

# Notes from North

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## Upcoming Assessments

- March 14-15 Maryland Integrated Science Assessment for grade 5 only
- April 24 - PARCC begins

We ask that you please consider these dates when scheduling appointments.

## Parent PARCC Assessment Information

This is the state assessment that all 3rd through 8th grade Maryland students will take this spring. Below are some websites that parents can visit to learn more about the PARCC assessment.

\*<http://parconline.org/resources/parent-resources>

\*<http://www.msde.maryland.gov/parents/index.html>

\*<http://www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2910>



**Progress Reports – March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**MISA Test Grade 5—March 14-15**

**PARCC DATES:**

**Grade 5: April 24-28**

**Grade 4: May 1-5**

**Grade 3: May 8-12**

**Grades 1 and 2 do not take PARCC**

## **Principal's Message—**

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to report that our principal, Mrs. Brown, is recovering well and expected to return on time later this month. We have missed her so much. Students, staff, families, and the whole community have rallied around us to offer support to Mrs. Brown and the school in her absence. **Thank you!**

We continue with our busy year! Third term progress reports will go home on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup> term will end on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Families of students in grades 3, 4, and 5 may view student progress through the online gradebook access called Family Portal. Go to [nss.wcboe.org](http://nss.wcboe.org) and click on Family Portal. You will see a link with directions. You may also call the school office and have directions sent home with your child that will include your username and password. It's a great way to keep up with your child's grades.

Early in March several of our students will compete in regional competitions. **Aarna Lulla**, grade 5, will represent NSS at the Regional Spelling Bee on March 4<sup>th</sup> at UMES. Good luck, **Aarna!** Four Destination Imagination Teams will compete at the local DI competition at Salisbury Middle School on March 4<sup>th</sup>. **Good luck to the Fabulous 4, Kitty Krew, DI Racers, and Mustache Mustangs!** We are rooting for you! Congratulations also goes out to the NSS Stock Market Game teams who finished 1<sup>st</sup> place in the State of Maryland (**Diamond Wolves**) and 1<sup>st</sup> place in our region of Maryland (**Rainbow Pandas!**) These 4<sup>th</sup> graders beat high schoolers to win the Stock Market Game!

In news from the board office, you are encouraged to visit the board's website to see the approved school calendar for 2017-2018. School will start after Labor Day. Go to [wcboe.org](http://wcboe.org) and click on the green box for "APPROVED 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR." Additional information is available on the board's website regarding registration of Pre-K and Kindergarten students for next year and opportunities for you to provide input into the county board of education's budget for next year.

In closing, we appreciate all of your support. We, too, are invested in your child's success!

Sincerely,  
Kathy Vail, Acting Principal



## *Kindness Focus*



NSS has proudly participated in events supporting our military, families of infants who are sick, the Maryland Food Bank, and a variety of other collections and charities.

We do this to remind students the importance of helping others.

This month we are focusing on kindness towards one another in the school, on the bus, at recess, and anywhere our children may be.

We remind students to keep their hands to themselves and use only kind words. We appreciate your support with your children and helping them know non-physical ways to stand up for themselves and others.

## ***KINDNESS MATTERS!***

# PARCC Assessment



*Our students and staff are preparing for the testing that will begin April 24 and continue for the month of April into May. Classes and grade levels will be taking the PARCC Assessments on different days. An assessment calendar will be sent home later with the dates the classes will be assessed. We again ask that you refer to this calendar when scheduling appointments.*

*Any students arriving after the test administration has started will have to wait in a separate location and will complete that day's test at a different time.*

## Test Taking Tips for Parents

- ❖ Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep.
- ❖ Encourage your child to eat a good breakfast.
- ❖ Emphasize the importance of your child coming to school each day on time.
- ❖ Express confidence in your child's success on PARCC.
- ❖ Send your child to school on time with pleasant thoughts.
- ❖ Review with your child the test taking tips provided in this newsletter
- ❖ No homework will be assigned on the night before taking the assessments.
- ❖ Please encourage your child to **relax, and to just do his/her very best** because they have worked hard all year and they are more than prepared to do well.

End of Term 3 = March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Term 3 Report Cards = April 7<sup>th</sup>



Term 3 Awards Assemblies = April 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 Grade 4  
10:00 Grade 3  
1:00 Grade 4  
1:45 Grade 1  
2:30 Grade 2

*Family is cordially invited to attend.*

The **Grade 5 Mathematics Cumulative** test will be given to all 5<sup>th</sup> graders on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. This test will be utilized to determine 6<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics placement.

**Grade 2 will also take a mathematics cumulative test** on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The scores on this test have historically been considered for magnet placement in grade 3.

## Congratulations to the newest inductees of North Salisbury's Honor Society

Abhilash, Adithi  
Adkins, Grant Coulbourne  
Alexander, Braiden Anthony  
Arellano Mejia, Alexsa Maria  
Bell, Melissa Tyler Zhao  
Brooks, Savanna Grace  
Calhoun, Noah Andrew  
Callaghan, Clarabelle Noel  
Cha, Chloe You  
Chesley, Kyleigh Elaine  
Coffey, Darian Lane  
Cropper, Aniyah Zaire  
Dawson, Morgan Calista  
Desmond, Lillian Grace  
Esoud, Omar Aymen Devaney  
Estime, Medjina Sarha  
Fritz-Ayers, August Edward  
Gaddam, Abhiram  
Gordy, Arianna Marie  
Gore, Julia Ann  
Greenhalgh, Turner Peyton  
Gunther, Renee Michelle  
Harmon, Melvin Jerome III  
Hitch, Toi<sup>rae</sup> A'Lura  
Hock, Jennifer Anne  
Jatmiko, Ade Prio  
John, Elsen  
Jones, Christopher Malik  
Kim, Samuel Young  
Klos, Kaeli Estella  
Konlian, Gabrielle Ariana  
Kossum, Emma Grace  
Liebgold, Hunter Leaf  
Loar, Austin David  
Lopes, Gabriel Bueno  
Lucas, Jacob Adin  
Lynk, John Henry Jr.  
Maier, David Samuel  
McGrath, Alison Kathleen  
McIntyre, Connor Joseph  
McKinney, Caden Gabriel

Naumann, Nathan Davis  
Nichols, Nijae Emoni  
Porter, Gatlin Christopher  
Kaiser, Shafay  
Renelus, Fabienne Sophia  
Schlehofer, Tyrick  
Alexander  
Shahan, Nathaniel Norris  
Shrestha, Diva  
Smack, Emma Ryleigh  
Stivelman, Tori Seidel  
Stokes, Olivia Eudora  
Thomas, Abraham Joseph  
Torney, Diamond Alaya  
Trader, Trezure  
Tulak, Nathan Thomas  
Walsh, Kaden Robert  
Wieland, Zenden Cole  
Xu, Kevin  
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Acito, Peyton  
Adkins, Benjamin  
Affum, Russell  
Alvi, Abdullah  
Bailey, Kate  
Bate, Enoch  
Brown, Kaleb  
Chandrabose, Alexandria  
Eltuhami, Nora  
Jefferson, Meah  
Khwaha, Minaal  
Overholt, Sophia  
Padilla-Martinez, Dora  
Potterton, William  
Power, Ethan  
Samis, Jacob  
Seglia, Phillippe  
Thompson, Maya  
Watkins, James

**NSS Jump Rope For Heart earned \$6,090.60**

*For the American Heart Association!*



***We are very proud of you!***



# March 2017



| Sunday | Monday                     | Tuesday                                             | Wednesday                                   | Thursday                                              | Friday                                                                       | Saturday                                                                                       |
|--------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|        |                            |                                                     | A day<br>Progress Reports                   | B day<br>Reading Across America - Dr. Seuss' Birthday | C day<br>National Anthem Day                                                 | 4<br>Regional Spelling Bee @ UMES<br>Good luck Aarnal!<br>DI @ SMS Good Luck to our 4 DI teams |
| 5      | D day<br>7:00am Chess Club | E day<br>Title I Math Family Night<br>5:00 - 7:00pm | F day<br>Mobile Dentists                    | A day                                                 | B day                                                                        | 11                                                                                             |
| 12     | C day                      | D day<br>MISA Test Gr. 5                            | E day<br>MISA Test Gr. 5                    | F day                                                 | A day                                                                        | 18                                                                                             |
| 19     | B day<br>7:00am Chess Club | C day                                               | D day                                       | E day<br>WCBOE County Teacher of the Year Banquet     | F day                                                                        | 25                                                                                             |
| 26     | A day                      | B day                                               | C day<br>4M Field Trip to Ward Museum & Zoo | D day<br>4T Field Trip to MT. Hermon Plow Days        | E day<br>End of Term 3<br>School Spirit Day<br>TAD Students Field Trip To SU |                                                                                                |

