



Principals Weekly Update

4/3

Greetings Blazer Families,

Congratulations to our 4th and 5th grade Odyssey of Mind (OM) Teams for their outstanding performances at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. Many thanks to Coach Bryant, Coach Darr, and families for your hard work and commitment to our Blazers. Thank you, Ms. Martin and Ms. Alford for joining us at the state competition to support our teachers, students and families.

5th grade OM Team won first place and brought home the State Championship trophy! They demonstrated superb teamwork and collaboration which translated into an impeccable performance. During the performance, it became evident to me and everyone else in the audience that every member of the team was not just focused on their own performance but ensured their teammates were successful as well. Our state champions will be moving on to compete at the World Competition in Iowa in May 2024. Way to go Blazers! We are so proud of you!!

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Progress Monitoring 3 (PM3)

- Grades 1 & 2:
 - STAR Reading week of 4/22
 - STAR MATH week of 4/29
- Grade 3, 4, & 5:
 - FAST ELA week of 5/6
 - FAST MATH week of 5/20
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- Ensure students eat a healthy breakfast
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- Encouraging students to do their very best.
- Celebrating students' learning, effort, and commitment.

All families should have received a letter outlining your child's exact assessment dates. If you did not see this letter or need an additional copy, or if you have specific questions about assessments, please reach out to your child's teacher or Assistant Principal, Mrs. Alford.

A Message from your Yearbook Club: Student wishes are now on sale for our 2023–2024 Yearbook. The deadline has been EXTENDED until **April 3rd!** Give your student a note of love, and best wishes with a printed memory to last forever! Log into your account at www.TreeRing.com to create yours.

Also, the Yearbook purchase and the custom page deadline has been EXTENDED until **April 10th**

We also encourage you to upload your 2023-24 photo memories into the content area to have your Blazer highlighted. WE need candid classroom, field trip, and event photos.

Attention Fifth Grade Parents

We extended the deadline for fifth grade slideshow pictures to Friday, April 5. Pictures should be sent to fifthgrade@elisanelsonementarypta.org. We can accept up to 5 photos. We'd like them to be group shots of events at school, ideally throughout all five years, but we'll take others. We're hoping everyone can be well-represented.

The fifth grade committee is working on having a hospitality space for parents that want to stay at school during the dance on the last day since there is a short time between the end of awards and dismissal. We are asking parents to complete this [form](#) so that we can plan for space, snacks, etc.

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Important Dates:

- April 5 – Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- April 23 – SEM Showcase- II
- April 26 – No School for students
- May 16 – Spring Concert @ 7PM at PHUHS auditorium
- May 27 – No school for students – Memorial Day Holiday

Sincerely,

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