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## *Principal's Points.....*

The holidays are over and we're settling into our daily routines again. This is probably very good—I don't know about you, but as much as I enjoy vacation having a routine makes me more productive.

Missoula Children's Theater has come and gone. The week of January 12 was quite busy with workshops in every classroom during the school days and rehearsals every afternoon and evening. The two performances on Saturday were charming, as always, as we saw some budding actors with true dramatic talent light up the stage. This is such a quality event, and Coyote Creek is very fortunate to have a PTA that wholeheartedly supports this opportunity.

And now we are preparing to enter CSAP "season". The Colorado Student Assessment Program is a standards-based assessment designed to determine the level at which Colorado students meet the state Model Content Standards in each subject assessed. These standards are statements that describe what students should know and be able to do. In elementary schools, students in grades three and four are assessed in reading and writing; students in grades five and six are assessed in reading, writing and math.

The state establishes a "window" of dates for administering these assessments. Due to Douglas County's four-track system in most elementary schools, our window extends from early February through early April in order for students on all tracks to have ample time. In other words, all students are not being assessed during the entire window; but for all track schedules to be accommodated, the window must be ten weeks long.

If you have a student in grades three through six, be watching carefully for information from your child's teacher about the specific days and times that class will be "CSAP-ing". It is SO important that your child is in school on those days (unless, of course, s/he is ill!) and has ample sleep and a good breakfast.

We try to keep CSAP in proper perspective—it is a very important assessment that gives us valuable information about student performance AND our instructional effectiveness. We only ask that our students maintain their progress toward our high expectations, doing their best work as they do every day.

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