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**Issue 4** 

Beverly San Agustin Principal

# Biba Mes CHamoru

Buenas yan Håfa Adai Familian Karabao!

On behalf of the CHamoru team, we would like to extend a great Sen Dångkolo na si Yu'os Ma'åse' to all of you for such a wonderful Mes Chamoru Celebration!

Here are some of our 2024 Silibrasion Mes CHamoru highlights:



(Pictured: Siñorita Mantano'ña, Siñot Sean Perez, Michael Tongson, Raziya Tiong, Rhylie Catuno, Sophia Rain Lee, Jewel Erne, Sisley Reyes, Althea Sarmiento, Hemi-Leah Cabanayan, Ahren Jiminez, Siñorita Posadas, Ayesha Actouka, Siñot Lino Rosario, Amarah George-Estes, Joven Camacho, Amber Tongson)

#### **Dress-A-Coconut Contest**

Students of all grade levels participated in a Dress-A-Coconut contest. Winners were announced at our Mes Chamoru Opening Ceremony on March 1.

Most Cultural Ist Place: Raziya Tiong 2nd Place: Sophia Rain Lee 3rd Place: Ariel Domingo Most Use of Recycled Items

Ist Place: Michael Tongson 2nd Place: Jewel Erne 3rd Place: Amber Tongson & Rhylie Catuano

#### **Most Contemporary**

Ist Place: Ayesha Actouka 2nd Place: Hemi-Leah Cabanayan 3rd Place: Amarah George-Estes & Althea Sarmiento

Most Original 1st Place: Ahren Jiminez

2nd Place: Sisley Reyes 3rd Place: Joven Camacho



**UOG CHamoru Language Competition** - **Koron Famagu'on (Children's Choir)** This year we had a group of 3rd through 5th grade students participate at the UOG Language Competition, on Thursday, March 7 at the University of Guam CLASS Lecture Hall.



**2024 Silibresion Gupot CHamoru - Inacha'igen Yiyupåktu** Congratulations to our 4th & 5th graders who participated in the Slingstone Competition on Sunday, March 17, at the Mangilao Softball Field. They won 1st Place for the Elementary Category. This is the second year on a row that our Carabaos won 1st Place for the Elementary Category.

#### Kada Betnes – Ha'ånen Bisita (Every Friday – Guest Presenter Day) Every Friday for Mes CHamoru, we welcomed special guests to present to our students.



**March 1:** Siñot Roque Eustaquio present on his drawing artwork in a coloring book he created with other local artists.

March 8: Siñora Rita Nauta of Guampedia presented on historical aspects of the Chamoru culture.





**March 15:** Siñot Roman Dela Cruz, of Åcho Marianas and owner of the brand Fokai, presented on the new and trendy sport of slinging. The practice of slinging was a form of survival, in ancient CHamoru times, used for hunting animals or as a weapon in warfare.



**March 22:** Siñorita Lia Barcinas presented on weaving and educated our students on the current endangerment of our coconut trees due to the invasive rhino beetles.



#### **MAUES Mes CHamoru Activity Day**

On Thursday March 21, we had welcomed two guest presenters with wonderful knowledge and talent, to present to our students on our school's activity day.

Siñot Jesse Gogue Quidichay presented on fishing and utilizing the kamyo. The kamyo is an ancient Chamoru tool, mainly used to grind coconut. Our second guest presenter was Siñot Richard Hofschneider, lead singer of the band Pacific Cool. Students enjoyed the live music; they sang and danced to the beautiful CHamoru music with Siñot Rich. Congratulations to our students who won our 2024 Inacha'igen Maga'låhi yan Maga'håga! These candidates have raised the most money and have performed the most cultural tasks!

#### And good job to all candidates!

#### **Pictured from left:**

Siñorita Posadas, 1st Place Maga'hågan Matua Derrinalyn Sablan, 1st Place Maga'låhen Matua Jameson Bermudez, (behind Jameson) Siñot Ray Barcinas, 2nd Place Maga'hågan Acha'ot Eliana Cabrera, (behind Eliana) Siñot Lino, 2nd Place Maga'låhen Acha'ot Kaiden Guerrero, 3rd Place Sainan Palao'an Lorie Redila, 3rd Place Sainan Låhi Raidan Tydingco, and Siñot Sean Perez.



We hope you and your family enjoyed all the engaging activities we had planned for you this school year!

Lao ti munhåyan! (But we're not done!) Please join us and support our students in two events that we have coming up.

On Friday, April 5, some of our students will be participating in the 2024 Silibresion Gupot Chamoru - Sunidon CHamoru, CHamoru Choir, at the Micronesian Mall.

On Sunday, April 14, we also have some of our students participating in the 2024 Silibresion Gupot Chamoru - Bailan Taotao Tano, CHamoru Dance Competition, at the Agana Shopping Center.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse' ginen i Manma'estran/Ma'estron Lenguåhen yan Kotturan CHamoru!

Si Siñot Ray Barcinas yan Siñot Lino Rosario (Room 6), Siñorita J. Mantano'ña (Room 7), Siñot Sean Perez (Room 201) yan si Siñorita A. Posadas (Room 202)



Thank you parents, guardians, family, faculty and staff of MAUES for supporting the Carabao Culture Club.

Our Carabaos did an outstanding job at March's PTO Meeting Wednesday, March 20th & at our school's Mes CHamoru Program the following day Thursday, March 21!

Join us again on Sunday, April 14th at the Agana Shopping Center, Center Court from 11am – 3pm. We will compete in a CHamoru Dance Competition titled Bailan Taotao Tåno'.



Shout out to Island Clothing for creating our club shirts! Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!





# APRIL EDITION

WHAT ARE THE CARABAOS UP TO?

The carabaos have certainly been busy this month, check out what they've been up to!

#### **3/3/24 - SPELLING BEE FINAL**





Congratulations to our very own Raiden Tiong for doing an a - w - e - s - o - m - e job at the Scripps National Spelling Bee final. You'll get them next year !

## 3/7/24 - INACHA'IGEN YININGA' (DRAWING COMPETITION)





Inacha'igen Yininga' representstives, Amber Tongson (24), Pelaiah'Lei Yafwemog (47), Skylar West (48), and Raiah Dimatatac, portray this year's UOG theme, **"Fino CHamoru: Guinaiyayon Para Siempre** (A Loving Language Forever)"



#### 3/9/24 - W.A.V.E CLUB'S HAGÅTÑA TOUR







## 3/15/24 - SCIENCE FAIR



# 3/17/24 - YIYUPÅKTU (SLINGING COMPETITION)



## **3/19/24 - REGIONAL SOCCER TEAM MATCH**





## **3/20/24 - READING BUDDIES**











## 3/21/24 - MES CHAMORU CLOSING CEREMONY & ACTIVITY DAY















## 3/22/24 - GATE AND MATH OLYMPIADS @ GCC FOR MATH KANGAROO





## 3/23/24 - SPECIAL OLYMPICS











# KINDERGARTEN NEWS

# COOL CARABAO KIDS







Bryson Cundiff (room 12) Ernena Philip (room 14) Hayden Galvez (room 15) Camila Malalis (room 16) C-Marleen Inek (room 17)

# **LEARNING GOALS**

I CAN read CVC words. I CAN read sight words. I CAN segment sounds. I CAN write a complete sentence. I CAN subtract within 10.



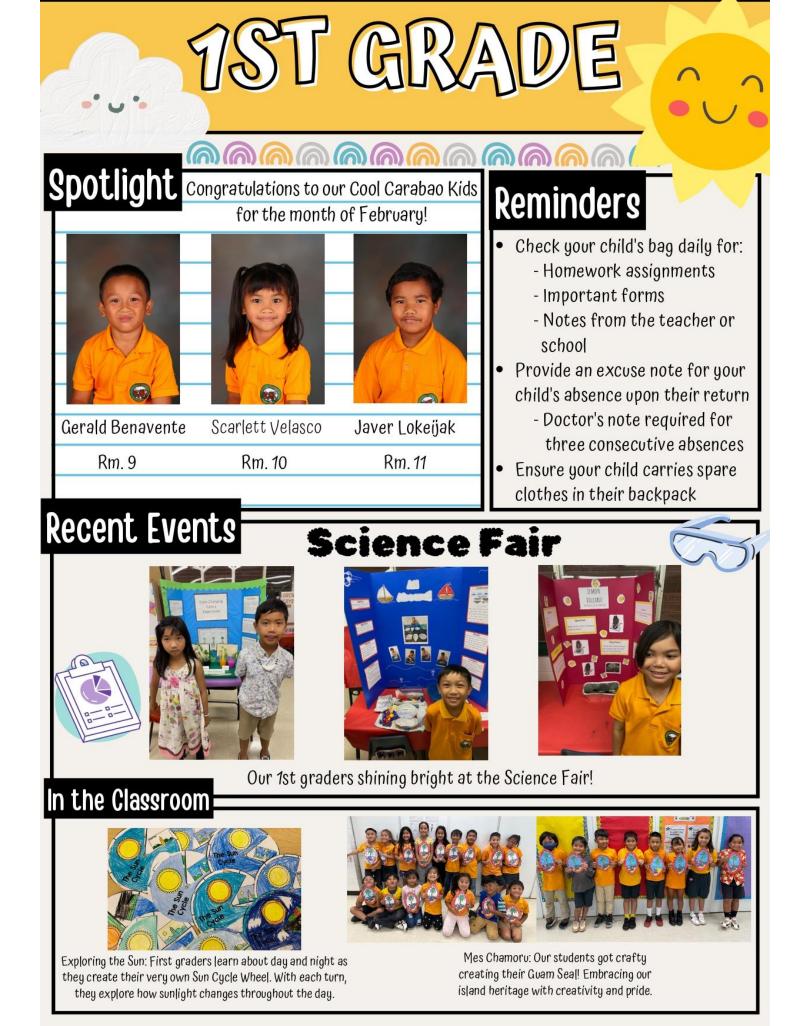
# **DRESS-A-COCONUT COMPETITION WINNERS**

Congratulations to the kinder winners: Sisley Reyes, Raziya Tiong, Amara George-Estes, and Sophia Rain Lee!



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## **2ND GRADE NEWS**

#### WHAT WE ARE LEARNING:

- <u>PHONICS</u>: reading, spelling & writing words with suffixes and prefixes
  - <u>READING:</u> Read grade-level text FLUENTLY \*students should be reading at 100-120 correct words per minute to be on grade-level; Identify the story elements; Restate FACTS from non-fiction text; identify main idea & key details
- <u>ELA:</u> Grammar: using irregular verbs in a sentence; using adjectives & adverbs in a sentence; Writing: practice cursive writing
- <u>MATH:</u> Add & Subtract 3-digits with regrouping (carry over & borrowing); Solve 1-2 step word problems using money; use data to answer questions; telling time to the hour, half-hour and by the minutes
- SCIENCE: Rocks (pebbles, sand & silt FOSS kits); animal habitats
- <u>SOCIAL STUDIES:</u> Maps & Globes with Compass Rose; create a map with all of the map parts (title, map key, compass rose)
- <u>HEALTH:</u> My Body and ways to stay healthy

#### **REMINDERS:**

-Please <u>SUBMIT EXCUSE</u> <u>NOTES ON TIME</u> to avoid a truancy referral! -Check Class Dojo, School Dojo, and Google Classroom!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

 We will be sending notes home regarding our class fieldtrip and about our end-of-the-year activities
Please practice Oral Reading skills at home to PREP for AIMSWEB at the end of this month! (read within 1 minute; time your child)



Science Fair winning entries!



Biba Mes Chamoru & 100th Day of F2F classes!

Busy 2nd graders! :)

# **THIRD GRADE NEWS**

#### HERE'S WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

Reading - Ask and Answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text referring explicitly to the text as a basis for the answers.

Language - Coordinating and Subcoordinating Conjunctions

Math - Fluently divide within 100

Social Studies – Describe and explain the significance of traditional food, customs, sports and games, and music of the place they came from with the help of family members or other adults.

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Science - Habitats and Ecosystems Health - Lani Kate

#### AWESOME PAWSOME TO OUR ESL ACHEIVERS!



Relyka Aliga moves up to Booklet 2!



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Francy Ernist is now on grade level and continuing to make good progress!

#### COOL CARABAO KIDS

Kloey Respicio - Rm. 22 Chloe Scharff - Rm. 23 Alivia Aguon - Rm. 24

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

April I-May I - DWA Testing Window May 16 - 3rd Grade Awards Day, 9am (More news forthcoming) May 23 - Last Day of Classes

#### SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS



#### Question: Which bean will sprout out first?

Our hypothesis is the munggo bean will sprout out first because it is smaller in size compared to a lima bean. After conducting our experiment and observations in a span of 5 days, the munggo bean did indeed sprout out first!

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HAPPY ASTER THE FOURTH GRADE BUZZ





Happy Easter! We hope you had a wonderful Spring Break with your children. The school year is nearing its completion, as the last day of classes approaches. This month students will be taking end of the year standardized tests to check their mastery of the skills taught. Please help your child do their best by making sure they come to school on time, get a good night's sleep before the day of testing, and eat breakfast.

We are tentatively planning for a school fieldtrip as well as other End-of-the Year activities in May. More information will be forthcoming. Until then, have a wonderful month of April!

> Sincerely, 4th Grade Teachers

# **Reminders!**

 Please remember to check your child's planner, bag, or homework folder daily for assignments or notes.

Biba, 🤍 Mas CHamorul

- Classes begin at 8:30 AM and students who are not in class by then, will be marked tardy.
  Excessive tardiness will require a meeting with the principal.
- Please provide a valid excuse note for absences. Three consecutive days of absences require a doctor's note.
- Our 4th Grade Awards Ceremony is set for May 16, 2024 (Thursday) at 1:00 pm in the school cafeteria.
- The last day of classes for students is May 23, 2024 (Thursday) and summer break begins May 24 (Friday).

# - 4th Grade SPOTLIGHT!! 🚽

# Upcoming Curriculum

**READING:** Understanding Characters, Conclusions, Generalizations

MATH:Division

**ELA:** Verb Tenses, Complex & Compound Sentences

SCIENCE: Natural Disasters, Natural Resources

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** American Occupation of Guam

#### Congratulations to our Cool Carabao Kids for the month!









Left to right: Melody Wiggs (Rm. 33), Kari Duenas (Rm.31), Kaisalyn Esechu (Rm. 32), Joelayzia Escrupulo (Rm. 34), and Skylar West (Rm. 35)

# **Q 5TH GRADE NEWS** Search

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Happy April and Hoppity Easter, Parents & Families!

We hope the students enjoyed their Easter break with family time and lots of rest. The school year has certainly sped up and we are just weeks away from the end of the school year, which also means our 5th Grade Promotional Ceremony!

3rd Quarter Progress Reports were sent home before the break. Please go over it with your child.

Our District Wide Assessment schedule is as follows: Smarter Balanced Assessment (3rd- 5th Grade): April 22 - May 3, 2024 AIMSWEB Plus (Test Nav) (2nd - 5th Grade): April 29 - May 3, 2024 Please ensure your child is ready by getting plenty of sleep (going to bed early), eating a nutritious breakfast, and coming to school on time.

With end of the year festivities fast approaching, we are seeking fundraising opportunities to help defray some of the costs of a field trip, trophies, and other incentives. We welcome suggestions and ideas for some fundraising activities.
We thank you for your continued support! If you have questions, concerns, suggestions or ideas, please feel free to contact any 5th grade teacher!

Dr. Diaz: radia@gdoe.net Mr. Edusma: rledusma@gdoe.net Miss. Ochavillo: lbochavillo@gdoe.net Mr. Schmidt: jmschmidt@gdoe.net

We wish our 5th Grade Soccer Players a **JOB WELL DONE** and for playing with Good Sportsmanship during GFA's Football 4 Schools Soccer Tournament. The boys and girls played with great team work! See them pictured below.



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# LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK

### Happy April Carabaos! 📥

Kudos Carabaos! Students checked in 521 books, checked out 498 books and read 205 books in the library from Feb 1 to March 18. Carabaos are **READERS!** 

March was Read Across America: Carabaos already do a monthly read across Ulloa activity during Reading Buddies. Our final Reading Buddies #8 will be on April 24.

Reminder: All library books must be returned by April 26.

**Bookmark Contest** - design a bookmark and submit it to the library by April 25. Bookmarks will be displayed for students to vote on during library visits.

**Storywalk:** Our first storywalk will be posted in the hallway outside the library. Stop to read the featured book: School Is More Than A Building by Kelley Donner.

Featured Website Beverly Cleary at https://www.beverlycleary.com/ for book resources. fun & games

## Special Literary Days

National Poetry Month National School Library Month

Drop Everything and Read Month (D.E.A.R.)

2 - International Children's Book Day

2 - Autism Awareness Day

7-13 National Library Week : Ready, Set, Library

- 12 National D.E.A.R day (last DEAR day of the school year)
- 18 Administrative Professionals Day
- 25 Take Your Son/Daughter to Work Day
- 23 World Book Day (USA)
- 26 Arbor Day

27 - Tell a Story Day



#### Computer Cat

Some cats like growling, and some like to purr, and others like napping or licking their fur. But my cat is different and she would prefer to use the computer all day.

 She's somewhat surprising, not like other cats.
She blogs about dogs and she reads about rats.
She loves online shopping and video chats,
and searching for games she can play.

> As long as the Internet's working just fine, my cat's on my laptop and surfing online. She likes it so much that this kitty of mine will never go out of the house.

She learned how to code to control the machine by clicking the keyboard and swiping the screen. But, why does she do it? From what I have seen, it's mostly to play with the mouse.

— Kenn Nesbitt Copyright © 2021. All Rights Reserved. Reading Level: Grade 4

## HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD PREPARE FOR TESTING?

#### **Optimize Brain Power**

• Ensure that your child gets **enough sleep** and **eats a healthy breakfast**. It gives them the energry needed for taking tests!

## Encourage Good Study Habits and Challenge Critical

#### Thinking Skills

• Review test taking strategies and encourage your child to discuss or explain thought processes to stimulate critical thinking.

#### Be Informed

- Be aware of the time and dates of the testing periods.
- Get to know the type of test that is being administered and if you have questions, contact the school or teachers to find out more information.

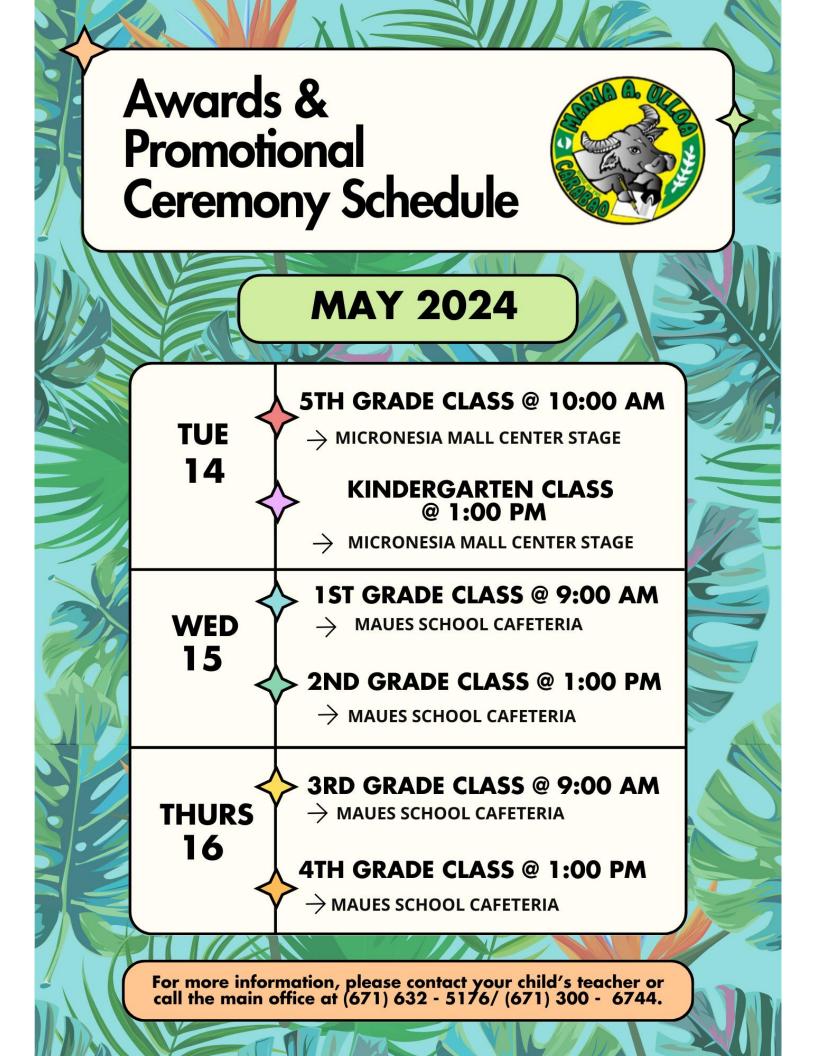
#### Examine Past Performance and Provide Practice

#### Oppurtunities

- Examine your child/ren's past performance on tests and identify areas that need improvement.
- Discuss these areas of improvement with your child and aim for activities that target improvement on those skills.
- Simulate test taking by practicing activities with multiple choices, timed reading, and establising goals to accomplish after each session.

### Relax and Be Positive

 Practice relaxion techniques to help your child stay cool and calm during a test!



SCHOOL CALENDAR (Amended) SY 2023-2024		
August 7-22, 2023	Monday-Tuesday	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS #1-#12
August 23, 2023	Wednesday	CLASSES COMMENCE
August 24-25, 2023	Thursday-Friday	HEAD START PARENT-CHILD DAY
August 28, 2023	Monday	HEAD START CLASSES COMMENCE
September 4, 2023	Monday	HOLIDAY (LABOR DAY)-NO CLASSES
September 18, 2023	Monday	HEAD START (Home Visits/Child Assessments)-NO CLASSES
September 22, 2023	Friday	JPTSA-Block I 1ST SEMESTER MIDTERM
September 29, 2023	Friday	JPTSA-Student Teacher Conference
October 20, 2023	Friday	1ST SEMESTER MIDTERM
October 24, 2023	Tuesday	JPTSA-END OF BLOCK I 1ST SEMESTER
October 27, 2023	Friday	Elementary School/Head Start Parent-Teacher Conference
October 30, 2023	Monday	Middle School Parent-Teacher Conference
Neuember 1, 2022	Wedneeday	JPTSA-1st Semester Grades Due at the end of the duty day
November 1, 2023	Wednesday	High School Parent-Teacher Conference
November 2, 2023	Thursday	HOLIDAY (ALL SOULS DAY)-NO CLASSES
November 3,2023	Friday	HEAD START PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
November 10, 2023	Friday	HOLIDAY (VETERAN'S DAY)-NO CLASSES
November 22, 2023	Wednesday	JPTSA-BLOCK I 2ND SEMESTER MIDTERM
November 23, 2023	Thursday	HOLIDAY (THANKSGIVING)-NO CLASSES
November 24, 2023	Friday	HOLIDAY (EO 2023-14)
December 8, 2023	Friday	HOLIDAY (OUR LADY OF CAMARIN DAY)-NO CLASSES
December 18-29, 2023	Monday-Friday	INTERCESSION-NO CLASSES
January 1, 2024	Monday	HOLIDAY (NEW YEARS DAY)-NO CLASSES
January 2, 2024	Tuesday	CLASSES RESUME
January 12, 2024	Friday	END OF 1ST SEMESTER JPTSA-END OF BLOCK I 2ND SEMESTER
January 15, 2024	Monday	HOLIDAY (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY)-NO CLASSES
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January 16, 2024	Tuesday	2nd Semester Begins
	,	JPTSA-BLOCK II 1ST SEMESTER BEGINS
		HEAD START PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/CHECKPOINT
January 22, 2024	Monday	TROPICAL STORM BOLAVEN MAKE-UP DAY #1 Elementary 1st Semester Grades Due at the end of the duty day
		JPTSA-Block I 2nd Semester Grades Due
February 16, 2024	Friday	JPTSA- BLOCK II 1ST SEMESTER MIDTERM
February 23, 2024	Friday	TROPICAL STORM BOLAVEN MAKE-UP DAY #1 JPTSA
March 4, 2024	Monday	HOLIDAY (CHAMORU HERITAGE DAY)-NO CLASSES
March 15, 2024	Friday	2nd SEMESTER MIDTERM
March 18, 2024	Monday	JPTSA-END OF BLOCK II 1ST SEMESTER
March 22, 2024	Friday	TROPICAL STORM BOLAVEN MAKE-UP DAY #1 Middle School
March 25-29, 2024	Monday-Friday	INTERCESSION - NO CLASSES
April 1, 2024	Monday	TROPICAL STORM BOLAVEN MAKE-UP DAY #1 High School
April 1-May 10, 2024	Monday-Friday	DISTRICT-WIDE ASSESSMENT Testing Window
		JPTSA - Block II 2nd SEMESTER MIDTERM
April 26, 2024	Friday	
April 29, 2024	Monday	HEAD START (Home Visits/Checkpoint)-NO CLASSES
May 23, 2024	Thursday	TROPICAL STORM BOLAVEN MAKE-UP DAY #2
		END OF 2ND SEMESTER/LAST DAY OF CLASSES
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May 24, 2024	Friday	SCHOOL VACATION BEGINS
In the event make-up d	ays are utilized, the	end of the quarter shall be adjusted accordingly. ized, the last day of the 4th Quarter and the Teacher Work Day shall
change accordingly (P.L.	. 28-45).	ace, the last day of the still Quarter and the reacher work bay shall
In the event that addition	onal make-up days a	re necessary, the available Professional Development Day(s) shall be
used as a school day(s).		
		laven, Parent-Teacher Conference #2 & Teacher Work Day #2 will be

# MAUES Sunnanger School

June 10 - July 19 8:00am - 12:00 pm

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Breakfast & bussing will be provided

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Grades K-5 : apply in main office Parent Orientation: June 6, 20<mark>24</mark>