Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please be aware that your child’s report card for the second marking period is available on the parent portal as of March 29, 2019. Report cards are easily accessed online through the Home Access Center. Instructions for accessing the report card can be found under the “Parents/Community” link on the district website.

Parents and teachers are partners in the education of each child. Report cards are only one way that we communicate with you about your child’s progress in school. We want to make sure you have access to this information so please reach out if you are having difficulty viewing the report card online through the portal.

If you are having difficulty accessing the report card, please call Kathleen Maier at 627-9883. If the difficulty persists, please call the main office at 627-3460.

Sincerely,

Nancy Bonner
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Principal
Dear Incoming Fifth Grade Parents/Guardians:

The orientation presentations for families of incoming fifth graders will begin at 6:30PM on Tuesday, April 9th in the middle school cafeteria. Please join us to participate in the required internet safety presentation, meet members of the Barr PTA, grade 5 staff, and take this opportunity to ask questions, and have a brief tour of our school.

As part of the transition from grade 4 to grade 5, all families — students and parents included -- must participate in an internet safety presentation. The parent (only) presentation will be offered as part of this evening’s event, so please make every effort to attend as it may impact your child’s on-line access at the start of the school year. Your child will have an opportunity to visit A. MacArthur Barr 5 – 6 Academy and have a tour of our school this spring and their required internet safety presentation will be held in the fall.

The evening’s agenda, for parents only, is as follows:

6:30PM....... Internet Safety Parent Presentation
7:00PM....... PTA Meeting
7:30PM....... Meet teachers, tour of our school

If you have any questions regarding this program, please do not hesitate to email me. I look forward to seeing you on April 9th.

Sincerely,

Anne Chen
Principal
5-6 Academy for Excellence
annchen1@nanuetsd.org
Save work your youngster brings home is one way to show her that school is important to you. Consider creating a hallway gallery of framed papers and artwork, or store her work in a coffee table binder. Tip: Take photos of her sculptures, dioramas, and other 3-D projects. Display the photos, or add them to her binder.

A list-making habit
Get your child in the routine of making checklists in a student planner or notebook. Suggest that he write down tasks in the order he needs to complete them. Encourage him to check off each item as he tackles it—he will enjoy a sense of satisfaction as his list grows shorter.

Promote a work ethic
A good work ethic, or a belief in the value of hard work, will make your youngster better at any job she undertakes. Develop this trait by giving her regular chores like taking out the recycling or sweeping the floor. Then, let her know how her contribution makes a difference. (“The kitchen looks nice and tidy thanks to you!”)

Worth quoting
“Why fit in when you were born to stand out?” Dr. Seuss

Be a STEM thinker
With science, technology, engineering, and math jobs in demand, STEM is a hot topic these days. Being a curious, critical, creative thinker who can solve problems will help your child do well in STEM—and in every area of life. Try these ideas.

Wonder out loud
Bring out your youngster’s natural curiosity by discussing what you’re curious about. (“I wonder why rainbows are curved and not straight.”) Then, he could experiment to find out. Perhaps he’ll create his own rainbows using a flashlight, a mirror, and a pan of water.

Make a “Tinker box”
Your child will use critical thinking skills by tinkering with natural objects and loose parts. In a shoebox, let him collect items like pebbles, acorns, seeds, straws, rubber bands, and clothespins.

He could add new objects as he finds them. Maybe he’ll design a “claw machine” that picks up small objects or examine an acorn under a magnifying glass.

Promote problem solving
Treat everyday problems as learning opportunities. Say the TV remote won’t work, even though you just replaced the batteries. Have your youngster think of solutions and test them. He might check that the batteries are inserted correctly, try batteries he’s sure are fresh, or turn the TV off and on again.

Parent-child chats
Regular conversations with your youngster keep the two of you close—and build her language skills. Here are suggestions for making chats more meaningful.

• Phrase questions thoughtfully. Questions that require more than a one-word answer will lead to more informative answers. Try “What made you laugh today?” rather than “Did you have a good day?”

• Show you’re paying attention. It’s easy for busy parents to respond out of habit without focusing on what youngsters are really saying. Instead, look your child in the eye, and stop to consider her words. She’ll know that what she has to say matters to you.
Learning to be patient

Patience is a skill that can be learned. Kids who develop it tend to have greater self-control and even do better in school. Foster patience in your youngster with these tips.

**Live in the moment.** Encourage your child to enjoy what's going on right now, rather than looking forward to what will happen next. For example, she could look out the window at the sunset while she waits for you to get off the phone. Or if she's having trouble falling asleep because she can't wait to visit her friend tomorrow, she might focus on how warm and cozy she feels in her bed now.

**Enjoy the payoff.** Have your youngster think of something that took her a while to master, such as learning to read music. Then, remind her of how good she felt when she succeeded. Share an example from your life, too. *Idea:* Let her take on an activity or a project that requires patience, like growing a plant or putting together a jigsaw puzzle.

Top tips for standardized tests

How can you help your child do well on standardized tests? Consider this advice from teachers:

- “Emphasize effort rather than scores. Your youngster will feel more confident and relaxed on test day if he knows that doing his best is what counts the most.”

- “Have your child do any practice tests or packets that the teacher sends home. Ask him about the material, and look over the work to be sure it’s complete.”

- “Make sure he gets enough sleep, at least 9–11 hours, each night. He’ll be more alert and focused during the test.”

- “Give your youngster a balanced breakfast on test day so he has energy and isn’t distracted by a growling stomach. Whole-wheat toast, fruit, and yogurt make a brain-boosting combination.”

Autism: Support for parents

**Q:** My daughter has autism, and although she’s making good progress, she has some behavioral challenges. I’m a working single parent—how can I handle the demands?

**A:** To take the best care of your daughter, you need to also take care of yourself. If possible, try getting up before she does. Take a warm shower, and enjoy a cup of tea. You’ll feel calmer and ready to start the day on a positive note, which can help her behave better.

Also, look for people who will stay with your child while you recharge. You might run errands or try a new hobby. Ask friends, family, and neighbors if they’re able to help or know anyone who can.

Finally, consider joining an autism support group. Connecting with other parents who face similar challenges will make you feel less alone, and you’ll get information and advice for helping your daughter. Check online, or ask your child’s doctor for referrals.

Pump up your memory

A good working memory lets your youngster switch back and forth between tasks and do work that involves more than one step. Sharpen his memory with these activities.

**Story chain**

Build a “repeating story” by remembering what everyone before you has said. One person starts with a sentence like “I’m riding a ___ to the ___.” filling in the blanks. (“I’m riding a kite to the moon.”) The next person repeats the sentence and adds his own sentence. Continue until someone skips a sentence, says them out of order, or can’t remember one.

The last time I...

When was the last time you used a ruler or saw frost on a window? This game strengthens your child’s power of recall. Take turns calling out a question, such as “When did you last eat an egg?” To answer, everyone needs to think about details and context. (“We had tacos in school on Monday. So it must have been Tuesday, when I got the salad bar and put hard-boiled egg slices on my lettuce.”)
Hello Nanuet Elementary Families,

We are starting our Salsa Sale!!! The sale will start on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 and all order forms, WITH money, is due on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. Order forms without money will not be processed.

Order Pick-up will be on Thursday, May 2 in the Miller Cafeteria from 5:30 - 8:00pm.

Reminder - Fundraiser's allow us to provide many opportunities for assemblies, programs, free-giveaways for your child, and with the end of the school year approaching, we have many activities planned. We appreciate your support, cooperation and helping out the PTA.

Sincerely,

Nanuet Elementary PTA

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Salsa Fundraiser
To support us, order online: www.SalsaFundraising.com

Order Forms Due: Wednesday, April 3rd
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Orders Due: 04/01/19  

SalsaFundraising.com
Please remember to return your Mixed Bag Catalog Order forms by April 5th
Nanuet Girl Scout Troop 40504 is working on their Bronze Award

We are collecting new or slightly used:

- Pencils
- Crayons
- Post It Notes/ Stickies
- Scissors
- Folders
- Notebooks
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Erasers
- Rulers

To donate to students from low income households in a New York City public school. Drop off boxes will be available at Miller, Highview and Barr schools or contact us at Troop40504@gmail.com to arrange pickup by May 31st 2019.
SAVE THE DATE

Bingo!

KNIGHT

Friday April 12  @7pm

Nanuet Elementary PTA