

There are many ways we communicate with you. For example,

Parent Conference opportunities with parents at least 3 times per year, with individual follow-ups as needed:

- Language translators assist families and teachers as needed
- Weekly or monthly electronic images or files (eg Seesaw) of student work sent home for review and comments
- Parent pick-up of progress reports and report cards, with conferences on improving grades
- Schedule of useful notices, memos, phone calls, newsletters and other communications
- Information on choosing programs and activities within the school
- Information on school policies, programs and transitions

Another way we communicate with you is through this weekly newsletter right here!

I'm sorry that some of you missed the *Curl up with a Book in your Pajama's Day* but it was mentioned right here in last week's edition of Sparks! I am aware that some of you feel that our communication is "too much," so I have reduced a lot of the Alma emails and instead, I am listing the events right here in Sparks on a weekly basis.

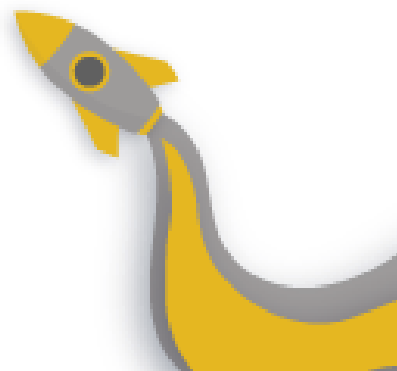
IXL Honor Roll Update

We are so proud of our February IXL Honor Roll students, and we've seen some tremendous growth in some grades. We know these students have a great chance to not only reach and exceed their personal MAP goals but to do well on next week's MAP tests! *Let's see who appears on the March Honor Roll!*

[Feb Math IXL HR](#)

[Feb ELA IXL HR](#)

[Feb Sci IXL HR](#)





Preparing my Child for MAP Testing

Do you play Scrabble with your child?

This was one of the top 20 MAP test prep tips from NWEA (the developer and publisher of the MAP tests).

See this list in the link below with 20 ways to prepare your child for MAP testing. Note that while you can familiarize your child with MAP testing and you can make sure that they are well-rested and fed on the day of the test, most experts agree that MAP is not a test you can “study for” because it is a growth test - in other words it is designed to assess progress over the past few months.

[Ways to prepare your child for MAP Testing](#)

One of the items to talk to your child about is what their MAP goals are; There are individual goals which they or you should have received from their teachers. Students in Grades 3-8 can also see their Grade-level goals in their Student Planners.

MAP testing begins next week. A schedule will be released shortly.

