



Benavidez Elementary School
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SDMC Minutes

02/28/2024

4:20-5:20

1. **Welcome:** Assistant Principal Linda Ahumada
 - Congratulations, Zearn Winners Ms. Nava and Mr. Graubard, for the highest lessons completed.
2. **Ongoing Online Daily Assessment Enrichment/Preparation:**
 - **K-12 Summit (RLA)**
 - The Summit K-12 program offers an online curriculum to help students struggling with reading or writing, including English learners and bilingual students, close learning gaps and improve their skills.
 - We have implemented a complete schedule for K-12 Summit, Tuesday and Thursday, to support our EBs and will continue through the end of the year.
 - **Zearn (Math)**
 - Zearn Math is a comprehensive, digital-first curriculum designed to provide personalized learning experiences in mathematics for students in grades K-8, aiming to build deep understanding and a love for math.
 - Students have also been scheduled to do Zearn Math enrichment on Monday-Friday.
 - Teachers are encouraged to integrate Summit K-12 and Zearn Math resources into the daily schedules, as provided, to support students' learning needs.
3. **Upcoming State Assessments:**
 - **TELPAS (Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System)**
 - TELPAS (Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System) is an assessment program designed to measure the progress of English language learners in mastering the English language, as required by the state of Texas.
 - Testing Window: 2/19/2024- 3/29/2024
 - We will soon be finished with TELPAS testing and, in the following week, will be pulling students for make-up exams.
 - **3-5 Grade STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness)**
 - STAAR is a standardized testing program that evaluates students' academic readiness in core subjects throughout public schools in Texas.
 - Mock STAAR February 29th RLA, March 1st Math (Thursday and Friday)
 - We will attempt to mimic the actual assignments, testing environment, and protocols as closely as possible.
 - No Science Mock exam
 - April 17- RLA (3rd-5th), April 24- Science (5th grade), April 30th- (3rd-5th) Testing
 - Every campus will have a two-week window to test, and instead of staggering the test dates, we will test all 3rd-5th graders on the same days.



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- Reminder that technology is prohibited for these exams (TELPAS, STAAR, State and District Exams) and to leave your phones and smart devices locked away or in your vehicles.

4. NES-A moving into NES 2024-2025

- Currently designated as NES-A, our campus is aligned with NES standards and curriculum but not fully integrated. This upcoming school year, we will transition towards adopting the complete set of NES standards, methodologies, and curricular changes to enhance educational outcomes.
- This means the campus expectations will strictly align with the NES model.
- Those teachers who have proficient ratings (9 or better) will move seamlessly into their positions. However, those who do not meet these standards will need to reapply for their positions.

5. Celebrations:

- Achievement Certificates for 1st 3 cycles:
 - Continue recognizing student achievements through certificates (for Reading, Math, Science, and Conduct) and extracurricular activities (STEM and DYAD) to foster a positive learning environment and encourage academic excellence.
 - Field Trip to Children's Museum was a success
 - Marks the 1st of more after school field trips to help engage more with parents and the community.
 - We had 12 buses filled with parents, staff, students, and administrators. Hopefully, in the future we will have more opportunities to engage in off-campus learning.