

Middle School Guidance



Parents are Teachers, Too!

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From the day children are born until they graduate from high school, they spend fifteen percent of their waking hours in school. The other eighty-five percent is spent outside of school—and most of that time is spent at home. This translates to parents are their children's most influential teachers. Fortunately, children are naturally curious and enjoy learning. Experts have stated that encouraging children to read may be the most important skill that a parent can do for their child which insures school success. Ways that parents can demonstrate reading to their children: be a reading role model for your child, visit the local library and be seen reading in unusual places.

Schooling is a lot more than just grades. Parents can foster a winning attitude, assist in establishing attainable goals and assist with daily routines to support their children with school activities. By being actively involved in your child's education, sends a clear message that school is important. One may ask, "Does the school really want parents involved?" The answer is a resounding, "YES!" I view successful learning from the "Triangle of Responsibility" model. A triangle has three vertices. At each vertices, we label one of three names: student, parent and school. If each participant does their job, we have an equilateral triangle. If two of the three

succeed, we have an isosceles triangle. With only one success, we have a scalene triangle. The bottom line is parents have the greatest impact on their children's lives and they can be great teachers if they understand the importance of their roles.

Quote of the month

"Work ethic eliminates the fear of failure." (Michael Jordan)



**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!**

Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Unsure of your grades? Review grades by logging into the PowerSchool parent portal.
- ✓ - Excuses are due the day students return to school. A grace period of three days is allowed before becoming illegal.
- ✓ - Bullying information can be found at: <http://www.bbsd.com/bullying>

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Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

March 11 through March 15, 2013 - P.S.S.A. Writing Assessment (Grades 5 and 8).

March 20, 2013 - First official day of Spring.

March 22, 2013 - End of third-nine week grading period.

March 29, 2013 - Good Friday, no school.

March 31, 2013 - Happy Easter.

April 1, 2013 - April Fool's Day.

April 8 through April 12, 2013 - **PS.S.A.** Mathematics and Reading Assessment (Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8).

April 22 through April 26, 2013 - P.S.S.A. Science Assessment (Grade 8)

April 30, 2013 - Fourth nine week mid-term.

May 23, 2013 - Middle School Awards Day Program (1:00 - 3:00).

