

Elementary Newsletter

April 2015

Upcoming Events

Medford Tigers

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April 3rd - NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

April 6th - NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

April 8th - April 30th - MCA TESTING Grades 3 - 6

April 13th - Math Night 6 - 7 p.m.

April 25th - Regional Science Fair - Mankato

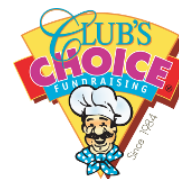
A Message From Mr. Ristau

Spring Testing 2015 Grades 3-6

Within the next few weeks, students in grades 3-6 will begin taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) for math and reading. Students in grade 5 will also take a science assessment. Our students do have a few practice tests under their belts. If you recall we took the OLPA's (Optional Local Purpose Assessment's) in the fall and winter. These tests were practice tests intended to gauge progress and help us better prepare for the MCA's. Staff and students have worked hard to maximize potential. We fully expect to reach student, grade level and school goals. Please be aware of the helpful hints and dates that are listed on the back.

Grade Level	Test	Dates
Grades 3-6	MCA-Reading	April 8-27
Grades 3-6	MCA-Math	April 28-May 8
Grade 5	MCA-Science	May 11-12

MEPA
Fundraiser



Order
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and
Money
are due
back on
April
13th.



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April's Focus is on
being Successful

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HelpFUL HINTS For the MCA'S

- Ask your child about their goals for the MCA's. All students should be aware of their current standing and what their goal is.
- Talk about the importance of testing early! Work to relieve stress or anxiety that comes with test taking.
- Encourage your children to take their time. The tests are not timed, so rushing through the test is not an advantage.
- Please do not plan family vacations, appointments, or other school absences during these times.
- Make sure your children get enough sleep the night before the assessments.
- Plan a breakfast for your children the day of the assessments.



Make sure your child comes dressed for the weather. Spring is very unpredictable. Make sure your child has a jacket for recess.

A Look into May...

May 1st - 13th - MCA TESTING Grades 3-6
May 14th - 22nd - NWEA TESTING Grade 2
May 15th - Grades 3-6 Track and Field Day
May 22nd - 4th Grade State Showcase
May 22nd - Baby Animal Day
May 25th - NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)



FamilyMathNight
discover the wonders of math...together

PreK-6 Family Math Night

When: Monday, April 13th

Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Join Medford teachers and staff for an evening of fun-filled math games and activities. You and your child will move from station to station to explore hands-on activities to help discover ways to review math concepts. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A snack and drink will be provided for students.

Free will donation to Medford Community Ed. appreciated

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE CAST!
A STUDENT OF THE MONTH WILL BE
FEATURED FROM EACH GRADE LEVEL.

MEPA (Medford Elementary Parents Association)

Meet the first Monday of every month
@ 7:00 pm Community Room

Everyone is welcome to come!