

Good morning Sarasota Middle School! Today is Thursday, May 3rd!



All students, please note that today we are following a **REGULAR SCHEDULE**. There is no regular testing today and all students should follow the normal schedule. That being said, please continue to be quiet in passing time this morning when in or near the front office – we will be conducting makeup testing in there.

Teachers, please be sure to check your email this morning and send any students you have to their testing location for makeups **FIRST THING AFTER ATTENDANCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**.

A reminder to SMS Students – Ashton Elementary is a closed campus for safety. SMS students are not allowed to cut through Ashton's campus for any reason on the way to or from school. Students that live behind Ashton will need to take an alternate route. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

A few words of wisdom to start your day...Listen up! There is an Arabic proverb that goes like this: "The sword wounds the body, but words wound the soul." It's true, you know. Words can wound. Unkind words...abusive words can really hurt. Sometimes they can hurt for a long time. If you take a minute to think about it, you can probably remember something someone said to you a long time ago that hurt your feelings. Does it still hurt to think about it? There are a lot of people who look just fine on the outside, but inside they've been wounded by unkind words. So how do we heal the wounds? Talk to someone and share your feelings. Then remember what John Heywood said: "It hurteth not the tongue to give pleasant words." Today, let's heal some wounds. Be especially aware of how you speak to others, and give away a few kind words. With something to think about, make it a great day. The choice is always yours.

A reminder to all students that breakfast service is at 9:00am, not 9:15am. All students should report to the cafeteria immediately upon arrival if they would like to get breakfast. Students should not leave to get breakfast once they have entered their classroom.

Students – please also remember our school policy: cell phones are not allowed on campus during the school day. All cell phones should be turned off and remain in backpacks between the hours of 9:15 and 4:15, this includes between classes. Please take this time to be sure all of your cell phones are turned off and in your backpacks at this time. If you are found with a cell phone without permission, it will be brought to the office for the remainder of the day.

Staff, if you have any students who you believe are not dressed for success, please send them to the main office for assistance at this time.

Staff all buses arrived on time today. There were no late arrivals and all students should be on time from breakfast service.

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Staff bus(es) _____ arrived a bit late today. Students were unloading at 9:20. Please excuse student from bus(es) _____ as they may be a min or two delayed from breakfast service.

Students, remember our Panther Pact: be Polite, Prepared, Productive and Safe. Have a thoughtful Thursday!