



April Breeze

STARS
of the WEEK

State Testing at Pierpont



Who: 3rd-5th graders

What: The SBAC test is an end-of-year standardized exam that is taken on computers. It assesses critical thinking, problem solving, and understanding of the Common Core State Standards in the areas of math and English Language Arts. Additionally, 5th grade students will take a life science test (not on computers) assessing understanding of the California Science Standards.

When: May 1st through May 15th. Teachers will share their specific testing schedule in their weekly newsletters.

Where: The SBAC test will be administered on computers in the computer lab. The 5th graders will take a science pilot test, which is also on computers.

Why: Standardized assessments are designed to help provide measurable data regarding student performance that can be used to improve student learning. School staff, policy makers, elected officials, and parents regularly use the data from these tests to make decisions in the best interest of our students. Data from these tests is used to provide appropriate services for students, refine teaching practice, direct funding, and provide the public with feedback regarding school performance.

What can you do to help your child prepare: Studying for these tests is not necessary.

These tests assess knowledge, understanding, and application. Parents can help by:

- Ensuring students are well rested and arrive on time
- Providing a healthy breakfast, snacks and lunch
- Scheduling appointments outside of testing
- Encouraging your child to do their best

View Sample tests:

- www.smarterbalanced.org/parents/
- Learn about scoring and computer adaptive assessments



Questions: Please stop by or contact our office with any questions you may have about testing. We would be happy to help or answer any questions you may have about these assessments.

Receive Text Messages from Pierpont!

Get messages, calendars, reminders and emergency alerts from Pierpont School by text. Stay in the loop and connected by taking a minute to sign up. It's easy to sign-up and you can stop messages at any time. By signing up, your number will remain private and will not be available to the school, or any other signed up parents.

Text
"81010" to
"@eh8ga"

Kinder Registration:

Kindergarten registration is continuing, for children who are 5 years old on September 1st 2017. Families who live in our boundary area may come to the office to register at any time. To register, please bring the following (originals):

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Immunization record
- 2 proofs of residence

Spring Photos—April 11th

Spring photos on the beach are back! Many families enjoyed having their child's photo taken on the beach last spring. We will be having spring photos again this year on the beach. Based on parent feedback, we will be changing the way photos are ordered. We will only be taking photographs of students who would like their picture taken. Watch for flyers from Cornerstone with more details and return all Cornerstone paperwork to have your child's photo taken.

