

The SMASHing Friday Letter



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March 10, 2017



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 12 AT 2:00AM

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

Dear SMASH 3rd-8th Grade Families:

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP is the state academic testing program. CAASPP assessments include computer adaptive tests in English-language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics for students in grades 3-8 and 11. There is also a pilot of a computerized California Science Test for 2016-17 for students in grades 5,8, and 10.

Our CAASPP testing at SMASH that produces individual student score reports that are reviewed by the state and shared with our staff and parents will take place May 1- May 12, 2017.

In order to introduce students to the testing format and tools and start informing your family about what the May formal testing entails, Core 2-3-4 teachers will proctor one non-reported section of the test called a CAASPP Interim Assessment Block (IAB). **This one section of non-reported practice testing (IAB) for our 3rd-8th graders will take place on Wednesday, March 22 at 8:30am.**

To learn about the types of questions on the computer-based test, you and your child can view the practice test online at the California Department of Education (CDE) Smarter Balance Practice Test Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>. Leave the login as “guest” “guest”, select a grade level, and then try out the “practice” and “training” tests for both the performance task and the computer adaptive sections (Note: the CAA—California Alternative Assessment is something different).

I will send out instructions for opting out and the detailed day/hour schedule for May 1-12 formal testing in another Friday Letter. If you have any other questions regarding CAASPP, please contact Jessica Rische at irishe@smmusd.org or (310) 396-2640. If you would like more information on CAASPP, please visit the Parent/Student tab of the California Department of Education (CDE) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>.

Jessica

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed, Mar 15 - PTSA Mtg. 8:00am executive mtg, 8:30am general mtg

Fri, Mar 17 - 3:00pm -deadline for SMASH lottery applications

Spring Break - April 3 - 14

IMPORTANT REMINDER

We have been instructed by the **Public Health Department** to send home all students complaining of nausea. Because it is difficult for children to identify the feeling of nausea, we will send home students complaining of a stomachache.

If you child develops **VOMITING OR DIARRHEA OR FEVER YOUR CHILD MUST STAY HOME FOR 48**

HOURS AFTER THE LAST TIME THEY HAVE VOMITING OR DIARRHEA OR FEVER. *Many times, the vomiting or diarrhea only occurs once or twice, and the child feels better.* It is difficult to stay home for 48 when you feel good (children and adults)! If your child does not develop vomiting or diarrhea or fever, your child may return to school the next day. **PLEASE** do not send your child to school if they complain of a stomachache or nausea.

CORE 1 NEWS

Parent and Teacher Conferences

We've enjoyed sitting down to celebrate your children's growth with you. This is our final conference of the year. Please contact your child's Workshop Teacher if you have concerns about your child's progress. We would be happy to meet with you again before the end of the year.

Library Books

Diane is requesting that we look in our homes for school library books. Let's make an effort to return them before Spring Break.

Lost and Found

Clothes that are not labeled are hanging from the hooks outside Chrysta's room on the small yard. Please take a moment to look for missing articles. The children may not recognize the clothes as theirs. Clothes left on the Big Yard can be found on the hooks near the lunch area bathrooms. Other lost items may be in the office with Janice.

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 13: Drama with Kristy: The children will begin building characters through costume/makeup. If you have fabric or new face paints to donate, please drop it off in the Studio on the table.

Wednesday, March 15: Mentors will have a publishing party during Morning Meeting from 8:40-9:15. They would love for parents to join them.

Thursday, March 16: Please bring Leprechaun traps to school ON THIS DAY. If they arrive on Saint Patrick's Day, your child will miss out on the opportunity to catch a Leprechaun. As always, this is an optional at home project.

Friday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day: Swing by in the morning to see if anyone caught a Leprechaun.

Friday, March 24: School Spirit Day: TBD We will send an e-mail after Student Council meets to plan the day.

Wednesday, March 29: Lower School "Mathfulness" Morning Meeting, 8:30am-9:15am. Join in in workshop groups for a math-filled morning! (Note: The correct date is March 29, not 28)

Spring Break: April 3-14

New Date: C1 Field Trip to the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium has been POSTPONED to Tuesday, May 2.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Stay Healthy!

Graciela, Chrysta, Christian
Alex, Juana, Marcus, Nadja, Tony

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CORE 2 NEWS

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR S.T.E.A.M. PROJECT

By now all students have selected the animal they will study, build to scale, represent one of the anatomical systems, and make it move. Here is the list of choices:

Taco Cats

Blythe - Red Tail Hawk
Brando - Red Panda
Catherine - Greater Blue Rings Octopus
Clint - White Tip Sugarglider
Dashiell - Water Stritter
Demi - Crab Eating Monkey
Elleri - Sea Otter
Emi - Gray Jay
Frances - Lion
Holden - Beaver
Hope - Red Neck Wallaby
Julia - Cheetah
Kevin - Bengal Tiger
Kobi - Red Brown Sugar Glider
Lucia - North American Deer
Malorie - Red Tailed Fossa
Razz - Dragonfly
Ryan - Northern Koala
Savannah - Savannah Cat
Seamus - Northern Koala
Stella - Woolly Bear Caterpillar
Sydney - Leopard
Teagan - Woolly Bear Caterpillar
Theo - Nudibranch
Xander -

Jalapeños

Aliya - Grizzly Bear
Archer - Hummingbird
Avey - Cheetah
Brianna - Tardigrade
Carla - Beaver
Dasha - Sea Otter
Dean - Siberian Husky
Eli - Soudan Pangolin
Ella - Giraffe
Emma - Hedgehog
Evan - Koala
Finley - Siberian Husky
Gabrielle - Bengal Tiger
Isla - Shetland Pony
Jack - Crab Eating Fox
Jordan - Koala
Jude - Field Mouse
Lia - Sea Otter
Lucy - Hooded Merganser
Marco - Cheetah
Max - Red Panda
Sadie - Eastern Chipmunk
Sahar - Mortal Jellyfish
Simone - Falabella Horse
Steele - Red Fox

In class we have been sketching in detail from every perspective to deepen our understanding of the animal's anatomy and range of motion.

At the moment the biggest need is resources for research, such as books, documentaries, short videos, photographs. For this week please support your child in gathering outside resources for research. Specifics the students need to research: THANK YOU for your support in our learning! Whatever resources you find please share them with us at school for our work.

HABITAT -

- Where does the animal live?
- Is the animal a producer or a consumer?
- What is it's prey?/foodsource
- What is the water source?

ANATOMY -

- What is the average length?
- What is the average weight?
- What is the average height?
- What system are you going to represent?

ADAPTATIONS -

- What are its adaptations?
- How are the adaptations unique?
- Which one will you represent for your project?

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed, March 29 - 8:30-9:15am

Friday, March 31

Monday, April 3 – Friday, April 14

Cores 1 & 2 Mathfulness Open House

Last day of classes before Spring Break - Field Day

Spring Break

Don't forget to check out our Core 2 website! <https://sites.google.com/a/smmk12.org/smash---core-2/>

PARENTS - PLEASE READ JESSICA'S FRONT PAGE LETTER REGARDING STATE TESTING.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Alejandra, Alex, and Sarah

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CORE 3 NEWS

LITERACY

This week we launched ESSAY BOOTCAMP, a training in essay writing, using Persuasive Essay techniques. We will follow the writing process and focus on the following skills- writing a thesis statement, showing evidence using a variety of sources (personal stories, data/statistics, quotes), addressing counter points and rebuttals, and writing strong beginnings and endings. Our goal is to be completed by Spring Break.

MATH

Core 3 and Core 4 will be hosting a “**Mathfulness**” Morning on Friday, March 24 from 8:30-9:15am. Each grade will be sharing some typical classroom practices for math-games, warm-ups, and lessons. 5th grade will have game materials available to take home after the session. Parents are welcome to visit **any** of the Core 3 and Core 4 classrooms during this time. This is a great opportunity to see what is currently happening in your child’s math class, as well as what is ahead for them in the upcoming years at SMASH. At **9:20am**, Erin will be hosting a debrief for parents to take a closer look at curriculum and have their questions answered. We hope to see you there!

SOCIAL STUDIES

We continue to gather information and take notes about our focus country. This is an important part of the process as we are focusing on reliable sources, paraphrasing important information, and overall organization of facts. When this phase is complete, we will move into drafting our final books. The students are following the same fiction writing process for non-fiction writing (brainstorm, choose, plan, draft, revise, edit, publish). Our final share for this project will be in May.

CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating the upcoming arrival of Jayme's baby on Friday, March 17 at 11:45am. The students will be making cards and sharing their baby-raising advice. We welcome parents to join us! Erin will be collecting donations from families who would like to help purchase a double stroller for Jayme and her family. If you would like to bring celebratory food for this event, please contact Erin for specifics on how we will go about this in a safe and sanitary manner.

Jayme’s last day for this school year is Wednesday, March 29. Mimi will be joining the Core 3 team from March 30 until the end of the school year.

BALLROOM DANCING

5th graders having been working hard to learn all different dances-Tango, Swing, Rhumba, and many more! They are making great progress and their teacher, Bill, has been impressed with how focused our 5th graders have been. We will be showcasing our new dances on Thursday, March 30 at 8:30am. The students are being asked to dress up for this event. Suggestions include black pants and white shirts for leaders and skirts/dresses for followers. **ALL** dancers are asked to wear appropriate shoes for dancing- no UGGS, sandals, high heels, etc. We hope that you can all join us... hint, hint-you may be asked to dance too, so be ready!

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, March 15	LA Zoo trip (pending district norovirus rules)
Friday, March 17 - 11:45am	Jayme’s Baby Shower in Core 3
Friday, March 24 - 8:30-9:15am	Mathfulness Morning in Core 3/4
Thursday, March 30 - 8:30am	5 th Grade Ballroom Dancing Show

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5th Grade Families - Core 3’s overnight trip for next year is AstroCamp!

The trip is 3 days long and the total cost per student is \$350. We ask that families donate half the amount as a deposit for the full amount by May 22. The remainder of the balance will be due by October 2, 2017.

6th Grade Families - CORE 4’s overnight trip for next year (January 2018) is Yosemite!

It is a 6 day/5 night trip. The price includes transportation, lodging, meals, and outdoor educators. The total cost per student is \$670. We ask families to donate half as a deposit or the full amount on May 22, 2017 so we are able to secure our spot. The remainder of the balance will be due October 2, 2017.

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CORE 4 NEWS

Upcoming Events:

-Upper School Mathfulness Open House! Please join us as we engage in math games, strategies, and problems. FRIDAY MARCH 24, 8:30-9:15. Fluid movement between Core 3 and 4. Debrief with Erin at 9:20 in Erin's room.

7th Grade Families - CORE 4's overnight trip for next year (January 2018) is Yosemite! It is a 6 day/5 night trip. The price includes, transportation, lodging, meals, and outdoor educators. The total cost per student is \$670. We ask families to donate half as a deposit or the full amount on May 22, 2017 so we are able to secure our spot. The remainder of the balance will be due on October 2, 2017.

Math

Core 7: We have learned different strategies to help us solve probability problems. The Unit test will be on Tuesday.

Algebra: We are continuing to learn about exponents and square roots.

Core 8: We are continuing to learn how to apply the Pythagorean theorem to different situations.

Science: We continued learning about molecules and density. We also had a great field science day with Heal the Bay aquarium on March 7th. The students

PLTW: We finished and raced our small tethered rovers.

History: We continued to work on our projects researching our topic so we know about it, what came before it and it's affect on history. We also looked at how to plan for a good speech.

English: We continued talking about *To Kill A Mockingbird* and the meat of the book which happens with Tom Robinson's court case and how its events affect Scout and the people of Maycomb.

Core 4 General Info Site: <https://padlet.com/smashcore4/information>

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SMASH Bash

Still spots available! Please drop by the office and check out the Bash binder or email mmccarthy314@gmail.com

Kids (for 7th graders Only)	Backyard Movie Night	Attention 7th graders! Bundle up for outdoor movie fun at this fundraiser for the Class of 2018 graduation celebration. Admission includes pizza, popcorn, treats, and a raffle ticket for a \$25 Amazon gift card!	Rio Wagabaza & Family	Fri March 10 6:30pm-9:30pm	\$25/ child
Family	Volleyball Clinic	No matter your LEVEL, this small group session will advance your playing! Beach volleyball legend, Olympian and Santa Monica native, Sinjin Smith, along with Crescent Beach Volleyball Club & Camps will provide world class instruction. Learn from an elite coaching staff to apply proven techniques for improving skills. And we have loads of fun doing it.	Sergio Lira & Dennis Marlow	Sun March 19 11am-1pm	\$25/ player
Adults	Tour through Spain Tasting	3 Spots left! Join us as we explore the flavors and beverages of the Spanish countryside. Tapas anyone?	Michon Herman & Molly Lague	Sat March 25 7pm	\$40/ person \$75/ couple

AUCTION ITEMS WANTED!!!

The SMASH Auction is back! And we need STUFF!

- **Do you run a business or work for one?**
If so, PLEASE consider donating merchandise or services!
- **Does your child take classes around town? Or do you frequent local stores and restaurants?**
Then PLEASE use the donation form (below, or the fillable form we emailed home) and ask them to make a donation.

REMEMBER: Businesses receive a **TAX DEDUCTION** for their contribution.

PLUS, they get new customers AND free publicity ... so it's a win-win for everyone!

Key items/services that tend to sell well in an auction are:

- * Vacation Rentals (Close by OR far away!)
- * Set Visits or Coffee w/a Celeb
- * Restaurant Certificates
- * Spa, Hair and Nail Certificates
- * Kids' Classes (Music, Dance, Sports, Tutoring, etc)
- * Tickets to Sporting Events, Fun Activities, and Shows
- * Unique Experiences & VIP Treatments
- * Decorative Baskets of Food, Beauty Supplies, etc.



This year, we will be hosting both an "**Online Auction**" (on Bidding for Good) AS WELL AS a **Silent & Live auction at SuperSMASH** (our annual family carnival). So the more items we have to auction, the more money we'll earn for our school!

If you have any questions OR want to join the Auction Committee, please contact Auction Co-Chairs Marni Ayers-Brady and Stacey Stewart at SMASHauctions@gmail.com.



Ride the wave of the future

2017 AUCTION DONATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY April 24, 2017 for Inclusion in the SMASH Auction Catalog

ONLINE AUCTION: May 2 - May 15, 2017 via BiddingForGood.Com
LIVE AUCTION: May 13, 2017 * SuperSMASH Carnival * SMASH Campus, Santa Monica, CA

Please check one. Are you the:

- DONOR?** (Are you donating the item?)
- SOLICITOR?** (Did you solicit the donation from another person or business?)

SMASH Family who *SOLICITED* donation (if applicable) _____ Email _____

ITEM/SERVICE DONATED: _____ **QUANTITY:** _____

- Merchandise
- Gift Certificate
- Tickets
- Other

DESCRIPTION OF DONATION: (Please be as specific as possible including size, color, etc.)

Estimated Value Of Item: _____

Restrictions (if any) _____ **Exp. Date (if any):** _____

NOTE: Your donation may be auctioned at the LIVE event OR on BiddingForGood.com. Do we have your permission to list it online (for maximum exposure)? YES NO, LIVE AUCTION ONLY

Please check one:

- Item attached/delivered
- Item emailed
- PICK UP REQUIRED
- Donor to deliver or mail item (Estimated Date: _____)
- Solicitor to deliver or mail item (Estimated Date: _____)
- Make GIFT CERTIFICATE for me

DONOR INFO (How the DONOR/BUSINESS would like to be listed in our catalog and/or online)

Business/Company/Service _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Contact Name _____ Phone: _____

EMAIL: _____ Website: _____

Please send auction items (or arrange for pickup) by 04/24/2017 to: SMASHAuctions@gmail.com or deliver to: SMASH CAMPUS (ATTN: AUCTION CHAIR) 2525 5th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405
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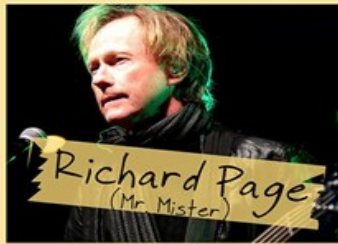
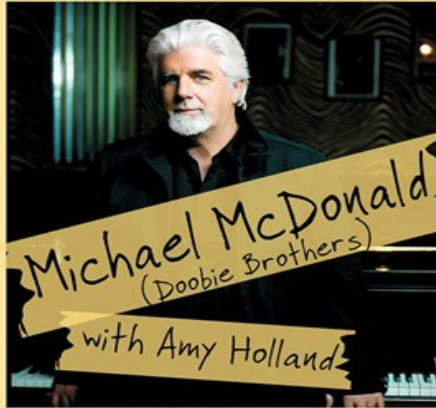
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The Greg Coote Concert For The Arts

Barnum Hall, Santa Monica High School

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Doors: 6pm Showtime: 7pm



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Great music for a great cause! Support the arts in our schools!
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Congratulations to Malibu High School student Joshua Park, who designed this year's concert poster! Thank you to Carla Bowman-Smith, MHS Digital Design teacher, for leading the poster project.

Cynthia Fox of 100.3 The Sound returns as our charming emcee. This evening will be unforgettable and proceeds benefit arts programs at every school in our district next year!

Want a sneak peek of what the Ed Foundation's Greg Coote Concert For The Arts will be Saturday, March 11? Check out this [new video](#) about the show from concert partners Artists for the Arts Foundation!



The Samohi Jazz Bands

-Presents a Master Class with Jazz Legend –

ARTURO SANDOVAL



Wednesday, March 22nd 2017

4-5:30 PM

Barnum Hall

Santa Monica High School

601 Olympic Blvd, Santa Monica, 90404

Students can be dropped off/picked up at the 7th and Michigan gate.