

# Tiger Times

At Krause Later Elementary we establish high standards and support learning for all in a caring environment.

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## MEAP Results & Upcoming Changes

In the past week or so, your child came home with MEAP scores for this school year. As you review your child's MEAP results for the 2010-2011 school year please be advised that significant changes in how the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) determines proficiency will begin for the 2011-2012 school year. As you may know, students are separated into four different proficiency categories based on their MEAP scores: (1) *Advanced*, (2) *Proficient*, (3) *Partially Proficient*, and (4) *Not Proficient*.

Currently students are considered proficient (a '1' or '2' on the MEAP) if they score above a minimum threshold at each grade level, which is called a "cut score". For third grade students anything above 300 is currently considered **proficient**, fourth grade anything above 400 is considered **proficient**, and fifth grade anything above 500 is considered **proficient**. Beginning next year, levels for proficiency will become far more difficult for students to attain. The 2011-2012 cut scores will be adjusted as Michigan's Department of Education raises the academic bar significantly. It is expected that 40-50% of students statewide will drop levels in proficiency with these adjustments.

The new standards are part of other revisions to the state test that will begin next year, including the incorporation of the new national Common Core standards, updated MEAP tests, and soon-to-be-developed assessments at the local, state, and national levels. The state has set a goal of doubling the number of college graduates (from the current 23%) and hopes the new tests and curriculum will create a college-going culture as early as elementary school for students.

As with past revisions in the test, scores typically drop in the first year of the new assessment and cut scores. However, within 2-3 years, we at Armada have a history of meeting the previous threshold and surpassing it.

Mr. Sutton

## Spaghetti Dinner Around the Corner

Looking for an inexpensive way to spend a Friday night and treat your family to a good meal? Our student council is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on **Friday, April 29th from 5:00-7:00** in the cafeteria. All proceeds from this dinner will go toward programs and assemblies. We will be attempting to get Brainstormers in to help our students with the writing process and we are attempting to get Michigan & American Chillers author Jonathan Rand in as well.

Adults: \$6.00 Seniors 55+ \$5.00 Children 12+ 4.00 Under 5 FREE

*Please come out and join us for this great dinner!*

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### Special points of interest:

- Spring Break April 4th-10th
- Principal's Awards April 12th
- No School April 22nd & 25th
- Spaghetti Dinner April 29th 5:00-7:00 elementary cafeteria
- May 4th Ice Cream Social

# Survey Results-Teachers Greatest Strength

Each year we ask parents to assist us in providing the very best education possible by giving us feedback and suggestions for improvement with an online survey. The results of the survey are summarized below:

- 93% of parents rated their child's overall experience between good and outstanding.
- 96% of parents are satisfied with the communication from school.
- 85% of respondents felt the level of homework is appropriate.
- 81% of those surveyed felt that the school's discipline is satisfactory.
- 56% of respondents rate our teachers as the best thing about our school; 30% rated our curriculum as the best thing.
- When asked what curricular areas need the greatest support, 52% of parents felt that mathematics needs more support.

Suggestions for improvement- Evening music concerts, challenging offerings for advanced students, pick-up/drop-off safety

Things our school is doing well- Addressing the needs of struggling learners, communication between teachers/parents, and technology offerings

## Reading is Out of This World!

The importance of reading is stressed throughout the year and celebrated each March around the country. At Krause we try to have some fun with reading month each year, while challenging students to achieve individual and school goals. This year our students were challenged to read between 100-150 minutes depending on grade level each week and turn in these minutes each week. At the conclusion of

this fun month, all students in the later elementary dropped everything to read in the cafeteria with teachers for thirty minutes. Throughout this busy month, our school read over 1,200 books!!

**Our students read over 1,200 books this month!**



Mrs. Goulette listens to Noelle Barnhart read in class.

## Tiger Pals Making a Difference

Nicole Bliss (resource room teacher) and Jenny Dobberowsky (speech therapist) lead an innovative and effective program called Tiger Pals each year. In this peer mentoring program, students that have significant social difficulties are paired with positive role models within their classroom. These role models will sit by students at lunch, offer support to students socially, and help students throughout the school year. This program has been wildly successful and has positively impacted dozens of students since its inception.



Left, Mrs. Bliss & Miss Dobberowsky work with students to solve problems.

Right, Tiger Pals enjoy a lunch reward for all of their hard work.



# February's Principal's Award Winners

## THIRD GRADE

Brendan Fligger  
Hunter Haase  
Michael Hirschberger  
William Sprang  
Rocco Trupiano

## FOURTH GRADE

Tyler Gilbert  
Annelise Hill  
Ryan Keller  
Rosie Riccobono  
Benjamin Stockton

## FIFTH GRADE

Victoria Fair  
Makenna Lawson  
Kyle Nelson  
Lily Parol  
Alexandra Reschke  
Anthony var-

*Congratulations!*

## Volunteers needed for Tiger Tracks!

Our Tiger Tracks walking program is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping out for a couple hours, please contact Eve Allen at [eallen@armadaschools.org](mailto:eallen@armadaschools.org). Your help is greatly appreciated!



## Looking for used National Geographic magazines

Ms. Lee, our cultures teacher, is looking for used National Geographic magazines. If you have any that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the elementary office.





April



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3	4 <i>SPRING BREAK</i>	5 <i>SPRING BREAK</i>	6 <i>SPRING BREAK</i>	7 <i>SPRING BREAK</i>	8 <i>SPRING BREAK</i>	9
10	11	12 <i>Principal Award Assembly 3pm</i>	13 <i>TCB Meeting 9am</i>	14	15 <i>Crazy Hair Day</i>	16
17	18	19 <i>Board Meeting 7pm</i>	20 <i>Forest Heritage Fourth Grade</i>	21 <i>Fifth Grade Cranbrook Museum</i>	22 <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	23
24 	25 <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm Strings Concert 7:30-8pm</i>	30



"Breakfast is a great way to start the day"

Milk- \$ .50

LUNCH- \$2.50

Reduced Lunch \$.40

# APRIL Krause Elementary School

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
4	5	6	7	8
SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK		HAVE A GOOD BREAK	
11	12	13	14	15
French Toast Stix Sausage Links Tater Tots Applesauce Choice of Milk	BBQ Chicken Leg Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Roll Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Chilled Pineapple Choice of Milk	Whole Grain Chicken Patty on Whole Grain Bun Broccoli Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	Cheesy Breadsticks Fresh Baby Carrots Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk
<b>Second Choice: Mini Corndog Nuggets</b>				
18	19	20	21	22
Baked Breaded Whole Grain Chicken Nuggets Whole Wheat Roll Corn on the Cob Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk	Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Whole Wheat Bun Oven Fries Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	Nacho Chips/Cheese Refried Beans Chilled Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Chilled Pears Choice of Milk	GOOD FRIDAY  NO SCHOOL
<b>Second Choice: Cereal Fun Lunch (Cereal, Hard Boiled Egg, Juice and Milk)</b>				
25	26	27	28	29
EASTER MONDAY  NO SCHOOL	Whole Grain Chicken Patty on Whole Wheat Bun Oven Fries Chilled Pineapple Choice of Milk	Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Cinnamon Apple Slices Choice of Milk	Sweet and Sour Chicken Rice Whole Wheat Roll Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	Cheesy Breadsticks Mixed Vegetables Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk
<b>Second Choice: Nachos Fun Lunch (Tortilla Rounds, Cheese, Salsa, Fruit and Milk)</b>				
If you have questions, Comments or Concerns? Please Call Director of Dining Services Norene Msal at 586-784-2474		In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age, or disability. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to Dept. of Agriculture, Washington DC, 20250		