



S.O.D.A NEWS

April 21, 2010

Thank you S.O.D.A families for getting your children to school each day of the SBA testing. Our students worked very hard. To honor those who were here every day and worked quietly, we plan to reward them this week with nachos.

We have one last assessment cycle to complete, by mandate of our charter.

**The spring MAP test will be administered Tues. May 5th- Mon. May 10<sup>th</sup>.** These computer-based assessments cover math, reading and language usage. Unlike the SBA, the MAP data is data we can use immediately, as the results are furnished the same day. Students can compare their scores from the fall to that of the spring to note their growth. .

### **Important Date/Mark Your Calendars!**

\*May 11<sup>th</sup>, Spring Open House (6:30-8:30 p.m.)

\*May 14<sup>th</sup>, Student Semi-Formal Dance  
(More news on its way!)

\*May 20<sup>th</sup>, S.O.D.A Fun Day!  
(12:00-4:00 p.m.)

\*May 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of school

\*Summer School June 7-18 / July 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Friday's Earth Day Update**



Thank you to the many parents who have indicated their ability to come to support our activities Friday. We welcome parents who still wish to participate. Our refreshments table can always use an extra set of hands. We are still in need of donations of fruit. Bananas, cut oranges, apples, and grapes make nice treats after a morning of cleaning up our community. Please let Mrs. Greenley know if you can help in any way. We start our day bright and early.

### **Summer School**

Last week Ms. Castillo sent home a letter to our S.O.D.A families requesting notice of whether you will be sending your child to summer school or not. Without this information we are unable to plan, and thus we cannot reserve a spot for your child. E2020 courses must be completed for your child to move to the next grade level. Our summer school session will be designed to meet

the needs of students who are not finished. Students may work on their courses from home, however, instructional support and a quiet, teacher-supported environment at S.O.D.A is offered. If you need another form for summer school sign up, please have your child stop by the front desk and request one. The weeks of summer school will be June 7<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Hours will be 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. A week's commitment for the hours designated is required. One does not need to attend all four weeks. Sign up now before spots disappear.

### Student Reflections on Service Learning

"I thought that this project with the videos and John Mayer's song, was so.....I can't explain it. It was the best project I've ever done. When we were finished with our video, Brendon, Dakota, and I thought it was going to be lame, but Chloe, Yanira, and Tiffani were like, "No, it's going to be the best!" So I guess they were right."  
-Justin Swager

"I'm so glad we got to do this project. It was definitely worthwhile. I learned a lot and I think so did everyone else. It was a lot of fun getting to do something out of the ordinary and just realizing that the experience is what it's all about. I liked watching everyone's videos today. I didn't get to see all of them (because I was absent) but I got to see some pretty great ones. I thought my group's video came out really well and I liked hearing the suggestions and constructive criticism. If we are chosen as one of the five videos, I'll make sure we make some changes. Thank you for letting us have this great opportunity and I hope we have more of them in the future."  
-Yanira Montaldo

### PTC News

We need your help in nominating next year's P.T.C officers. The nomination forms and drop off box to return forms are in the front office. Before you nominate someone please make sure they are eager to be a part of the PTC. Forms are to be submitted to the office by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. You must attend the May meeting to be nominated. Please come and be a part of this rewarding process.

### FUN DAY

PTC is starting to plan a huge fun day for the end of the year. If you wish to be a part of the planning committee please contact either Mrs. Howe or Mrs. Holm at 866-SODA or email [pholm@schoolofdreamsacademy.com](mailto:pholm@schoolofdreamsacademy.com)

### Spring Open House



On May 11<sup>th</sup> S.O.D.A invites you to come join us for an Open House. Our band, choir, art's program, and service learning will feature some of the highlights of their work from recent weeks. Come see some of the videos student groups have worked on for service learning. Support their effort to provide financial help to the Valencia County Animal Shelter with a small donation. Activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring the whole family! More news forthcoming!