



# Ox Bow News

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## IT'S TESTING TIME AGAIN!

For our third and fourth graders, the spring brings both ILEARN and IREAD-3 testing, which are standardized tests that allow students the opportunity to exhibit all they have learned in school.

Even if your student is not in either of these two grades, it is important to become familiar with both of these two state mandated assessments. The ILEARN assessment is taken both in third and fourth grade and allows a student to show both proficiency and growth on the English/Language Arts, Math, and Science academic standards. In almost all circumstances, a student must pass IREAD-3 in order to be promoted to fourth grade. As daunting as these tests might seem, please rest assure that our teachers and staff have thoroughly prepared your student for each assessment. Please support our efforts during this testing season by making sure your child is on time to school, gets an adequate amount of sleep, and eats healthy meals.

Lastly, for our kindergarten, first and second grade parents, please support your student's future testing efforts by continuously reading with your child at home. As we have discussed many times before, literacy is the most profound indicator of a child's success in school. The more a child reads, the more successful he or she will be in their academic career.

Sincerely,

TESTING Schedule:

Javier Jiménez  
Principal

IREAD-3 (3rd gr only) 3/16 - 4/03  
ILEARN (3rd & 4th gr) 4/20 - 5/15

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- 3/3 PTO Meeting 6:00
- 3/11 Spring Pictures
- 3/13 End of 3rd Grading period
- 3/14 OX BOWZAAR 11:00 - 2:30
- 3/16 - 4/3 IREAD-3 testing
- 3/25 E-Learning day - students work from home
- 4/6 - 4/10 No School - Spring Break

### IREAD & ILEARN Testing dates

**PLEASE try to avoid these dates when scheduling appointments for your 3rd & 4th grade student.**

IREAD-3 - (3rd) 3/16 - 4/03  
ILEARN (3rd & 4th) 04/20 - 05/15

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Kindergarten Round up for those students who will be five years old on or before Aug 1, 2020 will be held on**

**APRIL 22, 2020 5:30pm - 7:00pm  
At Ox Bow Elementary**

**Registration is open to students residing in or moving into the Concord Ox Bow District.**

**Check our website for more information or call the office at 875-8538**



## MARCH 25TH IS AN E-LEARNING DAY

Students will work from home - do not report to school.



## PTO NEWS



Join us Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00pm in the Ox Bow Library for our next meeting!



## THE ZAAR IS ALMOST HERE !

Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend OX BOW PTO's biggest fundraiser on **SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2:30pm.** You won't want to miss the FUN! Lots of carnival games, yummy food, bounce house obstacle course, face painting, CAKE & COOKIE WALK, prizes, silent auction, raffle, and sooo much more! Get out of the house, invite your friends and family, and be sure to attend this affordable family fun event...you and your kids will have a blast!



Don't forget to keep selling those RAFFLE TICKETS for chances to win amazing prizes!



We could use your help!

E-mail us if you are able to give us an hour of your time during the event at [oxbowpto@gmail.com](mailto:oxbowpto@gmail.com).

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Testing season is approaching, but it WILL be ok! There are many students who feel the pressure of IREAD and ILEARN in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade, but please remind your child to be proactive. Get plenty of sleep, eat a balanced breakfast, and think positively. Thinking positively can change the outcome!