

Middle School Guidance



March Madness

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As March approaches, the only thought that comes to my mind is "March Madness!" The term "March Madness" has two different meanings for me: (1) the collegiate bracketology for men's basketball and (2) the final "push" across the Commonwealth as all 501 school districts prepare for the upcoming P.S.S.A.'s. I would be remiss if I did not mention that this is one of my favorite times of the year. The long, hard days of winter as dwindling, the days are becoming longer, robins begin appearing and collegiate basketball is in the air. For those of you who do not already know it, I absolutely love the University of North Carolina Tarheels! I have faithfully followed the 'Heels since 1981 when they lost their bid as national champions to Indiana. They came back with a vengeance in 1982 with (in my opinion) the best Tarheel team ever assembled as a unit. That

team consisted of James Worthy, Michael Jordan, Sam Perkins, Matt Doherty and Jimmy Black. Since that time, many gifted athletes and coaches have graced the hallowed grounds at Chapel Hill. It has been during this time that I have witnessed four national championships (1982, 1993, 2005 and 2009). To date, U.N.C. holds five N.C.A.A. championships including it's first in 1957. The Tarheels also won in the pre-NCAA era in 1924, which brings their total to six national championships. GO 'HEELS! Did I mention that there is also a "March Madness" that happens in our school? Teachers are providing last minute lessons that address the standards and possible content that students may encounter on the state assessment in April. With the number of snow days that we have

experienced this year, teachers will be definitely exhibiting their own "March Madness" as we draw closer and closer to the testing window. If you happen to notice a change in your teacher's behavior or look in their eyes during March, rest assured, they are experiencing one form or the other of "March Madness."

Quote of the month

"See yourself as a WINNER; then only then, you can perform as a WINNER."



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher lesson plans by logging into the Logic House 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 5, 2010 - ACT 80 Day. No School.

March 19, 2010 - Middle School Fun Night. (6:30 - 9:00)

March 29, 2010 - End of the third nine week grading period.

April 1, 2010 - April Fools Day.

April 2, 2010 - Good Friday.

April 4, 2010 - Happy Easter.

April 12 through April 16, 2010 - P.S.S.A. Mathematics and Reading Assessment (Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11)

April 19 through April 23, 2010 - P.S.S.A. Writing Assessment (Grades 5, 8 and 11)

April 26 through April 30, 2010 - P.S.S.A. Science Assessment (Grades 4, 8 and 11)

May 17, 2010 through May 20, 2010 - 4Sight Assessment (Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8)

May 21, 2010 - Prom.



Go Tarheels!