

ROA Director Update
Friday, November 13, 2015



Hello lovely ROA families,

The Code is coming...

...to ROA on Thursday, December 10th at 10:00am

Come and join students from all over the world for an Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week (December 7-11). Students of all ages can choose from a variety of self-guided tutorials, from kindergarten up. No experience needed. **Sign up will open on December 1 at 8:00 am through SignUpGenius.** We only have 30 slots available so don't wait long! If the slots get filled out and you still would like to participate, please contact Maria (maria.montagne@roavc.com). If we have enough people interested, we will be able to open another section.

Students may bring their own laptops or tablets :)

More information available at <https://hourofcode.com/us>

ACT Aspire for our 9th/10th and 11th grade students Assessment Window: November 9-20

Your teacher will get in touch with you about the exact testing hours for each day during the week of November 16-20. The ACT Aspire is in place in lieu of the i-Ready Assessment. We feel that our 9th and 10th grade students benefit more from taking this assessment, which measures both, college and career readiness and helps us guide instruction accordingly. Below, please find some more details on the ACT Aspire Summative Assessment (which will be administered twice, in November and again in the spring to measure progress).

ACT Aspire® Summative Assessments measure student progress toward college and career readiness as defined by the pioneering research, data, standards, and benchmarks of ACT. Based on ACT College and Career Readiness Standards, ACT Aspire assessments are consistent with many state standards that are focused on college and career readiness. Scores reflect the knowledge and skills students develop over time—across grades—and link these results to readiness for college and career, providing an evolving picture of student growth. Educators receive valuable data about student readiness at each grade level. This actionable information enables educators to address students' strengths, areas for improvement, and potential. ■ Vertically scaled, standards-based battery of achievement tests ■ Linked to ACT College Readiness Benchmarks ■ Anchored by the ACT® test, the most widely taken college readiness assessment in the United

States ■ Multiple question types—constructed response, selected response, and technology enhanced ■ Subject areas: English, mathematics, reading, science, and writing for grades 3–8 and early high school (grades 9–11).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your teacher.

Time slots for testing during the week of November 16-20 are:

Monday/Friday 1:00-3:00 pm

T/W/Th: 12:00-3:00 pm

Students will take EL (reading) and math. The math test is 65 minutes; the reading portion is 60 and the writing section (optional) is 30. The subjects can be taken on different days, however, the subject (ELA or math) that is started on any given day must be completed that same day (or the student can choose to take both, ELA and math on the same day).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS AND REQUESTS FOR OUR AMAZING ROA FAMILIES:

- **Cell Phone Use:** Please be considerate when using a cell phone and move down to the pond area when doing so. It distracts our staff from doing their work and our students from studying. Thank you for your understanding and from your cooperation.
- **Toy Weapons/Knives/Guns:** We are respectfully asking all parents that their students **leave their toy weapons (of any kind) at home or in the car**. Not only do these toys distract from learning, but also there have been too many unfortunate and sad incidents in recent months, that we feel any toy weapons are not appropriate on a school campus or resource center. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.
- **Student Illnesses/Colds:** The cold weather has arrived and with that we see more sniffing and coughing on campus. Please be considerate and keep your student at home, if he/she is fighting a cold or is sick. Thank you for helping us keep everybody healthy.

Important Dates:

Thanksgiving Recess

November 23-27

Board Meeting

December 3 @ 7:00 (open to the public)

Winter Break

December 21-January 1, 2016

Warm regards,

Your River Oaks homeschool team,

Leslie, Nick, Maria, Michal, Kathy, Amylynn, Leina, Teri, Sherri, Nadia, Marni

Tezo and Beverly

and

Claudia