



The Wildcat Weekly



Winside Elementary School

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NeSA TESTING..... NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability) testing continues! How exciting that our students get to show us what they have learned and mastered throughout this school year! Please note the days your child is testing if you are needing to schedule appointments.

Wed., Apr. 20	3rd English Language Arts Pilot Test
Thurs., Apr. 21	4th English Language Arts Pilot Test



TENNIS SHOES OR FLIP FLOPS?..... The most appropriate type of shoes for elementary students are tennis shoes or another sturdy, form-fitting shoe. Flip-flops are not school-friendly, as we see many injuries to toes and they tend to break more easily. In addition, tennis shoes are required on P.E. days.

6 Fun Math Facts for Math Awareness Month

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During April's Math Awareness Month, math education is in the spotlight. There's no shortage of advocacy for STEM education, and math remains one of the most in-demand skills in college and the workforce. But math also becomes challenging to teach and learn, and many students—especially girls—lose interest in mathematics beginning in middle schools. In an effort to keep mathematics instruction fun and engaging, here are six math facts from [Cengage Learning](#).

1. Eight of the top 10 jobs today require mathematics, technology, or science.
2. Just 44 percent of 2013 U.S. high school graduates were ready for college-level math.
3. Almost 70 percent of community college students and 40 percent of four-year college students enroll without college-level reading and mathematics skills.
4. In fact, only 27 percent of students in a remedial math course will ever earn a bachelor's degree.
5. Seventy-six percent of students say they find math difficult.
6. When it comes to mathematics learning technology, students want:
 - Help preparing for tests and exams; 77 percent of instructors provide practice problems or practice tests
 - Support in completing required assignments; 67 percent of instructors require students to submit or show some homework problems
 - Due date reminders for assignments and exams; 47 percent of instructors ranked delivering gradable activities as the most important component of online homework systems
 - Help getting back on track when struggling; 91 percent of instructors want to understand how well students comprehend material
 - Personalized resources; 63 percent of instructors wish they had more time to provide additional resources to students