



The Wildcat Weekly

Winside Elementary School

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Wednesday, October 14th..... Last day of the 1st quarter. There is school on this day.
- Wednesday, October 21st No school for students in grades preschool through 12th grade due to staff in-service.

MAP TESTING..... MAP testing continues for students in grades 3-6. A revised schedule is attached. Please make note of the days your child will be MAP testing 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. **Students will dismiss at the normal 3:35 dismissal time on both days.** There will be no school on Friday, October 2nd. Conference times were mailed to families last 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.

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>.

**MAP Testing Schedule (Revised)
Fall 2015**

All testing is completed in the morning.

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

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

Mon., Oct. 12	Tues., Oct. 13	Wed., Oct. 14	Thurs., Oct. 15	Fri., Oct. 16
9th Science	Makeup Tests	Makeup Tests	Makeup Tests	Makeup Tests
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