



# The Wildcat Weekly

Winside Elementary School

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

**MAP TESTING.....** Students in grades 3-6 will continue taking tests called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) during the weeks of September 28-October 1 and October 5-9. A schedule of the MAP testing is attached. Please make note of the MAP testing weeks when scheduling appointments. Also make sure that your child gets a good night's rest and eats a healthy breakfast. Thank you!

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES.....** Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, September 30th and Thursday, October 1st from 4:30-8:30 on both nights. There will be no school on Friday, October 2nd. Be looking for your child's conference time in the mail this week.

## **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. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

Source: <http://www.thelearningcommunity.us/resources-by-format/tips-for-parents/parent-teacher-conferences.aspx>

**RAISING MONEY FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER.....** We are raising money for pediatric cancer again this school year. Students are encouraged to help raise money by bringing their loose change to school. We will be collecting money now through Thursday, October 1st. Mrs. Nebraska, Erika Shelton, will return to school to collect the money. For more information about pediatric cancer, please visit

<http://www.pcanaction.org>.

# Breakfast

with Grandparents



**GRANDPARENT'S BREAKFAST.....** Grandparents of students in kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join us at school for breakfast on Monday, October 12th from 7:30-8:15 AM. Following the breakfast, grandparents will have the opportunity to tour the classrooms prior to school starting.

## MAP Testing Schedule Fall 2015

Mon., Sept. 21	Tues., Sept. 22	Wed., Sept. 23	Thurs., Sept. 24	Fri., Sept. 25
	8th Reading	10th Reading	7th Math	11th Math
7th Reading	9th Reading	11th Reading	8th Math	10th Math
			9th Math	

Mon., Sept. 28	Tues., Sept. 29	Wed., Sept. 30	Thurs., Oct. 1	Fri., Oct. 2
	5th Lang Usage	3rd Lang Usage	6th Science	No School
6th Lang Usage	4th Lang Usage	9th Lang Usage	5th Science	No School
7th Lang Usage	8th Lang Usage	10th Lang Usage	11th Lang Usage	No School

Mon., Oct. 5	Tues., Oct. 6	Wed., Oct. 7	Thurs., Oct. 8	Fri., Oct. 9
	4th Science	9th Science	Makeup Tests	Makeup Tests
3rd Science	7th Science	10th Science	Makeup Tests	Makeup Tests
	8th Science	11th Science	Makeup Tests	Makeup Tests