

Dear families,

I hope that your holidays were filled with family, friends, and fun. While on break, a great deal of work was completed in our building. Ceiling tiles were removed from all of the classrooms in the main building, the area above the tiles cleaned, the grids were painted, and new tiles installed. All of the floors in the building were cleaned and waxed, and the gym floor was completely resurfaced.

You may be aware the State released last year's M-STEP score the week before break. Parent Reports arrived that Friday, which left little time to get them sent home. I will be sending them home with students on Friday, January 8. Please check your child's planner or Friday folder for the report. At this time we have not received comprehensive reports from the state, so we can answer specific questions regarding the parent report, but do not have additional information, which should become available within the next few weeks.

The new assessment, the M-STEP, is aligned to our new state standards. It is more comprehensive and requires greater critical thinking and problem solving skills. The state predicted significant reductions in proficiency percentages, and like schools across the state, Honey Creek did see those reductions; however, our students' performance remains competitive with the highest scoring districts in the county and state. Because this is a new test, historical performance data does not exist.

The tables below will provide you with the percentage of students who scored proficient or better in the state, county, AAPS, and Honey Creek. Honey Creek percentages have been highlighted to indicate where our school falls when compared to the other three. Percentages highlighted in blue indicate that the percentage of Honey Creek students scoring proficient or better exceeds the state, the county, and AAPS. Scores highlighted in green indicate that the percentage of Honey Creek students scoring proficient or better exceeds the state and the county, and Scores highlighted in yellow indicate that the percentage of Honey Creek students scoring proficient or better exceeds the state. If you have questions, feel free to contact your child's teacher or me.

Happy New Year,

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Mathematics				
	State	ISD	AAPS	HCCS
Grade 3	48	60.2	71.6	64.3
Grade 4	41.4	55.4	68.4	46.4
Grade 5	33.4	50.6	64.2	48.2
Grade 6	33.3	51	60.1	69.2
Grade 7	33.3	51.6	60.1	63
Grade 8	32.2	48.3	62.1	65.2

English Language Arts				
	State	ISD	AAPS	HCCS
Grade 3	50.1	54.6	64.4	78.6
Grade 4	46.6	54.2	64	75
Grade 5	48.7	57	65.9	81.5
Grade 6	44.7	57.7	68.8	69.2
Grade 7	49.1	62.6	68.8	77.8
Grade 8	47.6	60.9	71	70.8

Science				
	State	ISD	AAPS	HCCS
Grade 4	12	18.9	23.8	21.4
Grade 7	23	33.2	41	29.6

Social Studies				
	State	ISD	AAPS	HCCS
Grade 5	22	30.6	38.9	33.3
Grade 8	30	43.4	55.8	50