



Oblong Jr. High

What's Happening?

April 2025

Illinois Assessment of Readiness Testing

Testing was completed the last week of March.

“The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) is the state assessment and accountability measure for Illinois students enrolled in a public school district. IAR assesses the New Illinois Learning Standards Incorporating the Common Core and will be administered in English Language Arts and Mathematics. IAR assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics will be administered to all students in grades 3-8.”

There are 3 units of testing in Mathematics which are 60 minutes each. There are 2 units of ELA which are 90 minutes each.

Eighth graders are tested on 3 units of Science which are 60 minutes each. This test is on 3/9. We will use computer based testing.



Reference: Illinois State Board of Education. (n.d.). *Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)*. <https://www.isbe.net/iar>

EARLY DISMISSAL

April 17 at 2:00 pm

NO SCHOOL

April 18 Good Friday

and

April 23 Easter Monday

Tentatively, it looks like graduation will be held on Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 pm at OES. This is the last day of school attendance for 8th graders. We are very excited for Quenton!



Fun Facts

A sheep, a duck and a rooster were the first passengers in a hot air balloon.

You read that right - In 1783, the first hot air balloon was launched carrying a sheep, duck, and a rooster. The flight lasted for 8 minutes before landing safely with its passengers.

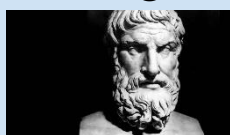


Recycling one glass jar saves enough energy to watch television for 3 hours. Yup, that's how important recycling is! The average person has the chance to recycle 25,000 cans in their lifetime – that's 75,000 hours of television!

Reference: Ward, L. (n.d.). *200 Fun Facts That'll Actually Make Your Life Better*. <https://www.thefactsite.com/top-100-random-funny-facts/>

“It’s not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters.” Epictetus. *Life is hard for everyone. Everyone gets hurt. Everyone gets betrayed. Everyone feels a loss. The focus should be on: how will you respond to it? How will this make you a better person? Where is the high road in this situation?*

Reference: Juma, N. (2020, July 13). *Everyday Power*. <https://everydaypower.com/motivational-quotes-for-kids/>



Epictetus (c. 50 – c. 135 AD) was a Greek Stoic philosopher. He was born a slave at Hierapolis, Phrygia (present day Pamukkale, Turkey) and lived in Rome until his banishment, when he went to Nicopolis in northwestern Greece for the rest of his life.

Reference: Wikipedia. (2021, March 13). *Epictetus*. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epictetus>

“Being kind is never wasted.”

How people treat you is **THEIR** path, how you treat people is **YOURS**. Walk a path that will make you better and make you proud!

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