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Joan Martin School Newsletter

CALENDAR DATES

- January 10—Popcorn Day
- January 15 - PTO Meeting at 4:00 PM
- January 16 – McDonald's Night 5-8 p.m.
- January 17—No School for Students-Records Day
- January 20 - Martin Luther King Day-School will be is session.
- January 24 –Popcorn Day and Report Cards go Home
- January 28– 1st Grade Daytime Informance for Grandparents and Special Friends
 - 9:30 a.m. Evans, Jolliff, and DeBattista
 - 2:30 p.m. Backe, Tilford, and Goodfriend
- 1st Grade Evening Informance for Parents
 - 5:30 p.m. Evans, Jolliff, and DeBattista
 - 6:30 p.m. Backe, Tilford, and Goodfriend
- January 30– IREAD and Title One 3rd Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Be respectful!
Be responsible!
Be safe!

ISTEP+ and IREAD Preparation

A 3rd grade parent meeting will be held on Thursday, January 30, at 6:00 p.m. at Joan Martin School. Learn specific details about IREAD-3 and Title One. Previous test questions and things to do at home will be shared.

The Joan Martin Staff and our families are a team, and we need to continue to work together to help our students become college and career ready. Please plan to join us for this important meeting to help strengthen our team on January 30!

ISTEP+ DATES

- ISTEP+ Applied Skills (Gr. 3-5) March 3-12
- IREAD-3 (Gr. 3) March 17-19
- ISTEP+ Multiple Choice (Gr. 3-5) April 28-May 9

WEBSITES TO VISIT

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/istep-grades-3-8>

Scroll down to Item Samplers and click links to see actual test items!

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/istep-standards-and-assessment-vocabulary>

Click on specific grade levels to review vocabulary!

<http://www.xtramath.org>

Sign up for a free account and let your child practice!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Even a well-prepared student can feel pre-test anxiety. Encourage your child to relax and to view the test as a chance to show what they have learned. Reassure them that it's natural to feel a little nervous and that the important thing is to try their best. A good night's sleep the night before is crucial as well as a good breakfast the morning of the test. Rest and nutrients help to stimulate the brain.

1-2-3 Magic



The 1-2-3 Magic workshop sponsored by the School City of Hobart on January 23 at the Early Learning Center from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. incorporates Dr. Phelan's 1-2-3 Magic Program. This method is designed to help you stay in control of yourself and your child. This is a discipline technique that can be used with children ages 3 and up, even teens! Each parent will receive a summary of the 1-2-3 Magic method to take home.



Safety is one of the top priorities in the School City of Hobart to help safeguard our school community. We are using SafeSchools Alert, a tip reporting service that allows students, staff, and parents to submit safety concerns to our administration in four different ways -

Phone: 1-855-4ALERT1, Ext. 1190

Text: Text to ALERT1 or 253781 and type #1190 with the message

Email: 1190@alert1.us

Web: <http://1190.alert1.us>

Please make sure to use the district's identification code, 1190, in your communication.

Together, using SafeSchools Alert, we can make our district a safer place to work and learn. Thanks in advance for your support!

Goal Setting

During the next two weeks, students in Grades 2-5 will take two Scholastic assessments called SMI (Scholastic Math Inventory) and SRI (Scholastic Reading Inventory). Students are expected to improve their scores on both tests. The first semester will end on January 16, and report cards along with SMI and SRI results will be sent home on January 24.

Students will set new goals for the third quarter by looking at their assessments and their grades. They will work to meet these goals by the end of the quarter in March. The SMART Goals format is one way students can write responsible goals.



Brickie Community Health Clinic

The *Brickie Community Health Clinic (BCHC)*, an onsite school based clinic located at Hobart High School, for ALL School City of Hobart students is a collaborative venture with St. Mary Medical Center and their Community Care Network staff. *Healthy students are more successful in school!*

VISIT

<http://hobart.schoolwires.com/clinic>

HOURS

Monday and Wednesday

9:00 AM—5:00 PM

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Walk-ins and appointments are honored by calling 219-945-9383.

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