

Dear Ram families,

Testing season begins tomorrow! Now through May 15th, our Twin Peaks students will participate in California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), which includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts and mathematics. Please remind your child to bring headphones for testing days. Our 8th grade students will also take the science assessment on May 17th and 18th, according to their class schedules. Follow the link <http://tpms.powayusd.com/documents/TPMS%20SBAC%202017.pdf> to determine which days your student will be testing. (Include link) Please encourage your student to get a good night's sleep the night before and to eat a healthy breakfast the morning of testing. It is recommended that cell phones and other electronic devices be turned off while in their rooms so they have no distractions from sleep. Wish them luck and encourage them to do their best.

With the year winding down, it is important that we pause to honor all of those who have helped to make the 2016-17 school year a huge success. We are hosting our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, May 4th at 8:00am in the library. If you have donated your time or talent to Twin Peaks this year, we would love to have you join us. Please RSVP to Christie Hamilton chamilton@powayusd.com. If you know an individual who goes above and beyond to help our students, staff, school, or community, please nominate them for a PTSA Honorary Service Award. The nomination form is attached and is also available on the PTSA website. Please return it to Christie Hamilton by Friday, April 28th. If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact Rachel Allums at rachelallums@yahoo.com. Thank you for helping us to recognize those who make a difference for our children!

In closing, we are having a Cinco de Mayo Celebration for Staff Appreciation Week. It will be held on Friday, May 5th, from 12-1:30pm. We are in need of some snacks and side dishes for the luncheon to feed about 100 people. The taco bar is being catered by El Ranchito. Please go to <http://www.slyreply.com/app/sheets/f8hpgmonfg82/> to sign up. Items need to be delivered to the front office by 11:30am on Friday, May 5th. Thank you so much for your help in showing our staff your appreciation for all that they do!

I will close with a reminder about our Ram Read-a-Thon. Please be sure to register your student at <http://thegetmovincrew.com> by Friday in order to receive an entry into the opportunity drawing for a Nintendo Switch, A Go-Pro or virtual reality goggles. Students who earn \$50 in donations by this date will receive an additional ticket. Please visit the Twin Peaks website for more information.

That's it for now. I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow; and remember, it's a 3/5/1 day.

Sincerely,

Dr. Burke