



# Dolphin Daily

*Week of April 29th*

***Week of 4/29/24***

**Mon- Fri- K-2 STAR Testing**

**Wed- Fri- 3-5 FAST Testing Begins (Small Groups)**

**This Week**

***Monday- Kindergarten Round Up Begins- schedule a time at the link below!***

***Tuesday- PBIS Summer Photos- \$5.00***

***Wednesday- PBIS Summer Photos- \$5.00***

***Thursday- PBIS Summer Photos- \$5.00***





## SPRING K - 2ND TESTING SCHEDULE- SUBJECT TO CHANGES

Test	Date	Group Type
STAR Math	April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
STAR Math	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten
STAR Math	April 25 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
STAR Math	April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Make-ups
STAR Early Lit	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten
STAR Reading	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
STAR Reading	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
STAR EL and Reading	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Make-ups

## SPRING 3RD - 5TH TESTING SCHEDULE- SUBJECT TO CHANGES

Test	Date	Group Type
BEST Writing	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
BEST Writing	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
BEST Writing	April 1 <sup>st</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	Small Group and Make -Ups
FAST ELA	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Whole Grades 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>
FAST ELA and Math	May 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> /May 5 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> / May 13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Small groups Grades 3-5 Math and ELA
FAST Math	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole Grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>
FAST Make Ups	May 16 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup>	FAST ELA and Math Make-ups

**5TH GRADE SCIENCE TEST- MAY 9TH**



# GAE Events



**PBIS SUMMER PICTURES! \$5.00 TUESDAY - THURSDAY**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> grade Tortugas Trip	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30am to 5:30pm	Meet at Tortugas Ferry-see info sent home
5 <sup>th</sup> grade track meet	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am to 11:30am	KWHS Backyard
VPK Cookie Promotion Event	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am to 9:45am	GAE Cafeteria
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade End of Year Awards	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am to 10:30am	GAE Cafeteria
Spring Carnival Event	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm to 2:30pm	GAE Back Field
4 <sup>th</sup> grade End of Year Awards	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am to 10:30am	GAE Cafeteria
Kindergarten End of Year Awards	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	1:15pm to 2:45pm	GAE Cafeteria
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade End of Year Awards	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	1:00pm to 2:30pm	GAE Cafeteria
1 <sup>st</sup> grade End of Year Awards	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:15pm to 2:45pm	GAE Cafeteria
KWHS Senior Walkthrough	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30am	GAE Hallway
5 <sup>th</sup> grade Recognition Ceremony	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30am to 12:00pm	GAE Cafeteria
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	EARLY RELEASE-12:00pm	Have a great Summer!

**END OF YEAR EVENTS SCHEDULE!**





# GAE Events



**ANOTHER FABULOUS DOLPHIN DAYS- THANK YOU COACH HENRIQUEZ!**







# KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP



When?

**April 29th 9:00am**

Who?

Any child who will be 5 on or before September 1st

<https://tinyurl.com/GAEKindergarten>



Where?

Gerald Adams Elementary Cafeteria

5855 College Rd.

305-293-1609 ext. 51300



In Partnership with Title I

**SCAN THE CODE OR FOLLOW THE LINK TO SIGN UP TO  
MEET A KINDERGATEN TEACHER FOR MORE  
INFORMATION: APR 29TH - MAY 10TH  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/GAEKINDERGARTEN](https://tinyurl.com/GAEKINDERGARTEN)**



**JOIN OUR SAC!**  
**Meeting dates are Monthly**  
**8:00am Media Center**

**May 15th**

**Or join us online at:**  
<http://tinyurl.com/GAESAC>



## USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS SURVEY



PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

### WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

PLEASE TAKE THE SURVEY BELOW TO GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS SPENDING IN SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS LIKE TITLE I.

<https://tinyurl.com/mry2tmpe>



## TITLE I PARENT SURVEY

Please take a moment to complete the Title I End of Year Survey. Your survey results help us strengthen school programs, increase school support and make changes for the better.

<https://tinyurl.com/3yz87jmb>

*We need your feedback!*

English

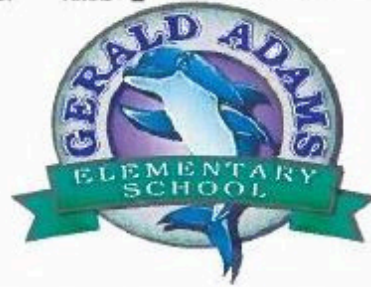
Which School does your child attend?

- Gerald Adams
- HOB
- Poinciana
- Key Largo
- Stanley Switlik
- Other

**TYPE IN THE LINK OR  
SCAN THE QR TO TAKE  
THE SURVEY**







Mrs. Orcutt's Counselor's Corner

May 2024

## Small Group Counseling



- Exploring emotions heavy feeling VS light feelings
- Coping strategies; Belly Breathing, Chillax in My Head, Shake Out the Yuck & Float Your Boat.

## Test Taking Tips

- Take a few deep breaths and relax tense muscle - repeat throughout the test.
- Read directions carefully - ask questions.
- Answer easier questions first - this will help calm you down.
- Manage your time and keep an eye on the clock.

## Parent Tips

### Safety Tips

- Know your name, phone number and address.
- Do NOT talk or go anywhere with strangers.
- Do NOT eat anything given by a stranger.
- Do NOT leave the house without adult permission.
- Do NOT share personal information with anyone online.
- Your body belongs to YOU!
- Know when and how to call 911.
- Know your child's friends and their parents.
- Maintain and establish expectations and routines.
- Review apps, site, apps, and games they use.
- Set ground rules for social media use .



# Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) & Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT)

## Parent Info

### What is CAT?

- Online assessment that is adjustable based on student answers
- Grade level content only (does not go above or below current grade level)
- PM3 Testing Dates: Writing 4/1-4/12, FAST ELA , Math and Science 5/1-5/31

### Which tests are CAT?

- FAST K-2
- FAST 3-10 ELA
- FAST 3-8 Math
- Algebra 1
- Geometry EOC
- 2024-2025 Science & Social Studies

### How can I help my child?

- ✓ Access the FAST Family Portal to review PM1 and PM2 scores to set goals with your student. Each test picks up at the level the student left off at, encourage them to do their best on every test.
- ✓ Encourage them to do their best on every question before moving onto the next. This prevents the test from leveling down on the next question.
- ✓ Encourage students by saying, "The harder it gets, the better you are doing!" The more success in challenging content will earn a higher scale score.
- ✓ Use scratch paper to keep notes and work out problems.
- ✓ Use resources at home such as IXL, FAST practice tests, etc.
- ✓ Visit the FAST Portal for additional information.
- ✓ Review Achievement Level Scores so that your child understands their progress:

Achievement Levels				
1	2	3	4	5
<b>Well Below Grade Level:</b> Likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course	<b>Below Grade Level:</b> Likely to need substantial support for the next grade/ course	<b>On Grade Level:</b> May need additional support for the next grade/ course	<b>Proficient:</b> Likely to excel in the next grade/ course	<b>Exemplary:</b> Highly likely to excel in the next grade/ course





# FAST

FLORIDA ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT THINKING

## Computer Adaptive Tests (CAT) are:

- Taken Online
- Adjustable based on student answers
- Grade level content only (does not go below grade level)
- Utilized for FAST ELA, Math & B.E.S.T. EOCs
- Based on **Florida B.E.S.T. Standards** OR based on previous **FAST** Test results

## FAST STUDENT INFO

### *Tips for Success*

2023-2024

Take your **TIME** and do your **BEST** on **EACH** item before moving onto the next question or set of questions.

You **MUST** answer **EVERY** question with your **BEST** educated guess before moving on, but you can flag a question you would like to go back to and review at the end of the test.

The harder it gets, the **BETTER** you are doing!  
The more success in challenging content will earn a **HIGHER** scale score.

Try your **BEST** and take your **TIME** on each question. If you do not know the answer to a question, make your **BEST** educated guess based on the information you have.