

GAZETTE

"It is the mission of Devonshire School to provide a quality education for all students."



PARCC Testing

The PARCC test, which stands for Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, will take the place of the ISAT test this year. All of our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will participate in the testing. The PARCC test has two components, a performance based assessment, which will be given during the month of March, and an end of year assessment, which will be given during the month of May. During the performance-based assessment, students will be given three Language Arts tests and two Math tests. For the end of year assessment, students will be given an additional

Language Arts test and two more Math tests. All of these tests will be aligned to the Common Core State Standards. If you would like to learn more about the PARCC assessment, information and practice tests are available online at www.parcconline.org.

**KINDERGARTEN
REPORT CARDS
WILL GO HOME ON
FRIDAY,
JANUARY 23, 2015**

ACCESS Testing

A large segment of our students will be taking part in the ACCESS test later this month. The ACCESS test is a standards-based English proficiency test designed to measure the social and academic language of our English Language Learners. Students will be tested in the areas of Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking. The results of the test will allow us to track the language growth of our English language learners. All students who are in our ELL/ESL program, or who have qualified to be in our ELL/ESL program, are mandated to participate in the testing.



The Five Essentials Survey

Later this month, we will once again be asking our parents to participate in the Five Essentials Survey. This survey will provide us with information related to five areas considered to be essential components of a successful school.

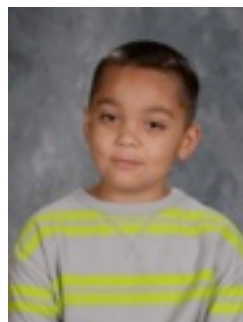
- Effective Leadership
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environment
- Ambitious Instruction

The results of the survey will provide us with information related to specific strengths and opportunities for growth that our families see in our school. As a school, we are committed to continuous improvement, so I am hopeful that we get a large response from our families. More information about how to complete the surveys will be coming home soon, but I wanted to make you aware that the surveys will be coming, and how important your feedback will be in helping us to continue to grow as a school.

I'M IN BRENDAN'S ARMY!

You may have seen the staff members wearing t-shirts with this slogan, "I'm In Brendan's Army". Well now it's time for students and parents to place an order for their t-shirts, however, we must have an order of 100 or more so for now we are only taking orders. Please fill out the attached form and send it back to school, NO MONEY. Once we get 100 we will let you know and then ask you to send your money back to school.

Thank you so much for supporting Brendan and his family!



Dates Ahead

- Jan. 19 - **NO SCHOOL**
Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 20 - World Health Day - 5th grade
- Jan. 21 - Early Dismissal
- Jan. 22 - Mr. Putter Tea - 2nd gd.
- Jan. 23 - Kdgn. Report Cards
- Jan. 26 - Deliver food to Food Pantry
- Jan. 28 - Early Dismissal
- Jan. 31 - Chicago Wolves Game-7:00 p.m.



Please remember with the colder weather and snow, when the students go outside for recess they will not be allowed to play in the snow. Student will need snow pants, boots hats, and gloves. Without these items they will only be allowed on the blacktop area.

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY JANUARY 19TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY



Hallway Patrols



Be honest, parents. Have you ever been driving down the road, seen a police car ahead, and immediately applied your brakes? One of the jobs of the door patrols is to keep the hallways safe by being visible, with patrol belts showing, at their assigned doors. This helps keep the hallway speed limit at walk. They are also there to hold doors open at the beginning and end of the day when Devonshire students enter and leave with the arms full of backpacks, and all things they need to go back and forth between home and school. They are occasionally asked to assist teachers as well. Devonshire door and hallway patrols for this year are: Michael DeLuca, Brian Sowka, Natalia Kosciarz, George Yousif, Elizabeth Mavros, Josh Mizialko, Sumaria Najeeb, Yohan Dinev, Johnaris Aviles, Leah Daniel, Richie Flores, Verenice Felix Garcia, Sophia Tzvetkova, Olivia Kot, Kyle King, Adam Labno, Khush Patel, Nathan King, Molly Mahoney, Richard May, Amy Hobbs, Helly Patel.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2015-2016 school year will be held on Wednesday, February 18th from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. A child whose 5th birthday falls on or before September 1, 2010 will be eligible to attend Kindergarten starting in August. If you have a child in this age bracket, you may register that child. In order to register, we will need the child's original, **certified** birth certificate from the state. We will also need three proofs of residency from the parent; one being the most recent real estate tax bill or a lease, and two of the following: a driver's license, a phone bill, a gas bill, or an electric bill. We will need your phone numbers, and also the phone numbers of two other people we could call in case of an emergency. When you register, you will be given a physical, vision and dental form. The physical examination form must be done within one year prior to starting school in August, the vision form will be due by October 15, 2015, and the dental form will be due by May 15, 2016. If you have any questions about the registration process, please call the office at 847-593-4398.

DEVONSHIRE FOOD DRIVE

Over the past month, the students and staff of Devonshire have been participating in a food drive for the Self-Help Closet and Pantry of Des Plaines. Our goal was to collect 1,000 canned goods, and we came close to our goal but, didn't make it this year, we only collect 800 canned goods. We had to extend our delivery date to Monday, January 26th, due to the cold, and the following students were chosen to help deliver those canned goods. The student were given a tour of the facility and were able to understand how we were truly helping our community. Thanks to all of the families of Devonshire for your donations to this project.

The students were: Alexandra Stachowski, Emma Sokol, Gracin Stilphen, Max Walaszek, Alivia Gara, Jacob Przewrocki, Lannalyn Visperas, Kirtan Patel, Kordilia Zajac, Ana Sofia Gomez, Monisa Yusra and Isaac Ramirez

