

**Daly HSA General Meeting  
November 9, 2010 (Night Meeting)**

1. Principal Graves - "Daly Steps Up to the Plate - Daly Takes Responsibility" is the theme for the year.
  - a. It was supported during the K-2 Compact Reading Night. Shared the paper chain the children made about responsibility.
  
2. Principal Graves - Presentation on 2010 NYS Test Scores:
  - a. NYS changed the test rules this year.
    - i. Each year, the State determines performance levels based on scores from 1-4.
    - ii. Usually, if a child got a 650 they would receive a 3 or 4. Now, the cut points have been raised, so kids with the same 650 score would only get a 2.
  - b. The State told schools to use the old cut points in order to determine who receives Academic Intervention Services.
    - i. Using the old cut points, we have noticed consistencies as well as improvements.
  - c. All information can be found on NYSED.Gov
  - d. Principal Graves said that the reason for the change was because the State wanted to get some of the "Race to the Top" money.
  - e. The tests are only one assessment that is used in the classroom - kids are constantly being assessed by teachers, and instruction is differentiated.
  - f. Where do we go from here? The teachers got together and looked at the tests to see where kids excelled, and where they needed help.
    - i. They highlighted questions where many kids struggled and looked at the types of questions to see how to incorporate that into every day instruction, for example, using similar language.
    - ii. Want to keep learning authentic, yet also incorporate the test results.
  - g. Leveled literacy bookroom just opened the week of 11/8 to help teachers work in the classroom with guided reading. "Steps to Literacy" is a structured way of going through shared, guided, and independent reading.