Principal’s Note:

Silvia Community,

We have had a wonderful week back after April vacation. The week has been highlighted by all of us coming back together for the final stretch of the school year, spring pictures, FRPS Art Expo, and preparing for next week’s staff appreciation.

The week of May 2nd, we will celebrate all staff members at Silvia School. We are asking families to please create cards, pictures, videos and/or any other thoughtful gestures that show how much you appreciate staff members. We have done this in the past, and it has had such a positive impact on Silvia staff. Information on this has been texted to families and will also be shared in an email.

As we head into the end of the school year, we have an array of activities planned at class, grade, and school levels. We continue, however, to have high academic and social and emotional learning expectations for all students. We have spent time this week reminding our students through practice of what our Silvia STAR expectations look, sound and feel like. Please continue to support your child(ren) by reminding them of these expectations and the importance of finishing the school year strong. You can find our behavior matrix expectations on our website or HERE.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!

Grades 3 - 5 MCAS Schedule:

All ELA testing has ended for the year, however, there still remains Math MCAS for grades 3 - 5 and Science, Technology and Engineering MCAS for grade 5. It is imperative students are present for MCAS testing. In addition, please make sure students get a good night’s sleep the night before they are taking the MCAS.

The schedule is as following:

Math:
Grade 3: Session I - May 10th; Session II - May 13th
Grade 4: Session I - May 17th; Session II - May 18th
Grade 5: Session I - May 11th; Session II - May 12th

Science, Technology and Engineering:
Grade 5: Session I - May 19th; Session II - May 20th

Attendance:

Students who are absent for 10% or more of our 180 school days, are considered CHRONICALLY absent. This past week, we have been sending home letters to notify families who are approaching this mark of CHRONIC and those who have already hit it. In addition, we have been making phone calls to families who are approaching the 18 day absence mark, to inquire about how we may be able to support those families with attendance.

It is IMPERATIVE that students are in school. If you need support with attendance and/or have questions about attendance please contact the school to speak to any member of administration. If you have received or do receive a phone call from a Silvia staff member, please make it a priority to call us back so we can work as a team on attendance.

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FRPS Art Expo:
On Wednesday, April 27th, the annual FRPS Art Expo took place at Durfee. A HUGE thank you to Silvia’s amazing art teacher, Ms. Stephanie Pereira, for all of her inspiration and hard work. Our Silvia STARS, who are all amazing artists, congratulations on the exhibit. We are very proud of you!

Change of Number and/or Address:
As a parent or guardian, if you have a change with your phone number and/or your address, please call Silvia School and notify us. It is unsafe for the school to not have accurate contact information for our students.

Calendar:
- Find Silvia’s calendar [HERE]

Reading with your Child:
As we have shared in previous editions of The Spotlight, one of our major goals at Silvia is to foster a love for reading. Teachers and students have gone above and beyond when it comes to putting reading at the top of our priorities. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. We encourage you to continue to read aloud to your children from grades PreK and UP. If you are in need of some new titles, I encourage you to reach out to me directly and I can connect you with books to go home with your child for read alouds. ([plenz@fallriverschools.org](mailto:plenz@fallriverschools.org))

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