

# WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

APRIL 2009 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Guardian,

April is our big MAP Testing Month. We will start our testing on March 31<sup>st</sup> for all grade levels at West. Please talk with your child about the importance of this testing series. If you have questions regarding this very important assessment, please give me a call or stop by the office.

We will be sending 4<sup>th</sup> quarter progress reports home with the students on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions regarding your child's academic progress or behavior, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I do want to remind you there will be an early dismissal on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and NO SCHOOL on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> for Easter.

The following is a list of activities that are scheduled at West Elementary for the month of April:

- March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 24<sup>th</sup> - MAP Testing, please note the following schedule:

3<sup>rd</sup> MAP Communication Arts - (April 14, 15, 16, 17)  
MAP Math - (April 6, 7, 8)

4<sup>th</sup> MAP Communication Arts - (April 6, 7, 8)  
MAP Math - (April 14, 15, 16)

5<sup>th</sup> MAP Communication Arts - (March 31, April 1, 2)  
MAP Math - (April 6, 7, 8)  
MAP Science - (April 14, 15, 16)

Please help your child do well on these tests by making sure they come to school well rested and either eat breakfast at home or eat breakfast here at school. Please ask your child about the MAP test and encourage them to do their very best.

- 17<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Reports will be sent home with the students.
- Teacher requests are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The form may be picked up in the office.

I also want to let you know that field trips are set: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-May 6-Busch Stadium, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade-May 7-Cahokia Mounds, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade-May 8-Science Center.

If you plan to attend you need to contact your child's teacher first and then fill out a background check form that you may get from the office.

As always, I want to thank you for your support. We all have the same goal, "Make a positive difference in the lives of our students and help them to be successful now and for the rest of their lives". If at anytime you would like to talk with me regarding concerns or celebrations, my door is always open.

Keith Groom, Principal