

James Madison Charter Academy

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**The 100% Honest Weekly Bugle**

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Dear JMCA Family:

**April 5, 2021**

It is always important to start anything with good news. Our good news is that the federal government approved the CMAS testing waiver this year. Thus, students in grades 3, 5, and 7 only need to take an English literacy test. Students in grades 4, 6, and 8 will take a mathematics test. Students in grade 8 also have to take a science test.

The reduced testing schedule does a lot in reducing the anxiety level of JMCA staff and students. Starting tomorrow Tuesday April 6 until Tuesday April 20, JMCA will be in full testing mode. However, the waiver means that our testing period ends ten days sooner than it would otherwise. If you are the parent of a 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade child, make sure they received a nutritious breakfast before school. A well-fed child and brain translates to better academic performance on exams. Meanwhile, if you are the parent of a kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student, please be patient with your child(ren) during this period. In order to accommodate for testing, their entire school schedule is out of sorts. Rest is important for the K to 2 students, so they can deal with the stress and confusion of the changing test schedule.

Additionally, JMCA is hosting a spring Earth Day themed event on April 29 to help commemorate the end of testing season. This event will be similar to our Halloween Trunk or Treat and Winter Showcase. Invite a friend and drive through the carpool lane and school parking lot to see decorated with an Earth Day and nature loves theme.

**JMCA Challenge**

Thus far, we have discussed quotes, answered riddles, and studied geography. For the final quarter, the JMCA challenge is trivia! Like always, there are separate questions for K to 3 students and 4 to 8 students. Email me your answers at [morinkyle@wsd3.org](mailto:morinkyle@wsd3.org), and the student from grades K to 3 and 4 to 8 with the most correct answers will get to eat lunch with me. **You also earn one volunteer hour for submitting an answer.**

**K to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** What is the largest big cat in the world? I will give you a hint; it is not a mountain lion. Also, the cat likes the colors orange and black.

**4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Why do sea otters hold hands? This one is tricky, but I will give you a hint that it is not because they are in love with one another.

**Coming Attractions-**

- April 6 to April 20- CMAS Testing
- April 22- Online packet pickup
- April 20- SAAC Meeting
- April 21- Progress reports go home
- April 23- Online packet pickup day
- April 29- Spring family event
- Wednesday is early release at **1:00 P.M.**
- Wednesday is formal dress.

**Family 5K run/walk!**

Our goal is to end the school year with a family 5k run/walk. The event will be held the evening of May 21. We will host a Zoom meeting April 14 at 4:30 P.M. to discuss planning the event. Please pay attention to weekly emails for a link to the Zoom meeting.

Remember to send your volunteer hours to Ms. K at [thomaskassandra@wsd3.org](mailto:thomaskassandra@wsd3.org).

