

Friday Update, May 3, 2024

Good evening Sulphur Springs Families and staff, this is Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, your Superintendent with your Friday update, May 3, 2024.



VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is that all SSUSD students should have equitable access to an enriched learning experience that offers them a competitive advantage to pursue their objectives for college, careers, and active civic participation.



The CLASS Education Foundation supports our District students by:

- providing financial and community resources to support students of the Sulphur Springs Union School District to enhance and promote educational excellence, equity, and enrichment.

The CLASS Education Foundation Board members would like to receive input from families to assist with three priority areas the Education Foundation focuses on to support students to further their academic achievement in school:

- **Creativity, Innovation, Wellness**

The Board members would like to ask families to complete a short survey. The CLASS Education Foundation is working to assure they are providing support in the priority areas that are important to our students and families.

In the past several years, the CLASS Education Foundation has completed the following in these three priority areas:

- Creativity: the Education Foundation has supported the District's music program by providing funding for Ukuleles for 4th grade students across the District.
- Innovation: the Education Foundation provided grants for teachers who are implementing innovative STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) projects in their classrooms.
- Wellness: the Education Foundation has provided workshops for families regarding different areas of wellness and social-emotional support.

Please complete the survey by clicking on the link below:

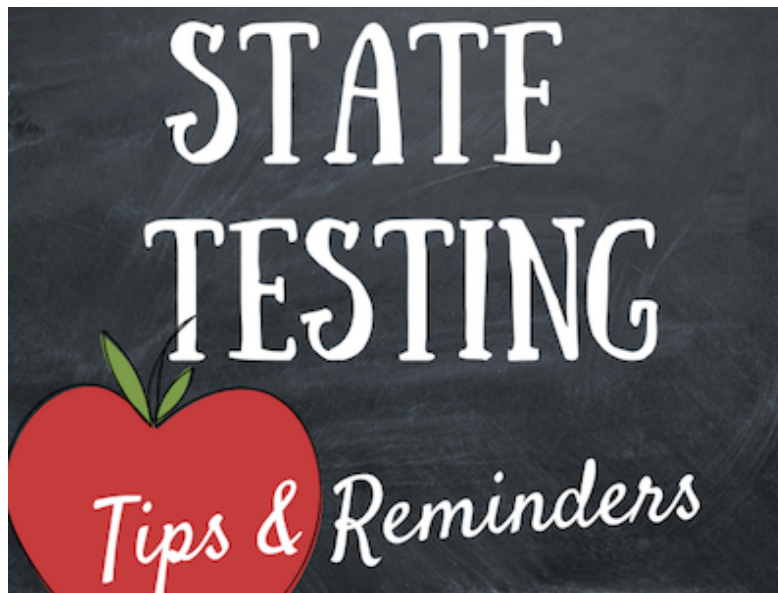
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MISSION STATEMENT

To achieve its vision, the Foundation will lead a community-wide partnership supporting educational excellence to achieve a well rounded innovative learning experience for all.



For more information about the District's CLASS Education Foundation, please click [HERE](#).



Students in grades 3rd through 6th will take the state assessments in English Language Arts, mathematics and science (5th grade only) during the month of May. Please see the important reminders below to support your child.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

1. **Encouragement:** Offer your child words of encouragement and support. Let them know that you believe in their abilities and that you're proud of their efforts, regardless of the outcome.
2. **Stay Positive:** Try to maintain a positive attitude about the testing process. Remind your child that it's an opportunity to show what they've learned and to practice important skills like focus and perseverance.
3. **Healthy Habits:** Encourage your child to get plenty of rest leading up to the test days and to eat a healthy breakfast. A well-rested and nourished mind is better equipped to perform at its best.
4. **Perspective:** Help your child keep things in perspective. Tests are important, but they're not the only measure of success. Emphasize the value of learning for its own sake and the growth that comes from facing challenges.

5. **Open Communication:** Keep the lines of communication open with your child's teachers. They can provide additional support and resources to help your child prepare for the tests.

Always remember that if you have any questions about the state test, please contact your child's teacher or principal. They will be happy to answer questions and support your child.



Educational Partner Meetings

I will be hosting Parent/Guardian Informational/Input Meetings regarding the District's proposed Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2024-2025 school year on **May 6th at 6:00 PM**. The Zoom link to join these meetings can be found on the District's [website](#). The District's LCAP outlines to parents and staff how the District intends to meet its annual goals and actions for all students, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom!

Wishing you and your family a wonderful weekend. Thank you.

