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April 8, 2016

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday! It is hard to believe that it is April and that our ERB testing begins on Monday. At Hancock Day School, students in grades two through eight complete the ERB CTP-IV (Educational Records Bureau Comprehensive Testing Program-4th Edition) each spring. Many independent schools utilize testing provided by the Educational Records Bureau. Areas of focus vary by grade level, but general domains assessed include verbal reasoning, reading comprehension, writing mechanics, quantitative reasoning, and mathematical skills.

The results of this assessment not only provide a snapshot of individual student performance, but also supply a standard benchmark against which we measure our curricular program to ensure the success of our students. Examining the trends in this data over time helps HDS identify areas of strength in our program, as well as areas that require further attention and investigation.

It is important to approach any standardized testing with a healthy mindset. This test reflects your child's performance on a given test on a given day, providing only one piece of information about the multifaceted makeup of your child. A

standardized test is one of many lenses through which a child's achievement may be assessed; teacher observations, classroom performance, and personal qualities such as initiative, perseverance, and grit are equally important.

The best preparation for young students is simple—a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast. As well as being rested and fed, we ask that students arrive at school on time and that you not schedule outside appointments during the upcoming week. Score reports will be mailed to parents during the month of June. In the meantime, please feel free to contact your child's teacher, Anne Weisel, or me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sandy

Sandy Pearle

Head of School

Hancock Day School

Come join in the fun tonight for the Coaches Game 6:30 pm in the GYM!

Monday, April 11, 2016 – Friday, April 15, 2016 ERB Testing (Grades 2 – 8)

Thursday, April 21, 2016 – Parent-Teacher Conference Day for Grades Pre-k – 8. It is time to log onto PTC Wizard to sign up for a conference time! Click [here](#) for information.

STATE OF THE SCHOOL- Date change! The State of the School is now Tuesday, May 3, 2016 – 8:30 am and 6:00 pm (original date, Tuesday, April 19th)

Middle School Assignments