



# *Cobb Middle School*

## *Listserve Announcements*



### **FSA ELA & Math Computer Based Testing**

The teachers and students of CMS have been diligently working to master the skills and objectives outlined in the Florida Standards throughout the school year. Next week students will begin taking the computer based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Grades 6, 7, or 8 ELA Reading and Math assessments. **The reading test requires the use of headphones or earbuds for listening tasks. Students are encouraged to bring/use their own.** However, earbuds will be available for those that may need them.



If you or your student would like to gain familiarity with the computer-based testing platform, item types, and response formats that the students will see on the FSA assessments, training test and answer keys are available at <http://www.FSAssessments.org/training-tests>. In addition, please see the FSA letter that is attached to this email.

Thank you for your support and encouraging your student to do their very best during this test administration.

#### **COBB MIDDLE SCHOOL FSA/FCAT/EOC ASSESSMENT CALENDAR 2017**

Dates	Assessment	Grades
<b><i>April</i></b>		
April 10 - 12	FSA Math	7
April 13 - 18	FSA ELA	8
April 19 - 21	FSA Math	6
April 24 - 26	FSA Math	8
April 27 – May 2	FSA ELA	7
<b><i>May</i></b>		
May 3	FCAT 2.0 Science	8
May 4 – 9	FSA ELA	6
May 10 - 11	Algebra 1 EOC	7, 8
May 10 - 11	Geometry EOC	8
May 15 - 16	Civics EOC	7
May 17	Biology EOC	8
<b>PLEASE TRY TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS AROUND THESE DATES AS WE HAVE A VERY LIMITED MAKEUP WINDOW.</b>		

## Test Taking Strategies for Parents to Help Students!

- **PREPARE** the night before to avoid rushing the morning of the test.
- Make sure your student gets a good night's **SLEEP**.
- Dress **COMFORTable**; bring a light jacket or wear layers.
- **EAT** a healthy and nutritious breakfast.
- Acknowledge test-taking anxiety as normal, but **STAY POSITIVE**.
- **ENCOURAGE** your child to think positive thoughts like "I can do this!"
- Help your child to **RELAX**. Some find it helps to take a few deep breaths before starting the test; others like to imagine a peaceful place like the beach or park.



### Upcoming Dates:

- SAC Meeting: Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM in the Cobb Media Center
- PTO Meeting: Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM in the Rear Admin Conference Room

### STOMP EVENT

The 8th Annual STOMP event is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the Tallahassee Museum. Gates open at 8:30AM with free morning admission. Come out, help Students Stomp for Good Health and enjoy some family fun! See attached Flyer for more information.



### Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day

Leon County Schools will be participating in the national Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day on April 27, 2017. Only students in grades 3 - 8 are eligible to participate. Please note, however, that the school principal has the authority to deny participation if it would interfere with the completion of a state required assessment. In order for the student to receive an excused absence, the parent must submit the attached form to the school prior to April 27<sup>th</sup> and must also submit to the school a written statement on the employer's letterhead verifying that the student participated in the Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day by May 1<sup>st</sup>. **\*\*\*Note: Grade 7 Group A is scheduled to take session 1 of FSA ELA on April 27, 2017. Please notify guidance if you are planning for your grade 7 student to participate in Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day. \*\*\*\***