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SMS Owls News

April 5, 2021

- **Spring Update:** We hope that everyone had a relaxing and fun spring break! It's hard to believe that we only have 8 weeks of school remaining. Although COVID positivity has declined, let's continue to ensure that masks are worn properly at school. At school we will continue socially distancing students to the greatest possible extent, routinely clean desks, and encourage students to wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer throughout the day. Thank you for your continued support from home!
- **ILEARN Testing:** We appreciate your support as we begin preparations for ILEARN testing. Practice testing will take place on Monday and Tuesday April 12th and 13th at 8:45 am. The first official test begins on April 19th at 8:45 am. We will test on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, **April 19th-22nd.**
 - The Department of Education requires all virtual students to take the practice and operational ILEARN tests at brick/mortar schools. Additional information, plans, and the schedule for full virtual students and families will be shared in a different correspondence.
 - All testing will begin at approximately 8:45 a.m. each day.
 - **We would very much appreciate all parents and guardians to have conversations related to the following testing topics. Sharing a consistently supportive message with your student will make a positive impact on his or her effort and performance.**
 - Growth is the goal! Try to do better than two years ago.
 - Chromebooks must be charged and bring your corded earbuds/headphones - this is a daily expectation.
 - Help ensure your student gets a good night sleep, eats a healthy breakfast, and drinks plenty of water. Remember that breakfast and lunch are free this year at all students at Seymour Middle School!
 - Be on time and in attendance every day.
 - Place personal cell phones and smart watches in lockers - this is also a daily expectation.
 - Encourage your student to have a positive attitude, check all work, give 100% effort, and take his or her time. Remember that the test is not timed.
 - ILEARN scores, including additional data, are used at both SMS and SHS to assist with identifying class eligibility, related arts/elective opportunities and the need for remediation. In addition, the data generates our school wide letter grade. Let's all continue to strive for excellence.



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- Have you ever considered working with middle school students in a fast-paced, positive, energy-filled environment? If so, SMS currently has **Instructional Assistant (IA)** positions available. **IAs** support the success of students throughout the building and are a vital part of our school community as they work closely with students that need accommodations and extra assistance. Here is the [application page](#). Pay is commensurate with experience. Email Mr. Henkle at henkled@scsc.k12.in.us if you have questions.