



YES CHARTER APRIL NEWS

We're excited to celebrate Earth Day as a community on April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors! It's a community festival!

This special event will showcase our students' Project-Based Learning, where each project begins with a real-world question or problem and grows through research, inquiry, and hands-on exploration.

Families can look forward to engaging student displays, interactive booths, and a chance to see this powerful learning in action. Join us for food, fun, Earth-friendly agencies, and vendors, too!

To make this event a success, we would love your support!

Volunteers Needed:

- Friday Afternoon (April 24): Set-up support
- Saturday Morning (April 25): Parking direction and prep
- Saturday Afternoon: Clean-up and tear-down

Families are also welcome to volunteer at classroom Project-Based Learning booths—please reach out to your child's teacher. To help with set-up, parking, or clean-up, please contact Principal Louise Miller.

Thank you for helping us create a meaningful and memorable Earth Day celebration!

Spring Break
April 3-10

Parent Teacher Club Meeting
April 17, 3:30 pm

State Testing Window
April 20-May 20

Earth Day
April 25, 10 am -2 pm

Spring Staff Celebration Days

Spring is a great time to celebrate YES staff! Some national and state recognized appreciation days include :

4/3- Paras/TA Day
4/20 Aftercare Professionals Day
4/22- Office Professionals Day
4/28- Bus Driver Appreciation
5/1- School Lunch Heroes Day
5/1- School Principal Day
5/4 Teacher Appreciation Week
5/17 CA School Employee Week



Supporting Your Child During State Testing (CAASPP)

Our CA state testing window runs from April 20 – May 20 (with the final week reserved for make-ups) for students grades 3-8. This is an important time for students to show what they’ve learned, and family support can make a big difference!

How Families Can Help:

- Encourage a good night’s sleep each day
- Provide a healthy breakfast either at home or plan for school breakfast time
- Send a snack and water bottle when possible
- Offer positive encouragement and reassurance
- Help your child stay calm and focused—remind them to take their time and do their best

Consistent attendance is especially important during testing. To help motivate students, we will hold a prize drawing for those with perfect attendance during the CAASPP window!

Student Test Taking Tips

- Take your time—read each question carefully
- Use scratch paper or tools to help you think
- If you get stuck, skip it and come back
- Check your work if you have time
- Take a deep breath and do your best—you’ve got this!



Nature Art Made Simple

Take creativity outside! Encourage your child to use natural materials like leaves, sticks, flowers, and rocks to create simple art. Try making a leaf collage, a rock design, or a nature mandala.

It’s an easy, screen-free way to spark imagination and enjoy the outdoors—no supplies needed

“Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.”
Rachel Carson, author of *Silent Spring*, catalyst of the modern environmental movement