Student Activity Planned for Friday, January 27th from 2-3pm

We have a student activity planned on Friday, January 27th from 2-3pm and would like to minimize disruption during the activity.

If you have a long weekend planned, and plan to dismiss your student early, we request that you do so before 2pm or wait until regular dismissal time at 3:20pm. Thank you for your consideration.

Island Creek Elementary is awarded the 2012 Board of Education Excellence Award

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Testing Schedule 2011-2012

It is helpful if you can avoid appointments which may take your child out of school during testing. Also, it will help your child perform his or her best if he or she has had a good night’s rest, a healthy breakfast, and comes to school with a positive attitude.

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The following are a few testing tips you may find helpful:

- It is important to take tests seriously. Students always want to do their best. Reassure your child that testing time is their opportunity to shine and to show how much they have learned.
- Talk to your child about the test and why they are taking it. Let your child know the test is important, but don’t be overly anxious about their performance on it.
- Encourage your child to relax, and try not to be nervous before the test, they can practice at home taking a few deep breaths, closing their eyes for a moment and tell themselves, to just stay calm and focused.
- Remind your child to listen up. To pay close attention to the teacher's instructions and carefully read the test instructions to make sure they understand exactly what they are supposed to do.
- If you are having a hard time with one question, it is usually a good idea to leave it and go on to the other questions.
- As a rule, you should stick with your first answer. But if you've thought about it afterward and now think that answer is better, go ahead and change it.
- Never underestimate the importance of home support: a good night sleep, a good breakfast, and positive send off from home, you provide the launching pad!

If you have any questions, please call the school office at 571-642-6300.

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