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Parenting with Love and Logic Wisdom

Wise parents know not to worry and stress about standardized tests like STAAR. They make sure their kids get plenty of sleep, eat a good breakfast and then say, "Take your time and I know you will do your personal best."

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A Word from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful spring weather! During the next few weeks we have several events that you will not want to miss. The **Volunteer Recognition and Appreciation** event will be held in the Kramer gym on **April 8th from 5:30-6:30 PM**. Please send your RSVP to nyoscontact@nyos.org by April 4th. On **April 10th** we will hold the annual **NYOS Elementary Fine Arts Showcase and Family Literacy Night** in the Kramer gym from **6-7 PM**. This year's theme is "Fun with Poetry!" There will be many fun poems to read and activities to enjoy, including an "Open Mic Café." Bring your beret and share your favorite poem with us! The Buy One/Get One Free BOGO **Book Fair** will be held at the Kramer campus from **April 7th-April 11th**. We plan to keep the Book Fair open until 6PM on Family Literacy Night for your shopping convenience.

As a friendly reminder, **Friday, April 18th** is a **bad weather makeup** day. We will follow the regular Friday schedule. The **STAAR** (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) test is coming soon! We ask that you not make doctor or dentist appointments on these days. We also ask that you postpone eating lunch with your child until after testing as we must maintain a secure testing environment. Dates to remember are **April 1st**: 4th Writing/Day 1 and 5th Math. **April 2nd**: 4th Writing/Day 2 and 5th Reading. **April 22nd**: 3rd and 4th Math and 5th Science. **April 23rd**: 3rd and 4th Reading.

Finally, on **Saturday, April 26th from 8-Noon**, **Home Depot** volunteers will join NYOS volunteers for a **Kramer Garden Work Day!** We will work together to weed, mulch, and plant new flowers in the playground planter boxes and flower beds. Please **call Cathy Collins at 512-275-1593 to let us know if you're planning to attend**. We can use your help for all or part of the morning! Bring your rakes, garden gloves, wheelbarrows, etc. and join us in showing Home Depot how much we appreciate their support of our school!

Thanks for all you do in support of your children and our school. We sincerely appreciate you!

Terry Berkenhoff

School/Home Connection by Ms. Tintera, Assistant Principal

<http://www.artallianceaustin.org/art-city>

Check out Art City Austin—April 12th and 13th! Part street festival/part block party/part art exhibit and sales!

Children under 12 FREE!

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Test Taking Tips for Parents from Ms. Arles, Elementary Counselor

- Reality Check! It is important to remind children that while the test is important, it is only a part of their complete school evaluation- try to be positive about the test. Try not to show your own anxiety about the test (s).
- Encourage your child to do well without placing too much pressure on them.
- Mark down testing dates so the whole family is aware and can provide support.
- Make certain your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a healthy breakfast (avoid sugary foods and drinks).
- Encourage your child to exercise as often as possible during testing weeks.

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Sat./Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri
		1 STAAR—4th STAAR—5th	2 STAAR—4th STAAR—5th	3	4
5/6	7 BOGO Book Fair open all week!	8 Volunteer Recognition & Appreciation 5:30-6:30 Kramer Gym nyoscontact@nyos.org to RSVP	9	10 CLASS PICTURE DAY— wear red shirt and khaki bottoms Fine Arts/Literacy Night 6PM Kramer Gym Book Fair open until 6PM	11
12/13	14	15	16	17	18 We have school today!
19/20	21	22 STAAR –3rd STAAR—4th STAAR—5th	23 STAAR –3rd STAAR—4th	24	25
26 Kramer Garden Work Day with Home Depot/ NYOS Volunteers! 8-Noon 512-275-1593 to	27	28	29	30	