



May 2010

Mustangs

No School May 21, 2010

Last Day of School
May 28, 2010
7:50-1:15pm

MAP Testing Window 5/3- 5/18/2010!!

Orchestra Concert 5/5/2010 7pm @ Skyview

Finalize School Improvement Plan 5/25/2010

Mapleton Graduation 5/22/2010 10am @ Skyview

Reminders!!

- 1) Please enter the parking lot on the west side and exit on the east. 2) The Thornton Police Department asks that you not drop your student off in the middle of the street, it is in fact a traffic violation 3) Please get your student to school on time prepared to learn.
- 4) Breakfast is served from 7:20-7:45a @ York International. 5) Please reinforce school norms and expectations at home.

Director's Desk

-Johnny Terrell 2010

This has truly been an outstanding year. We've accomplished quite a bit this year. Our students raised money for various causes like, childhood cancer, Haitian refugees, The American Red Cross, and those in need in our very own community. This year we experienced our first class of juniors, who are some of the most outstanding students in the state of Colorado. We were able to get our International Baccalaureate authorization. Next year we will be conducting a feasibility study to see if we have the resources to move forward with a Diploma Program at the school.

York continued it's rich tradition of academic excellence, we were able to outpace the district and state averages on the CSAP test in reading, writing, and math at the elementary level. We demonstrated growth in all tested areas on the MAPs test. York International welcomed seven new teachers, six of those teachers will be returning for the 2010-2011 school year.

Yes we've had a lot to celebrate, however there is still a lot of work to do. Next year we look forward to pushing the academic envelope even further. We want our students and community to understand our vision, "Every student relentlessly pursuing learning, and applying and getting accepted to a two or four year institution of higher learning." If we are going to fulfill our vision we must maximize our human and capital resources, close the achievement gap between our ELL and non-ELL students, and make the learning time at the school sacred (7:50am-3:05pm).

Volunteer Corner

Thank you Nicole Plese for donating items for our student incentives.

Thank you Mrs. Batz for helping in our kindergarten class.

Thank you NHS for organizing a successful blood drive at York International.

May At a Glance

- 5/3-5/18- MAPs testing window
- 5/5- Orchestra Concert @ Skyview 7pm
- 5/8- 8pm-11pm Prom @ Church Ranch Events Center.
- 5/19- 4th and 5th grade recruiting concert 12:15-12:51pm in small gym
- 5/22- Graduation Ceremony 10am @ Skyview.
- 5/25-York (Lifeskills) Fashion Show 8:30am-noon
- 5/26- Awards assembly 1:15-3:05pm (K-8).
- 5/26- Awards banquet 6-7:30pm (9-11) @ York.
- 5/27-Field Day (K-5) Picnic (6-8)
- 5/28- Battle of Classes (9-11) 7:50-1:15pm

Helpful Hints for Summer Learning!

1. Get everyone in the family a library card.
2. Make frequent trips to the Museum of Nature and Science.
3. Go for a hike in the mountains and let your student guide the trip using a map (Chataqua Park in Boulder comes highly recommended).
4. Designate TV time (i.e. one hour during the week).
5. Write or text to loved ones instead of calling them on the phone.
6. Encourage your student to create recipes and allow them to use them (only for the brave)!

National Honor Society

“I just wanted to thank everyone who donated, offered to donate, covered classes, allowed students out of class and helped set up the small gym for the National Honor Society blood drive. In the end we had 30 donors total from the five participating schools (York, MESA, Global, Skyview, and New Tech). I’m proud to be a part of the York community who contributed greatly to this effort. I also wanted to acknowledge Isiah Leyshon. Mr. Leyshon was the student in charge of organizing the event and did a great job of stepping into that leadership role. If you see him, please tell him what a great job he did along with the other NHS students.”

Kimberly Clark (Secondary Social Studies Teacher and NHS sponsor).

Club Update!

This weeks club star is Estel Yates, she is a junior at York International. We asked her a few questions.

1. **What made you join the club?**

“I had a great experience last year and it’s a wonderful opportunity to help the school.”

2. **What type of activities have you done so far?**

“We’ve done dances, sports competitions, a talent show and end of year activities.”

3. **How does our club improve the culture and climate at York International?**

“It allows people to get excited about school and be a part of the York community.”



Announcements and Updates

Testing:

1. MAPs testing begins the week of May 3rd at York International. It is important that you get your student to school on time during the MAP testing window May 3-May 18, 2010.
2. Everyday Math end of the year assessments begin 5/15/10.

Kindergarten:

1. Kindergarten students last day of classes is May 27, 2010! Please make plans accordingly.

Registration:

1. Registration for York will take place August 3, 10am-2 pm and August 4, 3pm-7pm. Most of our grade levels are closed, so it is imperative that you bring in your registration information during the time of registration.
2. York’s reputation is outstanding and as a result we will be sending out post-cards asking you to confirm your registration status in the summer of 2010.

School Improvement Planning:

1. SAAC will be signing off on the school’s plan May 25, 2010
2. Rough draft copies of the School Improvement Plan are available upon request. Some of the areas of focus being discussed are: Achievement gaps between ELL and Non-ELL students, improving secondary writing and math scores on the CSAP test, implementing an effective K-12 writing program, exploring the possibility of implementing an IB Diploma program, and implementing a secondary math curriculum consistent with Everyday Mathematics).

Field Day/Middle School Picnic/Battle of the Classes:

1. Field Day for grades K-5 will take place May 27, 2010 (8am-12:31pm) Teachers will be soliciting community help (yearbook signing at the end of day).
2. Middle School Picnic May 27 (12:30-2:30pm) @ the Thornton Community Center (yearbook signing during this time).
3. Battle of the Classes May 28, 7:50am-1:15pm @ York International (yearbook signing during this time).

Locker clean-out

1. All secondary lockers will be cleaned out Wednesday May 26 @ 2:30pm, please bring something to place items in (trash bag, etc..).
2. No bags or backpacks are allowed May 27 or 28 @ York International.

Issues

The tardy monster has reared it’s ugly head again. We had 51 tardies first hour April 19, 2010. I know without a doubt we can do better than that. Many of our students don’t drive themselves to school. Parents - please help us help your student by getting them to school on time. Remember five minutes a day = 14 hours of missed instruction each year!

Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory!

What a performance by our Mapleton students and staff. A special thanks to Karla Allenbach, Matthew Crowe, Kathy Frazier, and many other adults in the district who made the performances possible. The thespians of Mapleton did Broadway proud. I encourage all students and staff members to get involved with Mapleton’s drama club. We can’t wait to see what the club has in store for us next year!