



# Mio AuSable Elementary

April & May 2023 Newsletter

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## TESTING SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

Throughout the year students take various assessments to measure knowledge and help staff determine appropriate instruction. We are entering the final marking period and the final assessment window for this school year. Students do best on any assessment when they are well rested, have had the benefit of a calm regular morning routine, arrive on time and test with the class. Offering an encouraging word and an expectation of working with stamina and grit will go far with your child.

In addition to the regular classroom assessments and NWEA, students in grades 3-5 will take the M-Step. This is the State assessment that begins in the third grade. Students in third and fourth grades will be tested on Math and ELA (Reading, Writing, English). Students in fifth grade will have those same assessments as well as take a Social Studies and Science M-Step. These will be given on Chromebooks and run from mid-April through the end of May. Data is monitored by the State and expectations are strict. Teachers will let families know the testing dates so you can help support a positive outcome for your child.



One major expectation for a safe and equitable testing environment is a NO DEVICE policy. The State makes it very clear that, "Students are not allowed to wear or access "wearable" technology (such as smartwatches, fitness trackers, Bluetooth headphones) during testing or have cell phones in the testing room." The State notes that having a cell phone/electronic device (including wearable technology), "is prohibited and constitutes a violation and can make an assessment invalid." Please help reinforce the importance of following the rules as testing will soon begin!

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday, April 4:** school resumes from Spring Break and 4<sup>th</sup> marking period begins

**Thursday, April 6:** Elementary Report Cards will be sent home with your student

**Friday, April 7:** NO SCHOOL

**Monday, May 29:** NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday, June 6:** 12:00 p.m. dismissal

**Wednesday, June 7:** 12:00 p.m. dismissal & LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

June dates currently scheduled are what we are using for our end of the year plans. If there are any days that need to be added to extend to our year, we will notify families of those changes.

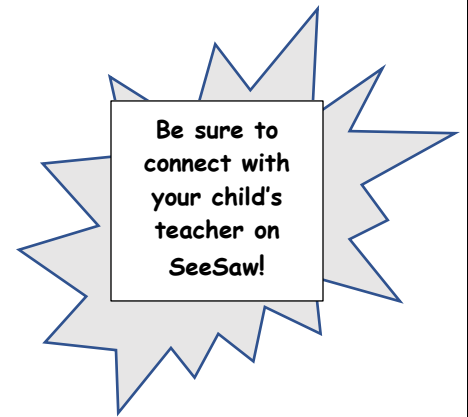


**Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** in the AFTERNOON – Field Day

**Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** is the "make up" date if needed for an AM Field Day & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

**Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** - Hello Summer Community Concert & Last Day of School

Times will come home as the event dates get closer!



## WATER ONLY

Elementary students are permitted to bring in water – clear natural water to drink throughout the day for hydration.

Coffee, pop, sports drinks, milkshakes, etc are **not to be brought in.**

- Lost and Found is BURSTING! Please take a look the next time you are at school or have your child look in our lost and found for anything that may be his/hers.
- While at school, children should NOT be wearing smart watches that can call, text, or record. If there is an urgent need please reach out to the office or your child's teacher. These devices will be treated as cell phones are in the elementary.
- The book fair was a HUGE success. *Thank you all for making this possible for our students!*
- If your child is arriving after 8:05 am he/she MUST be signed in by an adult. The elementary begins at 8:05 am.
- Please update the office and Thunder Bay Wellness Center of any changes to contact information such as phone numbers and/or addresses.