

# Big Hollow Elementary School

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## Important Dates

**\*\* March Hot lunch menu  
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### **Monday, March 1**

No School

Casmir Pulaski Day

### **Tuesday, March 2-12**

ISAT testing

### **Wednesday, March 3**

Hot Lunch Survey Due

### **Friday, March 5**

Spirit Day

Popcorn Day-Elementary

### **Saturday, March 6**

PTO Scrapbooking Event

Middle School

10:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

### **Monday, March 8**

PTO Meeting

3:45 p.m. Primary Building

### **Monday, March 15**

School Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Middle School

### **Wednesday, March 17**

Market Day Pick-Up

4:45-5:45 p.m. Middle School

St. Patrick's Day



## ISAT Testing Coming Soon

Students in grades 4 and 7 will be tested in reading, mathematics, and science. Students in grades 3, 5, 6, and 8 will be tested in reading, mathematics, and writing. We will be giving your child state-required achievement tests between March 2 and 12. The tests are a part of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) program, and are being given to all eligible students. The results of reading, mathematics, and science state tests will be reported to you on the School Report Card in the fall. We will review state test results along with other information to help us improve our school program. In addition, you will receive information about your child's performance on the state tests he or she took.

You can help your child do his or her best on the test by:

1. Making sure, if possible, that your child attends school on the days of testing;
2. making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing;
3. providing breakfast on the mornings of testing;
4. reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he or she does not understand the test directions;
5. letting your child know that you have confidence in his or her ability to do his or her best; and
6. advising your child not to worry about the test—just do the best he or she can.

Please call your child's teacher if you want additional information or have further questions about these tests. We look forward to sharing the ISAT results with you this fall.

## Help Wanted

Mrs. Sekel is in need of buttons of all different sizes for an art project. If you have any buttons that you would be willing to donate, please send them to school with your child. Thank you.

