



DRISCOLL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE DRAGON

DAILY

TAKS NIGHT

Over 50 parents attended an informational TAKS meeting Jan. 22 in the Driscoll Cafetorium. 3rd- 8th grade teachers presented summaries of each area of TAKS, how parents can help their children prepare for TAKS, and what the testing dates will be this year. Additionally, a number of door prizes were given away and popcorn was enjoyed by all. Parents attending also earned a free Out-Of-Uniform coupon for their children.

Most importantly, SSI (Student Success Initiative) requirements were discussed in detail. SSI affects 3rd, 5th, and 8th graders. If 5th and 8th graders fail either the reading or math TAKS test, they will be retained. If 3rd graders do not pass the reading portion, they will be retained. 3rd, 5th, and 8th graders receive three opportunities to pass the tests; however, it is much better for them if they master all tests the first time. In other TAKS tested grade levels and subjects, students will only receive one opportunity to pass the TAKS.

Tutoring is available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons for the TAKS tests. Study Island, a tutorial program utilized at school for TAKS preparation, may also be accessed at home at www.studyisland.com. It is important to talk to your children about what they are learning in school, what they are reading each day at home, and whether they understand what they are learning.

Testing dates are:

March 5: Reading, Grades 3, 5, 8; Writing, Grades 4 and 7

April 8: Grades 5 and 8 Mathematics

April 29: Grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 Mathematics

April 30: Grades 4, 6, 7 Reading; Grades 3, 5, 8 Reading retest (2nd admin.)

May 1: Grades 5 and 8 Science

May 2: Grade 8 Social Studies

May 12: Grades 5 and 8 Mathematics retest (2nd admin.)

July 1: Grades 5, and 8 Mathematics retest (final admin)

July 2: Grades 3, 5, and 8 Reading retest (final admin)

Parents are encouraged to contact the teacher if there are any questions.
