



BOTO BUZZ

April 2022

CLASSROOM NEWS

NWEA MAP Testing

The NWEA MAP is a computer-adaptive test; therefore, it becomes progressively easier or more difficult based on how the student is performing. This assessment measures each student's prior knowledge in reading and math, which provides us with rapid feedback to use for planning instruction and setting individual goals with students. It is important that students arrive on time the day of these tests! If you have any questions, please contact us.

MSTEP

The Voyager and Explorer units will be taking the Michigan Students Test of Educational Progress (MSTEP) assessment throughout April/May. All Voyager students will take the English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments, which is administered online. The state has provided us with a specific window of time that each grade level is to be tested.

More information about these assessments will be sent to you in a letter via email. Please be on the lookout for this important information coming your way!

You can help your child prepare for these assessments by making sure your child is in school during these times, has sufficient sleep, and gets a healthful breakfast before they test. Testing begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. each of our testing dates, so please be sure your child arrives to school on time for these days as well.

Continuing the practice of reading at home with and to your child and talking with them about what you read together will support the instruction that is occurring at school. Encouraging your child to engage in activities and games that reinforce basic math concepts will also help. Games such as Quirkle, Monopoly, Dominoes, Math Dice and Math Dice, Jr. are a few examples of fun games that reinforce basic math skills.

What We Are Learning

Math: We are beginning our fraction units and applying new concepts to the real world!

Reading: We are continuing to practice the RACE strategy for gathering evidence from a text and will be starting our next unit all about POETRY!

Writing: Students will be celebrating all of their hard work from their state research and will be creating commercials to showcase what they've learned, before starting their next unit on Opinion writing!

Social Studies: We are starting a new Social Studies unit all about the United States government.

EVENTS

Tuesday 4/12

Boto Book Fair Preview Day

Wednesday 4/13

Boto Book Fair Shopping Day

Friday 4/15

Good Friday

Sunday 4/17

Easter

Friday 4/22

Earth Day

Thursday 4/28 and Friday 4/29

All day CSR's, no school for students

TO-DO

If you know any dates ahead of time that your child will be absent from school, please let us know so we can plan accordingly for them if they will be missing any of our testing days.

Mark Your Calendars: 2022 Spring Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to CSA

The Book Fair will take place at CSA in the South Gym from April 11th – April 15th, with extended evening hours on Wednesday, April 13th until 6PM



To try and accommodate all of our families we have a range of different times available for the on location Book Fair. Please make note of the hours below. We hope this allows everyone a chance to bring the whole family for one stop shopping and enjoyment!

For more information click [here](#) to visit our Book Fair website. Our website shows featured books and provides information about the CSA on-campus and online Book Fairs. The online book fair is available April 8th through 21st. More materials are available at the online book fair and shipping is free for all book orders over \$25. Any purchases made online are now sent directly to your home!

NEW PAYMENT OPTION! A handy, cash-free way to allow your student(s) to purchase books at our book fair called eWallet. Details are on our Book Fair website.

We Need Volunteers! Can you lend your talents to help us put on a Book Fair? We need many volunteers to join us as we bring this exciting reading event to our school. If you are able to volunteer some of your time for the Book Fair please sign up [here](#).

For more information on volunteering please feel free to contact Debbie Thor at 810-632-2200 ext.104 or e-mail dthor@csaschool.org.

Monday, April 11	8:30 - 4
Tuesday, April 12	8:30 - 4
Wednesday, April 13	8:30 - 6
Thursday, April 14	8:30 - 4
Friday, April 15	8:30 - 12

Beluga Ball

Saturday, March 19th, was our annual Beluga Ball. As you may know, this is our district's major fundraiser each school year. Funds raised from the event will go directly to each school in our district. Bidding for our silent auction went live on Thursday and was fast and fierce! It was so exciting to bid on items virtually. The live auction began at 7:00 p.m. and it was wonderful to see so many of our classroom projects purchased by families in our district and community. The teacher experiences were a big hit! We hope you had a chance to view the items virtually and perhaps bid on some...maybe even taking some home! Thank you to all who took part in the Beluga Ball and a special thank you to our Beluga Ball Representative for all of her hard work this year!

Spring Comprehensive Student Reviews

It's hard to believe that we are already beginning to prepare for our Spring Comprehensive Student Review meetings with you. Where has the school year gone?! You may have noticed on our District-wide calendar that CSA has scheduled spring CSR's to occur on the following dates and times to best accommodate schedules: Thursday April 28th all day and Friday, April 29th all day. Also, Thursday May 12th in the evening. Please keep an eye out for an email soon for our Sign Up Genius to view availability. We look forward to this time together and are excited to share all of the growth your child has made this year.

Character Corner

Two more of the **Habits of Mind** (the 16 life skills and intellectual habits that we often teach here at CSA) that we often focus on in the Boto classroom include **taking responsible risks** and **thinking flexibly**. Our guided math block lends itself nicely to discussions around these two traits. Often times in math, students are presented with a new problem and are asked to try solving it using their prior knowledge. In addition to this, we ask students to find alternative solutions or pathways to solutions in helping to continue their overall growth and development. Having this growth mindset going into the final term of the year will be a great way for your child to start with a fresh outlook and open mind to problem solving in other areas as well, not just in math.