Principal’s Message:

Happy Spring Carrigan Families!

I know so many of us are very thankful that the snow is out of sight, warmer temperatures are more consistent, and the days are filled with more hours of sunlight … it feels great to get outside and breathe in some fresh air!

April starts our Spring Testing Schedule. Students will start with the Smarter Balanced Assessments, Next Generation Science Standards, and then NWEA. These tests let students show what they know in ELA, Math, and Science. Everything that the students have been taught this year (and past years) have helped prepare them for this test, but more so have given them skills to use outside of school as well as for the rest of their lives.

Here are some tips to help our students do the best they can ...
- Promote a positive mind set! Let your child (children) know that he/she has what it takes to do well and to always try his/her best. They may not know every answer, but they will know many and we want them to answer as many correctly as they can.
- Go to bed early and get enough sleep.
- Eat a good breakfast at home or school.
- Use the taught skills that their teachers use on a daily basis.

All of those mentioned tips will certainly help and we thank you for your assistance! As always, please reach out to your child’s teacher, Mr. Weber, or myself if we can help in any way.

Alicia Limosani
Assistant Principal

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Carrigan’s 5th grade **Spring Choral Concert** will be held on April 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $1.00

Wednesday, April 3rd is a **Staff Development Day** Students will dismiss at 12:30
Congratulations to our Caring Cougars!

5th graders:  Ibrahim Bello, Angel DeJesus, Josmailyn De Leon-Mercedes, Anthony Iannotti, Briana Madera, Leo Mazuroski, Mehkily Muriel, Luis Ortiz-Tela, Zakira Ouroman, Santiago Perez, Gianna Pinheiro, Christopher Ramos, Michael Riccelli, Ariana Salas, Mary Salinas, Denise Sanchez-Francia, Julius Thomas, Alexander Tovar, Jomar Vazquez, Cielo Velazco-Rafael, Jeffrey Walker

Our classrooms enjoyed ‘Read Across America Week’ and the daily Seuss-inspired themes.

Take advantage of Spring Break to read those books you’ve been wanting to get to! While doing so, please remember the following:

~ CLOSE Reading Questions to ask yourself ~

~ What is the author telling me?  
~ Are there any hard or important words?  
~ What does the author want me to understand?  
~ How does the author play with language to add meaning?
Dear Parents:

The 5th and 6th grade students will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) in Mathematics and English/Language Arts. 5th grade only will be taking the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Students who have been assessed in the past with the CMT Skills Checklist will not participate in the SBAC Test but will continue to take the skills checklist test; CTAA (Connecticut Alternate Assessment). Students will also be participating in our Spring NWEA testing in ELA, Math, and Science.

Our school plans to administer the test April 8th through May 29th. Please note the following:

- The tests are not timed. However, it will take approximately 3 to 4 hours to complete each content area test. Testing will be scheduled over multiple sessions of approximately 90 minutes each; time may be adjusted when deemed appropriate;
- To comply with Federal and State statute, participation in the SBAC Test is required;
- Information from the test will be used to evaluate the testing software, ensure the quality of test questions, and evaluate the effectiveness of the test and training materials.
- Student's test results will be sent home next Fall.

There are some ways you can help prepare your child at home to help the tests run smoothly:

- It is imperative that students attend school each day during the testing period. Students should get a good night's sleep and come to school prepared for the test;
- Breakfast is an important factor for a student's energy level and stamina. Please be sure your child has a substantial, nutritious breakfast each morning or they can get one at school;
- Please do not schedule appointments, etc. for your child during this time period. If students are in the midst of testing we will be unable to call your child out of class;
- Children must arrive to school on time. Students who arrive after testing has begun will go to an alternate classroom until testing concludes and will have to take a make-up test as well as complete all missed classroom work.

Please help us to make this assessment process a positive experience for our students by speaking to your child about the importance of putting forth his/her best effort. These tests are an important evaluation tool and we would appreciate your assistance in ensuring a successful outcome.

Thank you again for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Rich Weber
Rich Weber, Principal