

## SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS – FEBRUARY 2020

We are two weeks from spring break and for school counselors this means planning for testing and next school year. We have PEAKS and the last part of MAP coming up in April. Please mark your calendars and make sure your student enjoys a good night sleep and has a good breakfast before testing. Also, if your student is planning to enroll in classes at King Tech High School in the fall, they should stop by my office and fill out the course request form.

**PEAKS** (Performance Evaluation for Alaska Schools) will take place March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 7 through 9 will be tested in Language Arts and Math and students in grades 8 and 10 will be testing in Science. We will start testing at 8:30 every day during that period.

- Monday 03/30           7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts
- Tuesday 03/31         8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts
- Wednesday 04/01     9<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts
- Thursday 04/02       7<sup>th</sup> grade Math
- Friday 04/03          8<sup>th</sup> grade Math
- Monday 04/06         9<sup>th</sup> grade Math
- Tuesday 04/07        10<sup>th</sup> grade Science
- Wednesday 04/08     8<sup>th</sup> grade Science

Students in grades 7 through 9 will also participate in **MAP** (Measures of Academic Progress), which will take place April 21<sup>st</sup> (Language Arts) and 23<sup>rd</sup> (Math).

Steller will hold a **College Night on Tuesday March 24 @ 6pm in Ken's room**. The information is aimed towards current juniors and their parents but anyone is welcome. Juniors should start thinking about the college application process. We recommend that students sign up for College Entrance Exams, such as SAT and ACT, in the spring of their junior year.

**FAFSA – Seniors**, please remember that University of Alaska require students to have submitted their FAFSA to be eligible for any scholarships or financial aid. Financial aid is based on FAFSA information at all colleges but it is not always tied to scholarship awards.

Enjoy the last part of the winter before we go into spring break!

Marianne