



School Update  
March 5, 2010

Good Afternoon!!

We just wanted to send out a quick note in light of the FCAT administration next week!!

- We will be administering the FCAT next week as follows:
  - **Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Reading**
  - **Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Mathematics  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade Science**
  - **Thursday, Mach 11<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science**

Attendance on these days is very important. It is also crucial that they are at school on time each day of testing!! Please help us assure that your child has the very best opportunity to do well on these very important assessments!!

- Please make sure your child is prepared for the FCAT. We need to make every attempt to help them relax and focus on the exam, to help them do their best!! Please note the following test taking pointers:
  1. Get a good night's sleep the night before the test!!
  2. Eat a good breakfast the morning of the test!!
    - MSA will be offering FREE breakfast for all students on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday!!
    - McDonalds is offering free breakfast to students on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, between 6:00-9:00 am for any student in Manatee County!!

*(If you choose this option, please anticipate long lines – make sure to allot enough time to get your child to school by 9:45)*

3. RELAX – you will always perform better on a test when you are focused and relaxed.

4. Follow the directions carefully!!

- Please assure your child that they will do well on the FCAT... students often have a lot of anxiety towards exams, and as parents, we can help reduce that stress. Be positive, and help them realize this is a chance for them to show what they know!!

### Upcoming Events

March

9-11 **FCAT Testing**

18-20 You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown (tickets sold pre-sale ONLY)

26 No School for Students – Records Day

29-April 2 Spring Break

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5 Back to School

*Please check the website for more dates and times*

[www.msfta.org](http://www.msfta.org)