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*from Mrs. Walker, Principal*

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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Spring is in the air, and it's safe to say that most of us have "Spring Fever!" Our **Spring Break** is coming up, but let's not forget that the very important LEAP testing time is beginning next week.

- **LEAP Testing** will begin on Monday, April 1 and will continue through Friday, May 3. Students in Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> will be participating in LEAP testing. Not all students will be testing at the same time, nor will they test during this entire window. **Refer to the testing schedule on the April calendar for specific times.** The attached **Parent Guide** will provide more details on the state testing. Unfortunately, testing time can bring on stress and anxiety. While we want to make the students aware of the importance of doing their best, we also want them to remain calm and focused during the tests. Here are a few tips:
  - Get your child to school every day and on time.
  - Remind your child that the test is to check what he or she has learned this year.
  - Tell your child to give his/her best effort.
  - Have your child get a good night's rest before testing days.
  - If your child doesn't eat the school breakfast/lunch, be sure to feed him/her child a healthy breakfast and send a hearty lunch.
  - Keep routines as consistent as possible.
  - Hug your child and speak words of encouragement to him/her such as, "You can do it," and "I am proud of you."
- Our PE Staff will host **Fitness Day** on the morning of Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for students to compete in the National Presidential Fitness Competition.
- Our **Race Fest** on March 16<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. This is in part due to the dedication of the parents and staff members who gave their time and talents to coordinate and run this event. Big thanks, to all who helped, for your dedication to MAX Charter.

Please refer to the calendar on the reverse side for more information. And as always, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the front office personnel if necessary. Thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,

*Rebecca B. Walker*

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