



March 2010

Washington Newsletter

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ISAT – Illinois Standards Achievement Tests

ISAT testing will be administered March 1st – 12th. Third and fourth students will be taking the ISAT tests. Third grade students will be completing tests in reading, mathematics, and writing. Fourth grade students will be completing tests in the areas of reading, mathematics, and science. Teachers and students have been working on some sample tests in those areas that are available from the Illinois State Board of Education. The results of the assessments will be shared with parents when the results are sent to the schools, usually sometime at the beginning of the 2010 – 2011 school year.

The results are used along with our MAP test results and other data that is

collected to indicate where the strengths are in our curriculum and to help us improve our school curriculum and programs where needed. Please make every effort to avoid absences during the week of testing. Of course, we don't want students to come to school ill, but we are hoping for perfect attendance and no tardies.

In addition, parents continue to be an integral part of the education of their children. Your support and assistance this week are extremely important.

The following are ways you can help your child come to school "test ready":

1. Make sure, if possible, that your child attends school on the days of testing.

Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing.

2. Providing breakfast in the morning before the school day starts.

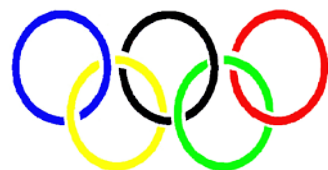
3. Help mentally prepare your child for the testing by reassuring them that you have confidence in them and encourage them to do their very best.

Thank you for your continued support as we continue to work together to help children succeed.

ALL students will receive some type of incentive for doing their best. PLUS, students that are here all week and students that return their Test Pledge Sheet and do their best on the test will get a ticket to enter the drawing at the end of testing. Students can earn two tickets for the drawing for prizes at both third and fourth grade.

Washington Olympics!

Ms. Bryant organized several events for the students to participate in during the Olympics. The unit was designed to help students gain an understanding of the events in the Olympics and how the countries compete for medals. Students were given a country and had students compete for that country in various events including bobsledding, speed skating, biathlon, and curling. Students made flags for their countries and had an opening and closing ceremony. They also located their countries on a large wall map so they could see how far the trip was to Vancouver. The event at the end of the Olympics was very exciting for the students. They were able to have an assembly and got to watch the grade level



teachers and the special area teachers compete against each other in the same events that the students did. It was very entertaining and the students really enjoyed it.

The First Day of Spring Saturday March 20th

Say goodbye to winter and say hello to spring with temperatures slowly rising! Saturday March 20, 2010 is the first day of spring. Remind your child that even though it is getting warmer, appropriate clothing is necessary! Children with no coats will have to stay indoors. Also, be prepared for some sloppy playground conditions. We stay on the blacktop as much as possible due to the muddy and wet ground due to the spring thaw!





Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be held at Northview School on March 23rd from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM. A second registration will be March 24th from 9:00 until 3:00 PM. Registration is for children residing within the boundaries of Peru Public Schools District 124. Children must be five years of age on, or prior to, September 1, 2010. Registration will take place at Northview School in Peru. Parents must



have their child's certified birth certificate in order to pre-register. A certified birth certificate is obtained from the county office where the child was born. Proof of residency is also required and can include a driver's license along with a current water bill, copy of an updated lease or closing papers on your home. If you have any questions regarding registration please call Northview School at 223 - 0284.

4th Annual Student Recognition Breakfast Congratulations Michael Schmidt and Samantha Rimmele

The 4th Annual Student Recognition Breakfast sponsored by the Starved Rock Region of the Illinois Principals Association was held at Streator High School on Thursday February 18th. Each school was asked to select students from their exiting grade level to be recognized for their educational excellence. These students were selected to represent Washington School. They exemplify qualities that reflect what our school means to students and the community. They are respectful, responsible, hard working, polite, kind and set a good example for others. Congratulations to these two students and their parents!



Intramural Basketball Exhibition Play

- Wednesday, March 16th → 4th grade girls 5:30 – 6:30 PM
- 4th grade boys 6:45 – 7:45 PM

Mushball Coming Soon!

- Tuesday April 6th → 4th grade girls
- Thursday April 8th → 4th grade boys

UPCOMING DATES

March 1st – 12thISAT testing
 Friday March 12thNoon Dismissal
 Wednesday March 17thSpirit Day – wear green/gold
 Friday March 26thEnd of 3rd quarter
 Friday March 26thNoon Dismissal
 Monday March 29th – April 5thNo School – Spring Break
 Tuesday April 6thSchool Resumes