



# The Wildcat Weekly



Winside Elementary School

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## WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL MISSION

Winside Public School provides all students high levels of learning to be college and career ready in the 21st Century.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND**..... The K-3 grade students will be attending the Wayne State College children's play titled *The Jungle Book* on March 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Many thanks to the Winside Fine Arts Boosters for funding this play, in addition to funding the Norfolk Arts Center play titled *The Lightning Thief*, which was attended by 4-6 graders in February. Your hard work and support of the Fine Arts is greatly appreciated!

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES** ..... Conferences are this Wednesday, March 21st and Thursday, March 22nd from 4:30-8:30 pm. Students will be dismissed from school at 2:30 pm both days. Conference times were mailed to families last week. ***There is no school on Friday, March 23rd.***



### TIPS FOR PARENTS WHEN PREPARING FOR CONFERENCES:

1. Prepare questions in advance. What groups has my child been assigned to? Is my child finishing the work assigned in class? The most important question of all is "How can I help my child at home?"
2. Start with a positive attitude. Don't waste valuable conference time by focusing on the negative. You and the teacher are a team. Positive comments such as "How can we solve this problem working together?" will be the first step in coming up with good solutions.
3. Let the teacher know if there is a particular topic you want to discuss. If you want to talk about your child's progress in reading, let the teacher know. He'll be able to have test scores, textbooks, and other material on hand to aid your discussion.
4. Be specific. Bring with you any work that is of concern. Describe clearly any situations in the classroom that make your child uneasy. Ask the teacher to describe your child's strengths and weaknesses. Ask to see your child's work.
5. Exchange information. Let the teacher know about any situation at home that may affect your child's school work.
6. Take notes. Your conference may result in several actions for both you and the teacher. Taking notes will help you remember what was discussed and what was agreed upon.
7. Discuss the whole child. Your child's social and emotional development is as important as academic success. Include questions about her interaction with other children and willingness to participate in class discussions.
8. Leave with a plan. The conference should end with a clear statement of what you will do and what the teacher will do. Schedule follow-up meetings or telephone calls to be sure the plan is working.