

INSTRUCTIONAL INSIDER

Our school wide theme for this year's STAAR test is "Dream Big- Shoot for the STAARS." We want our students to know that if they can dream it, they can achieve it! At Kubacak Elementary we try our best to motivate our students and make the experience of state testing as pleasant as possible. Our goal is to use the most effective instructional practices throughout the school year so that your child is well prepared and successful on their state assessments. We do not teach to the test, but strive to develop a deep understanding of content to best prepare your child for their future.



There are many things that parents can do to support their child during state assessments.

- Explain that the tests will show how much they have learned. Encourage them to do their best, but do not put so much emphasis on it that it causes stress.
- Talk to your child about test taking strategies and the importance of taking their time. Remind your child to read each question carefully, show their work, and the importance of bubbling answer choices carefully.
- Limit activities the night before tests. You may want to avoid having guests for dinner or any late night baseball games. Be sure your child gets to bed on time and sets an alarm for the next morning.
- On test day, give your child an energy-boosting breakfast. We will provide your child with water and snacks throughout the day.

STAAR ASSESSMENT DATES

Third Grade
May 8th- Math
May 9th- Reading

Fourth Grade
March 28th- Writing
May 8th- Math
May 9th- Reading

Fifth Grade
March 28th- Math
March 29th- Reading
May 10th- Science

