

FRMA families,

This week marks the start of our final quarter of the 23-24 school year. There are many important learning activities planned as well as events to recognize our students' successes this year.

Please be aware of these important announcements for next week:

Monday, April 8th, Eclipse

FRMA students will have the opportunity to experience the solar eclipse occurring on Monday, April 8th, through a variety of learning events at school. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. This natural phenomena provides us a unique opportunity to participate in authentic STEM learning, as Aurora will be able to view the eclipse with approximately 94% coverage of the sun by the moon during the school day, making for an incredible educational opportunity for our students.

The eclipse can be safely viewed provided that proper eye protection is worn. Eclipse glasses are NOT regular sunglasses; regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe for viewing the Sun. Our school has purchased enough pairs of eclipse glasses to share with each student and staff member to safely view the event.

We will run a modified end of the day assembly schedule next Monday, as optimal viewing will be from 1:45-2:30 p.m., with the nearest to totality moment occurring at 2:07 p.m. For those who will not be outside, or in the event of inclement weather, we will offer viewing of a live feed inside the school.

Participation outside is optional. In order to view the eclipse outdoors under the supervision of staff, students must return a signed permission slip that allows students to view the eclipse outside using special glasses certified for safety. These permission slips were sent home with students on Tuesday, April 2nd, and need to be returned to the main office by Friday, April 5th. Students who do not turn in a signed permission form will view the live feed of the event inside.

Our staff is excited for this learning opportunity for our students. For any questions about this event, please contact Principal, Brian Valek at: 630-299-7175 or bvalek@d131.org.

National Library Week Spirit Week Celebration

Next week is National Library Week and students and staff can participate starting with:

Monday, April 8: "Exercise the Brain Day"- Wear sweats or workout clothes.

Tuesday, April 9: "I'm Wild About Reading Day"- Wear wild, wacky, unmatched clothes.

Wednesday, April 10: "Get in the Game and Read"-Wear a sport's shirt.

Thursday, April 11: "Throwback Thursday"- Share your favorite childhood book.

Friday, April 12: "I Dream of Reading"- Wear PJs and/or slippers.

Online Registration for 24-25 School Year

Completing your child's online registration is an important step in getting your students ready for the next school year. If you have any questions or need a password reset for your Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact Parent Liaison Leslie Hernandez at: 630-299-7177 or lhernandez@d131.org or stop by the main office for in-person help.

EA Dad's Meeting

There will be an in person meeting on April 10th from 8:45 a.m - 9:45 a.m. at the Resilience Education Center (R.E.C.), 417 Fifth Street, Aurora, IL. If you have any questions, please contact Mariza Martinez, Assistant Director of the Resilience Education Center at: mmartinez02@d131.org

African American Parent Association (AAPA) Meeting

There will be an in-person meeting next week on Thursday, April 11 from 5:30 p.m - 6:30 p.m. at the Resilience Education Center. For more information about the African American Parent Association, please contact Mariza Martinez, Assistant Director of the Resilience Education Center at: mmartinez02@d131.org or visit www.d131.org/aapa.

Friday, April 12th, day of Silence

On Friday, April 12th, the FRMA GLOW Club will be sponsoring the Day of Silence. On this date, students take a vow of silence to take a stand against the silencing effect of bullying and harassment.

Participation is voluntary and interested students must sign up through the Google form shared this week by teachers. Participating students will wear lanyards designating when they are not speaking. Students are still required to participate in class activities and do homework. Participating students may also elect to remove the lanyards at their own discretion and speak throughout the day.

Students can also get involved and show their support by wearing stickers if they don't complete the form or want to take the full vow of silence.

If families have any questions, please contact principal Brian Valek at bvalek@d131.org
or: 630-299-7175.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

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