

From the Principal's Desk

April 4, 2016

Monday mornings before school are one of my favorite times of the week. I have "crosswalk duty" so I am out front from 8:00 am - 8:15 am helping students get across 7th Street at the crosswalk and supervising until the bell rings. I enjoy this time because I can greet kids and parents as they get to school. I am always amazed this time of year how much growth I see in our students and how much is going on. I want to remind you of some important things that are going on at school this month.

PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers)

Testing: State assessments for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students in the areas of Math, Reading/Language Arts and Science (for 5th grade) will happen in April. The 5th graders started this morning on Math, and 4th graders will start this Friday. 3rd grade students start on April 11th. These assessments are taken by all elementary students across the State and they give us one type of data we use to evaluate how we are doing teaching in these content areas. If you have a student taking these tests please help them get a good night's sleep and a good breakfast each morning.

The Flatirons Innovative Learning Lab: I am excited to say progress on our iLab is coming along. Though it is not complete, it is open for business and is being accessed by many of our students. Second graders used the "green screen" and filmed weather videos from around the world. Fifth graders filmed individuals and groups reciting poetry. When I walk by the room I see small groups, whole classes and groups of students with parents using the space. This is a great example of our community coming together and creating a special space for our students and staff. If you are in the building, please stop by and take a look.

The Party: The Party is our spring fundraising event and is one of the highlights of the year. It is a great opportunity to get together and celebrate all the wonderful things happening at Flatirons, and raise a little money too. It is well attended by the Flatirons' staff and is a lot of fun. This year it is at a new location, the Spyder Active Sports Showroom at 4725 Walnut St. Please check out all the details on our [Party page](#) of the website and plan to attend.

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