

# Trending Now @ PGS

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## From the Assistant Principal:

Next week our third and fourth graders will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment, commonly called SBAC. The SBAC test is an assessment of cognitive skills that align with academic standards in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Students have been well prepared for the assessment by school staff throughout their years of elementary school, and teachers have been instructing our students in the last few weeks on test taking strategies and familiarizing them with the testing platform on chromebooks.

Here are some ways parents can help support their third and fourth graders:

1. Encourage them to put forth their best effort.
2. Make sure they get a good night's sleep.
3. Provide a nutritious breakfast to start the day.

Parents will receive the results of the SBAC testing by mail in the early fall.

**SHOUT OUT!** Shout out to the fourth graders who presented at the state capitol...Julia Olander, Leo Indomenico, Poojaa Gopal, and Gabi Gavern - Great JOB!



**Crayola ColorCycle Program** All brands of Markers are coming in for a **recycling Project** Mrs. Matos is doing - Keep bringing them in. Check out the website @ <https://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>

**Community Council** members are collecting new or gently used sports equipment that can be used during recess. [View the flyer giving more details about the collection.](#) Donations may be dropped off in the large bins at the entrance of the school.

## PGS Minute



### May

- 1-17 Community Council Sport Equipment Collection
- 3&7 Gr. 3 & 4 Enrichment Clusters
- 6 Gr. 3 Bushnell Performing Arts
- 7&8 Staff Appreciation
- 9 Grades K-3 Open House 6:30-7:30PM
- 10 Gr. 2, 3 & 4 Avon Historical Society Visit
- 13 Gr. 3 & 4 Enrichment Clusters
- 14 Gr. 2 Informance Gym 9:15-10:00
- 14-17 Gr. 3 & 4 SBAC ELA Testing
- 15&17 Gr.1 Roaring Brook Nature Center Visit
- 17 Kindergarten Mystic Aquarium Visit
- 17 Gr. 3 & 4 Enrichment Clusters
- 21-23 Gr. 3 & 4 SBAC Math Testing
- 22-23 New Kindergarten students Story Time
- 24 PTO Decathlon K- 9:00-10:00,  
Gr 1 12:30-1:30, Gr. 2 2:00-3:00,  
Gr. 3 11:30-12:30, Gr. 4 10:15-11:15
- 24 Gr. 2 Roaring Brook Nature Center Visit
- 27 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- 29-31 Paul Cryan Photos

### June

- 6 Avon Public Library Summer Reading Presentations

...more to come

**17 Last Day of School Dismissal at 11:50AM**

**Schedule your Photo Shoot with Paul Cryan: May 29, 30 & 31.** Photos will be taken between 3:45 - 7:45PM.

[Sign up for your photo session through Konstella](#)

**School Supplies for next year** Grades K-3 The PTO has organized a way for you to order supplies for your child's classroom for the 2019-2020 academic year. [Order 2019-2020 School Supplies.](#)