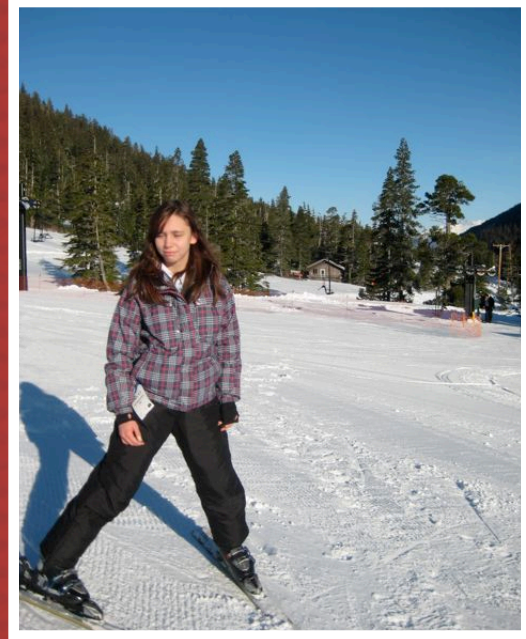
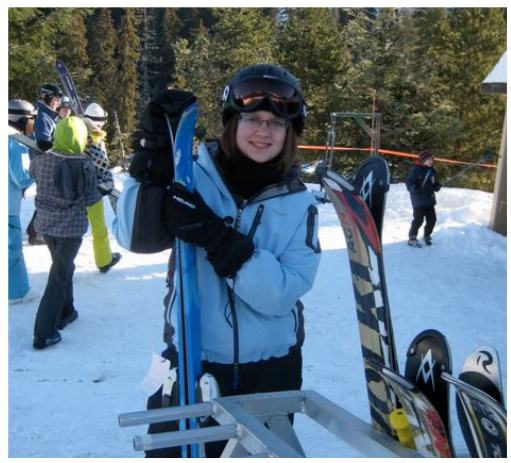
For two weeks in March, Roblin Davis, a local actor and theatre teacher, worked extensively with FDMS students, teaching them exercises and games to spark creativity, build confidence, and interact positively. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 took time in their classes to move, imagine, create and play in ways that are not only fun but are proven to make kids

better creative problem solvers....the very skills the global workplace has identified as the most important for kids to have going into the future. Most of the activities had to do with imagining a sound, movement or activity and presenting it to a partner or class. The class or partner then had to respond, interact or embellish the original idea. Students laughed a lot and creativity, something our Floyd Dryden kids have got plenty of, was abundant! Thank you to Roblin Davis, Juneau Arts and Humanities Council as well as Mr. Milliron and Ms. Vallie for making this possible.

Bike Safety

Students please remember when riding a bike to school to always wear a helmet and use the crosswalk to cross the street. Also, remember that a good padlock will keep your bike safe here at school during the school day. Be safe on your way to and from school.

GRIZZLY TEAM TRIP TO EAGLECREST



Each year Floyd Dryden students are invited to participate in the Eaglecrest learn to ski or snowboard program. Whether it's a first time beginner or a seasoned rider, every student is given the opportunity to spend two days up on the mountain taking advantage of all that Eaglecrest has to offer.

8TH GRADE DANCE AND CELEBRATION

Everything 8th graders & parents need to know!

What: A party to celebrate the end of middle school! A chance to spend a fun evening with your classmates before moving on to high school.

When: Saturday, May 21st from 7:00 – 10:30 pm

Where: FLOYD DRYDEN GYM...like you've never seen it before!

Who: Floyd Dryden 8th grade students only!

What do we wear? Come as you are, from regular school clothes to as dressy as you want!

Do I need a date? Absolutely NOT, come with your friends in a group or meet them there, come and have fun!!!!

What does it cost? NOTHING! There is no cost to students. Just come and celebrate.

There will be GREAT fun with food, prizes, music, dancing, photos and MORE!

Don't miss this one time event!

PARENTS!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

You can help in many ways - donations of time, talent, money, and food!!!

The 8th Grade Dance is funded and chaperoned by parents, the FDMS Parent Group, the 8th grade committee and the community.

Please plan to join us at the following dance committee meetings:

April 13th and April 27th

5:30 - 6:30 pm

in the FD art room.

Top Ten Test-Taking Tips for Students

1. **Have a Positive Attitude**

Approach the big test as you'd approach a giant jigsaw puzzle. It might be tough, but you can do it! A positive attitude goes a long way toward success. The SBA is a very important test, but there is no reason to stress out about it. It is a "snapshot" of what you know on that date. Make your "snapshot" pretty.

2. **Make a Plan**

The week before the test, begin to prepare yourself for it. Make a list of the most important topics to be covered and use that as a guide when you study. Circle items that you know will require extra time. Be sure to plan extra time to study the most challenging topics. If you are thinking about starting a new routine or diet, wait until after the test.

3. **The Night Before**

Cramming doesn't work. If you've followed a study plan, the night before the test you should do a quick review and get to bed early. Your brain and body need sleep to function well, so don't stay up late!

4. **The Morning of the Test**

Did you know that you think better when you have a full stomach? So don't skip breakfast the morning of the test. Do not sleep in on test days (even if you're used to sleeping in). Waking up early gets your brain turned on and tuned up. Peanut butter and Omega-3 fatty acids found in fish help to keep your brain active and awake.

5. **Test Time**

Read the instructions! You want to make sure you are marking answers correctly. Answer every question and never skip over one. If you do not know the answer, make your best guess and then circle the number lightly so you can come back to it later.

6. **Manage Your Time**

Scan through the test quickly before starting. Figure out how much time you should spend per page. Save a little more time for the hard stuff and the written portions. If you are given a page and a half for writing a story about your favorite place in the world, then your story should be more than one page long with a beginning, middle, end, and supporting details.

7. **I'm Stuck!**

Those tricky problems can knock you off balance. Don't get worried or frustrated. Reread the question to make sure you understand it, and then try to solve it the best way you know how. Take a guess, then circle it and move on. You can come back to it later.

8. **Multiple-Choice Questions**

The process of elimination can help you choose the correct answer in a multiple-choice question. Start by crossing off the answers that couldn't be right. Then spend your time focusing on the possible correct choices before selecting your answer.

9. **Neatness Counts**

If your 4s look like 9s, it could be a problem. Be sure that your writing is legible and that you erase your mistakes. For machine-scored tests, fill in the spaces carefully. Use your best handwriting and make sure that each sentence has capitalization and end punctuation. If you are not sure how to spell a certain word, use another word that you know how to spell and means the same thing.

10. **I'm Done!**

Not so fast - when you complete the last item on the test, remember that you're not done yet. Take your time! The first person done is rarely the person with the highest score. If you rush through it, you will make mistakes. Check the clock and go back to review your answers, making sure that you didn't make any careless mistakes (such as putting the right answer in the wrong place or skipping a question). Do NOT tell your teacher that you are finished until after you have thoroughly reviewed it. Erase any circles that you used to mark hard problems.

JUNEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT 2011-2012 School Calendar

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Early Release Mondays

Sept. 12, 26 Jan. 9, 23 May 14	Oct. 10, 24 Feb. 13, 27	Nov. 14, 28 Mar. 12, 26	Dec. 12 Apr. 9, 23
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August

- 18, 19 Teacher Professional Development (No Student or Staff Attendance)
- 22 Teacher and Support Staff Work Day (No Student Attendance)
- 23 **First Day of Classes, 1-12**
- 29 First Day of Classes, Kindergarten
- 30 First Day of Classes, Pre-K

September

- 5 Labor Day (Holiday) (No Student or Staff Attendance)
- 29, 30 Middle and High School Parent Conferences (No Student Attendance)

October

- 4, 5, 6 State Required High School Graduation Qualifying Exam, Retakes
- 17, 18 All Staff Professional Development • Alaska State Literacy Conference here (No Student Attendance)
- 18 Alaska Day (Holiday) (Support Staff Off) (No Student Attendance)
- 28 End of First Quarter, Middle and High School

November

- 11 Veterans' Day (Holiday) (No Student or Staff Attendance)
- 18 End of First Trimester, Elementary
- 21 Elementary Teacher Work Day (Elementary Students Do Not Attend)
- 22, 23 Elementary Parent Conferences (Elementary Students Do Not Attend)
- 24, 25 Thanksgiving (Holiday) (No Student or Staff Attendance)

December

- 19-30 **Winter Break**

January

- 2 New Year's (Holiday) (No Student or Staff Attendance)
- 3 **Classes Resume**
- 13 End of First Semester/Second Quarter, Middle and High School
- 16 Martin Luther King Day (Holiday) (No Student or Staff Attendance)
- 31 State Required TerraNova Test, grades 5 & 7

February

- 1, 2 State Required TerraNova Test, grades 5 & 7
- 16 Elizabeth Peratrovich Day
- 17 End of Second Trimester, Elementary
- 20 President's Day (Holiday) (No Student or Staff Attendance)
- 21, 22 Parent Conferences: All Schools (No Student Attendance)

March

- 16 End of Third Quarter, Middle and High School
- 19-23 **Spring Break**
- 26 **Classes Resume**

April

- 3, 4, 5 State Required High School Graduation Qualifying Exam, grade 10
- 3, 4, 5 State Required Standards Based Assessment - Reading, Writing, Math, grade 9
- 4 State Required Standards Based Assessment - Science, grades 4 & 8
- 6 State Required Standards Based Assessment - Science, grade 10
- 10, 11, 12 State Required Standards Based Assessment - Reading, Writing, Math, grades 3-8
- 30 All Staff Professional Development (No Student Attendance)

May

- 27 **High School Graduation Ceremonies Held; Times Vary.**
- 28 Memorial Day (Holiday) (No Student or Staff Attendance)
- 30 **Classes End • Middle and High School**
- 31 Teacher Work Day • Middle and High School Teachers
- 31 **Classes End • Elementary**

June

- 1 Teacher Work Day • All Teachers

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Professional Development or Staff Work Days	Quarter End Dates (Secondary)
Parent Conferences	Trimester End Dates (Elementary)
Breaks—Winter & Spring	Holiday (No Student Attendance)
Early Release Mondays	

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Floyd Dryden Upcoming Events

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| April 4 | Site Council in library @ 5:00
PTO in library @ 6:00 |
| April 8 | Weekender 3:30 - 5:00 Fundraiser for
8 th Grade Dance |
| April 8 & 9 | Volleyball A and B Tournament @
DHMS |
| April 10 | Band Concert 6:30 @ FDMS 6 th , 7 th
and 8 th Grade |
| April 11 | Early Release @ 2:00 |
| April 12 | Orchestra Concert 6:30 @ FDMS 6 th ,
7 th and 8 th Grade |
| April 12 | Track and Field Begins |
| April 12-14 | SBA Tests – Standard Based
Assessment for grades 3-8 |
| April 18 | Choir Concert 6:30 @ FDMS 6 th , 7 th
and 8 th Grade |
| April 25 | All Staff Inservice - No student
Attendance |
| April 28 | Track Meet 3:30 @ FDMS |
| May 2 | 5 th Grade Parent Open House in
library @ 5:00 PM |
| May 3 & 4 | Fiddler on the Roof Musical
Performance 7:00 @ THMS |
| May 5 | Track Meet 3:30 @ FDMS |
| May 9 | Early Release @ 2:00 |
| May 12 | Final Track Meet 3:30 @ FDMS |
| May 21 | 8 th Grade Dance in gym @ 7:00 –
10:30 PM |
| May 26 | Last Day of School |

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