



May Breeze



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 3rd through May 20th. Teachers will share their specific testing schedule in their weekly newsletters.

Where: The SBAC test will be administered on computers in the library. The 5th grade CST life science test will be administered in classrooms with paper and pencils.

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 how tests are scored
- Read about computer adaptive assessments
- Watch a brief video explaining these new 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.

PTA Honorary Service Awards

The PTA Honorary Service Awards occurred on April 19th and included a hip-hop performance by our second graders. These awards are presented to members of our Pierpont Community who have gone above and beyond to support our students. Please join us in recognizing this year's honorees.

Gina and Eric Clemow—Carnival, Jog-a-thon, dance, MC, & DJ extraordinaires.

Eileen Guettler—Pierpont's resident gardener who has helped in making our gardens and outdoor learning a huge success.

Susan Henkel—Our office manager who takes great care in keeping our school running, caring for staff and students, and welcoming everyone with a smile.

Terry Lynch—Fondly known as "Grama Terry," she helps in many of our classrooms, helps in our office, chairs PTA events and publishes our PTA newsletter.

Reyna Dalton—Volunteers her time and her photography skills to create a beautiful yearbook for our students. She regularly participates in class events and always has a welcoming smile on her face.

Kinder Registration:

Kindergarten registration is continuing, for children who are 5 years old on September 1st . 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