



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians, while the building May newsletter will be sent home the first of the week, here are a few timely informational items for your awareness and consideration.

End of Year Testing

We are busy at it! Next week the End Of Year (EOY) testing includes

Monday: Makeup 11th grade M-Step

Tuesday

- NWEA grade 2
- M-STEP grades 3,5,7 and 8

Wednesday

- M-STEP grades 5 and 7

Thursday

- NWEA grade 2
- M-STEP grades 5,7, 8th and grade 3 Make-up Testing

Walk-A Thon: Next Friday is our school's largest annual fundraiser. Please encourage the kids to raise funds for the cause. Knowing that the funding helps support this school in many ways, please encourage the kids to raise funds for the cause.

Mitigation Strategies: The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Kent County Health Department sent notices to schools this past week regarding the disposition of COVID-19 . This past week several states have noted a *substantial* increase in positive COVID-19 cases at schools, preschools and daycares, as well as in the number of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in the general public. The number of positive COVID-19 cases is expected to continue to rise over the next 1-2 weeks. MDHHS will follow the situation closely. KCHD is asking schools to remain vigilant to help mitigate the spread of the B-2 variant by enforcing isolation for those who are positive for COVID-19, reminding any individuals who have COVID-19 symptoms (no matter how mild) to consider testing. Please be reminded that we have tests at the school. Per request, we can send tests home or we are able to test at any time.

In Closing: Like it or not a school's accountability and rating in this state are primarily based upon the student's performance on state tests. Historically and generally, our students outperform their county, state and national cohorts. As parents and guardians, I ask for your help in preparation for testing. While there are some universal effective preparation strategies such as getting enough rest, proper sustenance & hydration, you know what is likely to help your child's readiness for these assessments. Your awareness and support is much appreciated.

Have a wonderful weekend! MK