

# The Tele'Graham

Respect Yourself | Respect Others | Respect Property

Team  
Graham  
2016-2017  
STARTING  
LINEUP



March

6<sup>th</sup> - No School (Pulaski Day)

8<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 Dismissal

13<sup>th</sup> - PARCC Test begins

March

15<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 Dismissal

22<sup>nd</sup> - PARCC test ends

22<sup>nd</sup> - 2:00 dismissal

March

23<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Assess

25<sup>th</sup> - Spring break begins

## Mr. Miller's Memo :

Graham Families,

Next week our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will begin taking the PARCC assessment. Some of you may know what this is and some may not. I wanted to offer a brief description of PARCC to hopefully clarify any questions.

The PARCC assessment is a series of 7 tests (4 Math and 3 English/Literature) that will be administered to students over the course of 2 weeks at Graham. All 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the state of Illinois are required to take this assessment and multiple other states also administer the PARCC test to their students. The information from these tests can be used to discover how much learning your child has mastered in their current grade. These scores can also be used to compare our school to others in the district, state, or country.

Mrs. Senor sent home a list of helpful hints that you can do to help your student perform better at PARCC. One hint is as simple as making sure they get to sleep early.

My hint is this. **Be positive.** Encourage your student to do their best on the assessment. Encourage them to write paragraphs on their essays (not just sentences). Encourage them to use the whole time to take the test (not just click on answers). Encourage them to read the questions carefully (not just glance at the question and think they know what it is asking).

Most of all, Encourage them to take pride in their work on the test. Over the past year I have seen what your children are capable of doing. I see their ability to write and I see them doing difficult math problems. But it doesn't matter what Mr. Miller sees. Encourage them to take pride in their work on the test so that the rest of the city can see what they are capable of. This is their opportunity to brag about how much they know.

Steve Miller



### Tips for the night before PARCC

- 1) Help your child get to bed on time. Research shows that being well-rested helps students do better.
- 2) Help children resolve immediate arguments before going to bed.
- 3) Keep your routine as normal as possible. Upsetting natural routines may make children feel insecure.
- 4) Mention the test to show you're interested, but don't dwell on it.
- 5) Plan ahead to avoid conflicts on the morning of the test.



**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade spring music performance has been moved to April 25<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Stout will be sending home information regarding times in Tuesday folders in the next couple weeks.**

## **UNLOCK YOUR PARENT ACCESS**

Did you know that District 186 has a secure online site where you can see your child's school information? It is called Springfield Public Schools Intranet and found on tab ([Intranet](#)) at the top of the Springfield Public Schools Webpage. Please contact the Graham school office to receive your **Parent Intranet Access** today!

Your access includes:  
teacher email address  
class schedule  
test scores  
attendance  
report card, and more.

When parents/guardians know about their child's school records they can better support him/her and their teacher. We highly encourage you to sign up at your school, login and select options that include receiving report cards and student billing by email or a text.

**Spring Break  
March 25<sup>th</sup>  
To  
April 16<sup>th</sup>**

The next community engagement session for the Facilities Master Planning Process will be on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The meeting will be held at Lanphier High School. The focus of the meeting is “Where do we want to go? 21<sup>st</sup> Century Programs and Facilities: Learn what is Possible

<b>Contact Information :</b> 900 West Edwards Street Springfield, Il. 62704 217-525-3220	<b>School Hours :</b> 8:25 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. <b>Breakfast :</b> 8:05 a.m. - 8:25 a.m.	<b>Main Office Hours:</b> 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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