



PARENT PAW PRINT

Dedicated to empowering students to never give up, encourage others, and do their best.

Our Future Looks Bright at AC

MAY/JUNE

Important Dates:

5/3 Chats de datos de Prueba (3rd-6th)
 5/3 CAASPP Rally (3rd-6th)
 5/6-5/17 CAASPP Testing (3rd-6th)
 5/7 [Tucked in Tuesday](#)
 5/7 ELAC Meeting @ 3/15
 5/8 First Grade Field Trip - Fresno Zoo
 5/10 "Eat the Rainbow" Lunch
 5/14 AESD Board Mtg. @ Bellevue School
 5/14 [Tucked in Tuesday](#)
 5/21 OPEN HOUSE
 5/21 [Tucked in Tuesday](#)
 5/22 Parent Workshop
 5/22 Fifth Grade Field Trip -Carnegie Arts
 5/27 MEMORIAL DAY - **NO SCHOOL**
 5/28 [Tucked in Tuesday](#)
 5/29 Reclassification Celebration Breakfast
 5/29 Character Assemblies
 5/30 Writing Festival Awards
 5/31 GATE Field Trip
 6/4 [Tucked in Tuesday](#)
 6/7 Report Cards Go Home
 6/7 Last Day of School-**MINIMUM DAY**



School Site Council & ELAC

Please consider joining us for these important informational and decision-making meetings! We need your support and partnership.

[SSC/ELAC Meeting Schedule](#)

State Assessment Time for our 3rd - 6th Grade Students

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) is designed to give information to teachers, students, and their families about what students know and are able to do and whether they are on track to be ready for success in college or a career when they graduate from high school.

Each spring, students take the following assessments:

**GRADES 3–8, AND GRADE 11
 Smarter Balanced Summative
 Assessments in
 English language arts/literacy and
 mathematics
 OR
 California Alternate Assessments (CAA)***

**GRADES 5, 8, AND ONCE
 IN HIGH SCHOOL
 California Science Test
 OR
 CAA for Science***



UNDERSTAND THE ASSESSMENTS

The Parent Guides to Understanding provide answers to key questions such as who takes the assessments and why, and when and how they are administered.
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguideto/understand.asp>

Practice tests are available for parents and students. Practice tests are a great way to preview the test, view sample questions, and practice with the tools and resources (e.g., highlighter, calculator).
<http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/>



Summer Parenting Tips that Help Support Learning and Prevent Summer Slide

<https://blog.brainbalancecenters.com/2016/05/fun-activities-prevent-summer-slide>

Children often relish those school-free summer months. Time away from the classroom, however, often leads to the "summer slide," or the loss of academic skills. When kids are not engaged in scholastic activities, they can regress and forget what they learned the previous year.

Parents often choose summer classes or camps to keep kids engaged, but there are also everyday activities that support learning and prevent summer slide. These summer parenting tips about such activities can help kids of a wide range of ages and learning differences. It is often as simple as incorporating learning into day-to-day life:

- ★ *Spend Time in the Kitchen*
- ★ *Explore the Outdoors*
- ★ *Play Games and Do Crafts*
- ★ *Read Everything, Everywhere*
- ★ *Take a Field Trip*

