

THE SCOUT REPORT

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CRADLEBOARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 23	March 24 AtSci - Part 1	March 25 AtSci - Part 2	March 26 AtSci - Part 3	March 27
March 30 AASA testing opens 3 rd Grade Writing	March 31 5 th Grade Writing	Early Release 1 3 rd Grade ORF	4 th Grade Writing	3
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State Testing: What Parents Need to Know



As we enter April, our students will be participating in state-mandated assessments. These tests provide valuable information about student learning and help us ensure every child is progressing academically. We want to partner with you to make this testing period as smooth and stress-free as possible for your child.

How You Can Support Your Child

Your support at home makes a real difference in how your child approaches testing. Here are some simple ways to help:

Before Test Day:

- **Prioritize sleep:** Ensure your child gets 8-10 hours of sleep each night during testing weeks
- **Maintain routines:** Keep regular schedules for meals, bedtime, and activities

- **Stay positive:** Remind your child that the test is just one way to show what they've learned
- **Avoid over-practicing:** Trust that classroom instruction has prepared them well

On Test Days:

- **Encourage them to eat a healthy breakfast:** Include protein and whole grains for sustained energy
- **Arrive on time:** Late arrivals can increase anxiety and disrupt testing
- **Avoid scheduling appointments:** Please schedule doctor visits and other appointments outside testing windows
- **Send encouragement:** A simple "do your best" is more helpful than "you must do well"
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Message from the Principal

Dear CBE Families,

As we enter our final quarter, our grades 3-5 students will participate in state testing this month, while our K-2 students complete their last district benchmark assessments. I am continually amazed by the tremendous growth we see in your precious children—from emerging readers to confident problem-solvers, each child has blossomed in remarkable ways this year. They are truly Scout-standing!

Thank you for your unwavering partnership and support at home. Your encouragement, patience, and dedication have been instrumental in helping our students thrive. Together, we are making a real difference in their lives, and I couldn't be more grateful or proud of our school community.

- Dr. Anna Pagatpatan Aranda

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State Testing...

What to Expect

Our state assessments are designed to measure student understanding of grade-level standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science (for 5th grade). Tests are administered on computers and include multiple-choice questions, short answers, and extended response items.

Students will have adequate time to complete each section, and breaks will be provided. Teachers will create a comfortable, supportive testing environment. Students with IEPs or 504 plans will receive their approved accommodations.

Reducing Test Anxiety

It's natural for some students to feel nervous about testing. Here's how to help:

- **Keep perspective:** Remind your child that this test doesn't define them or their intelligence
- **Teach relaxation:** Practice deep breathing or positive self-talk together
- **Acknowledge feelings:** Let your child express concerns without dismissing them
- **Celebrate effort:** Praise their hard work and preparation, not just results
- **Model calmness:** Children pick up on adult stress, so stay relaxed



Understanding Results

Test results will be available in late summer and will be mailed home before the start of the next school year. These scores are one of many measures we use to understand your child's academic progress. They will be used alongside classroom performance, report cards, and teacher observations to support your child's learning.

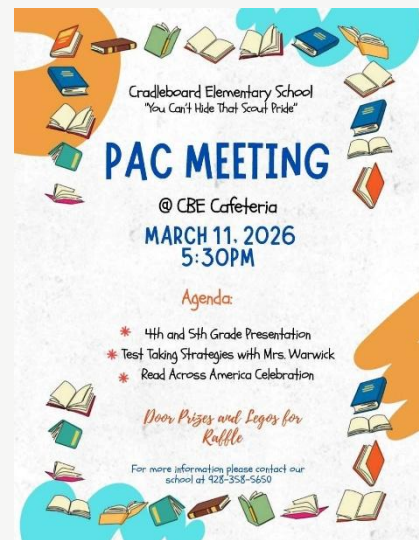
If you have questions about how to interpret results when they arrive, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

Questions or Concerns?

We're here to support you and your child through this process. If you have questions about testing, need to request accommodations, or have concerns about your child's anxiety, please contact your child's teacher or our school's front office.

Announcements

March Updates



Thank you to all the families who attended our March PAC meeting! We were so proud to showcase the incredible presentations from our 4th and 5th grade students, and your support and engagement meant the world to them.

Curriculum Extension Trips



March was filled with wild adventures as our students embarked on curriculum extension trips! Our 4th and 5th graders kicked off the excitement at the Phoenix Zoo, observing diverse animal species and conservation efforts. K-1 students had an unforgettable experience at Bearizona, spotting bears, wolves, and bison in their natural habitats. Our 2nd and 3rd graders dove into ocean discovery at OdySea Aquarium, marveling at marine life and ecosystems. These hands-on experiences brought classroom learning to life and sparked curiosity in every student. *(continue to next page...)*

Curriculum Extension Trips



March 2026 Students of the Month

CRADLEBOARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARCH
2026
Students of the Month

Kindergarten

- Jaylah B.
- Nova D.
- Blaire D.
- Hirie H.

First Grade

- Kiley K.
- Tristan S.
- Nora P.
- Spencer B.

Second Grade

- Honoree E.
- Zaeliyah Q.
- Jaylean B.
- J'den G.

Third Grade

- Jakell C.
- Rontay D.
- Aurora C.
- Vanna R.

Fourth Grade

- Rory T.
- Jaida A.
- Catalina C.
- Malahki P.

Fifth Grade

- Ashtin Q.
- Daniel J.
- Joaquin M.
- Jasmine A.

Spring has sprung, and so has the amazing character of our March Students of the Month! Just like flowers blooming after winter, these Scout-standing students have shown tremendous growth in kindness, responsibility, and perseverance. They brighten our school community with their positive attitudes and inspire others to blossom.

Congratulations to all our March honorees—you make Cradleboard Elementary a wonderful place to learn and grow!



3rd Quarter Parent-Teacher Conferences



Cradleboard Elementary School



Parent-Teacher Conferences

April 2, 2026
Thursday

4:00- 6:30 pm



To schedule, please contact your child's homeroom teacher through Bloomz or call the front office at 928-358-5650.

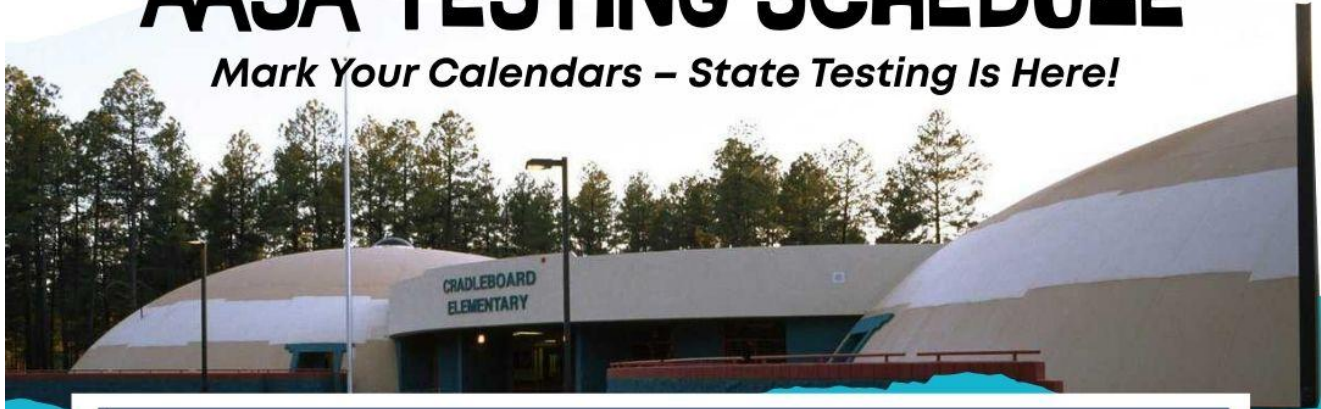
Third quarter Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on **Thursday, April 2nd**, from **4:00 to 6:30 PM**. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, ask questions, and collaborate with teachers to support your child's success. We encourage all families to attend and stay engaged in their child's learning journey.



Cradleboard
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AASA TESTING SCHEDULE

Mark Your Calendars – State Testing Is Here!



April

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28
		AzSci – Part 1	AzSci – Part 2	AzSci – Part 3		
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Stay focused, stay sharp, and give your best effort!

Cradleboard Kids Can!

Join Us for Our Final PAC Meeting!

**CRADLEBOARD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**PAC
MEETING**

APRIL 15 - WEDNESDAY

5:15 PM
CBE CAFETERIA

**Door Prizes
and Legos
for Raffle!**

**BRING A DISH
OR SNACKS
TO SHARE.**

**OUR
AGENDA**

- Art & P.E. Student Showcase
- Robotics Demonstration
- Interactive STEM & Hands-On Activities
- Updates from School, ABHS & Federal PAC
- WMAT TANF Resources & Information

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Mark your calendars for our **last PAC meeting of the year on April 15!** This will be a special evening celebration you won't want to miss. Our STEAM and Robotics teams will lead an exciting Science Night activity that kids and families can take home. Explore amazing art exhibits showcasing creative projects made by our Scout-standing Cradleboard students throughout the year. We'll also have raffles, fun activities, and light refreshments.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other families, celebrate our students' achievements, and see all the incredible learning that's happened this year. We greatly appreciate your support and partnership—together, we make our school community strong. We hope to see you there!