

Preparing for successful NWEA MAP testing is important.

You can help:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and that they eat properly the day of a test.
- Try to make the morning of the test a pleasant one. Do not add to your child's stress.
- Make sure your child has taken any needed medication.
- Ensure that your child is present during testing (children generally perform better when taking tests in their groups rather than at a make-up time).
- Get your child to school on time the day of the test.
- Remind your child the test is important. Encourage him/her to do his/her best.
- Remind your child to listen carefully to the instructions from the teacher and to read the directions and each question carefully.
- Explain to your child the importance of using time wisely. Slow and steady wins the race.
- Have your child dress in layers so that they are comfortable in the testing lab.

Check the calendar for testing dates.

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Staying Safe at CRSS

In this New Year, we are ever mindful of how important safety procedures are on our campus. While they may seem like inconveniences at times, they are important to making sure we do everything we can to ensure our students learn in a safe and nurturing environment. As a staff, we are reviewing our emergency procedures, and likewise, we would like to remind parents and visitors of the procedures that help us protect our students. Please remember:

- All visitors and volunteers must check into the main office to receive proper identifica-

tion before going anywhere on our campus. Staff are instructed to stop adults not wearing identification.

- Volunteers working with students outside of the direct view of instructional staff must complete a background check. We do have a fund to cover the cost of \$25 for those who cannot afford it.
- If students have guests join them for lunch who aren't their parents, we ask that parents notify us in advance. We must know from parents that these individuals have permission to spend time with their children. We will check identification

with the information provided by parents.

- Cars may not be left running unattended on campus. Any staff who notice a car running that is unattended are instructed to shut off the vehicle and leave the keys in the drivers seat.
- Cars should follow traffic patterns completely. Do not attempt to cut corners, or bypass procedures.

With your help, we can continue to make CRSS a safe learning environment.

Science Fair

Students in grades 3 through 6 are encouraged to participate in the 4th Annual Cannon River STEM School Science Fair. Projects will be presented and judged at the local fair which will be held the first week of March, during the school day. There will be a parent meeting on January 8th at 3:15 and again at 6:00 for those wishing to learn more about the science fair process. Help sessions, led by CRSS staff, for students will be after school on Thursdays beginning January 10th. Those students who earn high marks from our local judges will be invited to attend the Regional Science Fair in Mankato on April 27th. The Science Fair is a great opportunity to investigate a topic of interest, to develop an experiment that answers a question, and to think like a scientist and engineer.



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		1 No School	2	3 PTO/PTA Mtg.	4 NWEA Testing 4th	5
6	7 NWEA Testing 3rd	8 NWEA Testing 7th and 8th & Science Fair Parent Info Mtg.	9 NWEA Testing 5th and 6th	10 NWEA Testing 4th Board Mtg. Annual Mtg.	11 NWEA Testing 7th and 8th	12
13	14 NWEA Testing 3rd	15 NWEA Testing 5th and 6th	16	17 PTO/PTA Mtg.	18	19
20	21 No School Parent/Student Teacher Conferences	22 Parent/Student Teacher Conferences	23 FHS Children's Theatre Performance (Bring food shelf donation)	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Science Fair Help Sessions 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, and 1/31		

Reminders

Please sign up for conferences starting Monday, January 7th. Sign up from the link at the bottom right of the CRSS website. Remember that K-6 conferences run a little differently than 7 and 8 so carefully check the times as you sign up. These conferences are an important way to communicate progress, share successes and monitor goals for the year. If you have questions or needed assistance signing up you can contact Ms. Ashley in the office at 507-331-7836 or at aringlien@cannonriverstemschool.org

CRSS is intentional about establishing celebrations that match our mission. We do not celebrate Valentine's Day with a valentine exchange or parties. Instead, we use the day to write notes of appreciation to volunteers who serve our school community. Please do not purchase valentines for school as they will not be distributed.

The 2013-2014 CRSS Student Application is now available on our website. If you have a child that will be entering kindergarten or a child in a different grade that you would like to attend CRSS for the 2013-2014 school year please complete the application and return to the office by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. **Students that are currently enrolled this year will automatically be enrolled for next year, no form is needed.**