



Panther Press

April 2022

MESSAGE FROM MRS. BERRY

**Spartanburg School District Three:
Elementary School End-of-Year
Testing Calendar 2021-22**

Test	Grade Level	Test Dates
MAP Spring	Grades 5K-5 ELA and Math	Apr. 12-29
SC READY	Grade 3 ELA	May 3 - ELA Day 1 May 4 - ELA Day 2
SC READY	Grades 3-5 Math	May 5
SC READY	Grades 4-5 ELA	May 11 - ELA Day 1 May 12 - ELA Day 2
SC PASS	Grade 4 Science	May 13
SC READY Field Test	Grades 3-8 ELA TDA	May 17

We are excited to continue our annual Awards Day programs this year. A schedule for your advanced planning will be coming soon.

With Panther Pride,

Allison Berry, Principal

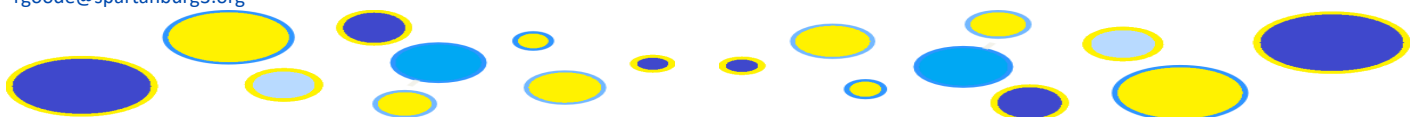
COUNSELOR'S CORNER—MRS. STEPHENSON

Our character word for the month of April is **Optimism**. Optimism means having a positive attitude, seeing the bright side of a situation, and expecting good things. Please encourage your child to show optimism inside and outside of school this month. In classroom guidance lessons this month, we will be focusing on testing anxiety in preparation for end of the year testing.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 4-8 - Spring Break
- 14—Class Pictures
- 15—Good Friday
- 18-22—District Accreditation Review
- 19—MAP Reading test 3rd-5th
- 19—PTO Board Meeting- 5:30pm
- 20—MAP Math test 3rd-5th
- 25—Interims sent home
- 25—MAP Reding test 5K-2nd
- 27—MAP Math test 5K-2nd
- 27—Administrative Professional Day
- 27—5th grade students tour Clifdale Middle School 9:00-10:00
- 28—5th grade parent orientation at Clifdale Middle- 6:00pm

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ART—MRS. SLOAN

Katie Larson is the Artist of the Month! Katie is in the 4th grade and she made a painting inspired by Japanese cherry blossom trees. She even included the Japanese character for Spring.



MUSIC—MS. LEE





In April the 4k and 5k students will be learning to sing spring songs about all the growing life around them. The 1st and 2nd graders will begin learning about the instrument families, strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion. The 3rd graders will begin applying everything they have learned about the treble clef to playing instruments. The 4th graders will continue practicing their recorders and passing off belts in Recorder Karate. Finally, the 5th graders will begin learning the ukulele.

PE—COACH RIDINGS

3-5th grade students have been focusing on their cardiovascular endurance by participating in a track challenge to see how fast they can accomplish a mile. This has been preparing them for FitnessGram testing that will be done in April. The FitnessGram test their cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength/endurance, and flexibility. After FitnessGram testing, students will start their softball unit focusing on throwing, catching, batting, and offensive/defensive strategies. K-2nd grade students will start their overhand tossing unit.

LIBRARY—MRS. PISA

National Library Week was April 3rd through the 9th. Celebrate by taking your child to the public library and signing them up for their very own library card. It's free and will open a whole new world for them!

	<p><u>Look in a Book</u></p> <p>Look in a book And you will see Words and magic And mystery.</p>	
	<p>Look in a book And you will find Sense and nonsense Of every kind.</p>	
	<p>Look in a book And you will know All the things That can help you grow.</p>	

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