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Good Afternoon, Gust Families,

There is no school for ECE students on Friday, March 7. K-5 students have school and should be in attendance.

As we start the month of March, consistent attendance is vital for academic success as it ensures students don't fall behind and miss valuable learning opportunities. Being present in school allows students to actively engage with teachers and peers, participate in classroom discussions, and benefit from hands-on learning experiences. Help us by getting students to school each day this month!

Gust has another Urban Air Attendance event scheduled for May 1st. Any student that has perfect attendance from March 7-May 1st will be invited!

Check out our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages to see all the fun activities happening at Gust.

Operations

We are reaching out to families with ECE-aged (Early Childhood Education) children to gather feedback regarding the potential addition of a Tuition-based (\$18 per day) ECE offering to the Discovery Link program at Gust, for the 2025-2026 school year.

If you have a child(ren) who will be 3 or 4 after October 1st 2025, and you are interested in after-school programming, we kindly ask that you complete the [linked survey](#).

DPS Food and Nutrition Services will offer non-congregate meals to students fasting during Ramadan (March 3-21) to consume offsite at a time that honors their religious principles. Families can request meals for their children for the entire period of Ramadan or for select days. Please reach out to Maria Sepulveda at maria_sepulveda@dpsk12.net

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Instruction



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Are you a parent, teacher, student, educator, school leader or community member who is passionate about improving our local schools and ensuring that all DPS students thrive? Consider applying to join the [District Accountability Committee](#) (DAC)! As an advisory body, the DAC provides feedback to DPS on decisions that impact our schools. The DAC is accepting applications for new members through March 21. The application is available in [multiple languages](#). Learn more about the DAC and [apply to become a member](#).

The Colorado Measures of Academic Success, known as CMAS, are the state's end-of-year common measurement of students' progress and include the following assessments:

- English language arts/ELA: grades 3-8
- or Spanish language arts/CSLA: grades 3-4 **Qualifying multilingual learners.*
- Math: grades 3-8
- Science: grades 5, 8 and 11
- Social Studies: grades 4 and 7 **At select schools.*

Missed instruction due to makeup testing can be avoided when students arrive on-time and when appointments and vacations are scheduled for non-testing days. Before each CMAS test session, students are instructed to turn off personal electronic devices and turn them in to the teacher. This, along with our school cell phone policy, helps maintain the validity of tests and a standardized testing environment for all students.

Data from assessments are critical in determining if educational goals are being met and if students are on track to graduate prepared for college and careers. Your support is appreciated; however if you do plan to excuse your student from testing, you can do so in the Parent Portal, October-February (giving the school time to plan and schedule accordingly). Instructions are linked at the bottom of this page: <https://assessments.dpsk12.org/o/assessment/page/ctmas>.

Find student practice resources here: <https://coassessments.com/practice-resources/> and CDE family resources here: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/resourcesforparents>.

Have a great weekend,



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