Principal’s Message – May

I can’t believe that we are in the last full month of the 2017-2018. The year is coming to a quick close, and it has been a wonderful year overall.

Most importantly, CAASPP testing started on Monday. CAASPP is the California standardized test for all third through eighth grade students. The testing window is from May 1st – May 18th. We are projected to finish testing by May 12th. Since each student has his/her own Chromebook, all grades can take the test concurrently. Even though we will be completed before the testing deadline, I want to alert parents of the entire window. There will be no homework during this time for third through eighth grade students, with the exception of long term projects. We ask that every student taking the test get a good night’s rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and take his/her time completing the test. We will only be testing from 8:30 AM until the first recess. Make-ups will take place after recess each day until 12 PM.

The Rotary Track Meet takes place on May 19th at Adolfo Camarillo High School. Our team has been preparing diligently. Special thanks goes out to Mrs. Richardson for coaching the team and putting everything together this year. Please come out and cheer on the team. I’ll be there, and I hope you will too.

On May 4th, the PTO is hosting Science Night. This is an opportunity to experience science and STEM in a fun, interactive way. There will be a number of science stations and we will also have Ventura BBQ coming as our food vendor. The theme is “May the 4th Be with You.”

For eighth grade students who are promoting, please turn in all promotion materials to Mrs. Mullins by May 11th. The absolute deadline for all promotion materials is May 14th. For reference, our promotion is Wednesday, June 13th, at 5 PM. Gates open for seating at 4:30 PM.

Starting May 1st, the Student Characteristic forms will be available and can be turned into the office until May 18th. This form allows us to know more about your child, and it will assist in the correct placement of you child for next year. I do not allow specific teacher requests, but I do love to know what type of teacher best fits each child. Forms are available in the office only. They will not be available electronically or on the website.

Open House is May 24th, with the gates opening at 5:45 PM. We will have a short introduction and our annual band performance. Classrooms will be open from 6:00-7:00 PM. This will be a great celebration of the year, and there will be many activities and classrooms to visit. We hope to see everyone there. Dismissal for Open House is 1:57 PM for all students.

Don’t forget that May 18th is a minimum day for all grades. The purpose of the 1/2 off is to give teachers the chance to ready their classrooms for Open House.

Traffic can always improve at SRTMS. Here are some points you can discuss with your child:

1. Please do not walk through the parking lot without being accompanied by a parent. It is not safe for students to walk unaccompanied.
2. Please use only the crosswalks in and around the school. Each and every student and parent must make the correct decision to keep everyone safe.
3. Only pick-up in the designated pick-up areas of the school. Please be careful as you are driving through the parking lot.
4. Everyone should exit a car from the right side only when in the drop-off lane. Those students and parents who exit from the left put themselves at risk for being hit by cars trying to exit from the drive-thru lane.

Please understand that in the third trimester there will be special event days. Please understand that we do our best to keep traffic flowing, but the parking lot can only hold a certain number of cars. Please be cautious and patient on those special days.

I hope you find this information helpful. Let’s have a positive and educationally productive month.