



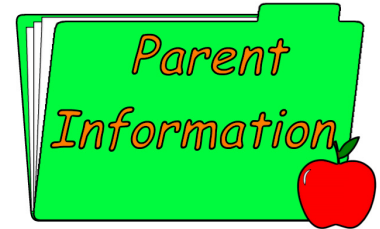
The Wildcat Weekly

Winside Elementary School

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP PARENT NIGHT..... There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00 pm for parents of students entering kindergarten next school year.

THANK YOU, PARENTS! We had a great turnout at last week's Parent-Teacher conferences. What a wonderful way to be involved in your child's education and stay connected with the teachers! Thank you!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS..... There will be a 1:30 dismissal on Thursday, April 2nd and no school on Friday, April 3rd and Monday, April 6th.

"FLAT STANLEY"..... The kindergarten through 6th-grade students will be attending the "Flat Stanley" play in Norfolk on Wednesday, April 1st. They will leave shortly after lunch and will return to school before dismissal time. Thank you to the Fine Arts Boosters for giving the students this wonderful opportunity!

NeSA Testing..... The 3rd-6th grade students will soon begin NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability) testing. Please keep this in mind when scheduling appointments.

Tues., Apr. 7	6th Reading Part 1	5th Reading Part 1
Wed., Apr. 8	3rd Reading Part 1	4th Reading Part 1
Thurs., Apr. 9	5th Reading Part 2	6th Reading Part 2
Fri., Apr. 10	3rd Reading Part 2	4th Reading Part 2
Mon., Apr. 13	5th Math Part 1	6th Math Part 1
Tues., Apr. 14	4th Math Part 1	3rd Math Part 1
Wed., Apr. 15	6th Math Part 2	5th Math Part 2
Thurs., Apr. 16	4th Math Part 2	3rd Math Part 2
Fri., Apr. 17		5th Science



WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEEDS K-12 TITLE 1

*WHY FILL OUT A FREE/REDUCED LUNCH FORM?
IF YOU BELIEVE YOU MIGHT QUALIFY, PLEASE DO SO!*

IT HELPS OUR SCHOOL AND STUDENTS

Title 1 funds aim to bridge the gap between low-income students and other students. The U.S. Department of Education provides supplemental funding to local school districts to meet the needs of at-risk and low-income students.

- **What's it all About?**

Most educators, parents, and community members have heard the term Title 1 School, but what is it? Title 1 is the nation's oldest and largest federally funded program. Annually, it provides over \$14 billion to school systems across the country for students who qualify for free/reduced lunches. In fact, over the course of the 2009-2010 school year, federal funding through this program was used by over 56,000 public schools nationwide in order to help students to meet state standards in a variety of subject areas.

- **What is the Purpose of Title 1 Funding?**

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the purpose of Title 1 funding, "is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach, at minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments."

The basic principles of Title 1 state that schools with low-income students will receive supplemental funds to assist in meeting student's educational goals. Low-income students are determined by the number of students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. For an entire school to qualify for Title 1 funds, at least 40% of students must enroll in the free and reduced lunch program. **In the school year 2013-2014 Winside Public School was 38.5%...WE JUST MISSED OUT!!**

- **How are Title 1 Funds Used?**

Title 1 funds can be used to improve curriculum, instructional activities, counseling, parental involvement, increase staff, and program improvement. The funding should assist schools in meeting the educational goals of low-income students. Title 1 funds typically support supplemental instruction in reading and math.

Types of students that might be served by Title 1 funds include migrant students, students with limited English proficiency, homeless students, students with disabilities, neglected students, delinquent students, at-risk students, or any student in need.

- **Guidance to Greatness**

Due to the government's federal initiatives to offer assistance to students in need such as Title 1 funding, our schools will become that much more equipped to help the same students achieve greatness in the future. If you believe you qualify please fill out the form. Those who qualify are kept confidential, no one will ever know. The district has guidelines in place to ensure confidentiality.