



The Principal's Corner

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Hip, Hip Hooray!! We made it through the semester that never wanted to come to an end.

Hopefully your student(s) met the academic expectations you had in place for them this semester. If not, I would encourage you to partner with our teaching staff to develop a plan to make the appropriate changes for second semester. It is our expectation that students pass a minimum two quarters in each of their core academic classes (English, Math, Science, and Social Studies) in order to move on to the next grade level.

Get ahead in the third quarter by monitoring grades on Parent Portal. If you do not have your password, you can contact Ms. Allen or Ms. Jewell, at the front office for that information.

Wayman Academy ended the 2nd quarter with a bang! Our students had the opportunity to enjoy the super exciting movie 'Monsters Inc.'. We also celebrated our 100th day of school on February 3rd with lots of activities, including popcorn and juice.

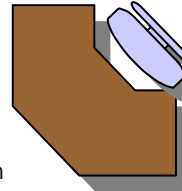
February, like the months before, promises to be a busy month filled with exciting learning opportunities especially for our fourth graders. They are scheduled to take the FCAT Writes Assessment on February 25th. Parents please be mindful of sending your child(ren) to school on time every day. Every minute of instruction counts.

We look forward to the second half of our school year, and we again thank families for your ongoing support as we continue to provide students with the best instruction possible. I look forward to meet everyone on Thursday, February 6th for 'Black History Family Night'. In the meantime, think spring!

Yours Sincerely,

Simaran Bakshi

Principal



- 2/2—Groundhog Day
- 2/5—Early Release (12:45 p.m.)
- 2/6—Family Night (5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)
- 2/12—Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/14—Valentine's Day
- 2/17—President's Day (No School)
- 2/19—Early Release (12:45 p.m.)
- 2/22—Washington's Birthday
- 2/24—Progress Reports (Go Home)
- 2/27—Writer's Tea (2:00 p.m.)
- 2/28—Student of the Month Celebration (2:00 p.m.)

Assistant Principal's Corner

In some families, saying, "Oh Dear!" doesn't mean something is broken. Instead, it means it's time for family reading. D-E-A-R stands for **Drop Everything And Read**. During DEAR time, everyone in the family sits down for uninterrupted reading time. The TV goes off, the telephone goes unanswered and the computer is shut down. Wouldn't you like to have some DEAR time with your family? Enjoy!



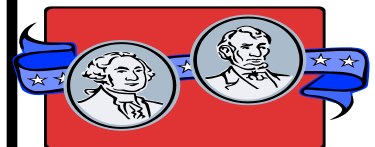
Kindergarten

100 Days Smarter!! Kindergarteners are working hard to increase their knowledge in all subjects. In Math, we are still learning number order, but our focus is on numbers 11-20. In Skills, students are adding to our sight word list and learning how to make words with the -it, -in, -ig word families. Since we are "All About Me" report writing experts, our students are exploring other topics to report about in Writing. In Reading, our focus is on finding information (details) that tell us what the main idea of the nonfiction text (book) is about. In Science, students are learning about plants: different types, needs, and parts. In Social Studies, our focus is on February happenings: Groundhog Day, valentines, George Washington, and health teeth. Your support in your child's education is greatly appreciated.



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1st Grade

1st grade is rigorously working toward providing the best academic experiences for the students to learn. Daily, the students have a guided reading lesson along with weekly independent/group reading time! They are progressing well in the classroom. Please remember to read with your child daily and go over homework so that the lessons in class really sink in and become permanent knowledge. In Math we have learned how to add with regrouping and are now moving into measurement and adding/subtracting tens. In Science the students are learning about the harmful/helpful effects of the sun and in Social Studies they have been learning about Martin Luther King Jr. and other important people. In Writing the students are continuously practicing how to write a complete story and will soon learn how to write a poem. Thank you to all of those helping at home! Your hard work along with ours at school is showing and proving to work! Until Next Time...The First Grade Team

2nd Grade

January has been an amazing journey for we second graders. We came back from Christmas vacation pumped up and primed to learn many new and exciting things. Before we share what we've learned, though, we wanted to wish our third grade friends the best of luck on the FCAT. We know you'll do us proud. During the month of January we studied addition with Regrouping. That was a small challenge, but we knew we could do it. Did you know we can now add to the hundreds place value with TWO REGROUPINGS? That's almost as important as what our third grade friends are studying. We learned a little about naming fractions, too. Our eyes are now focused on subtraction with regrouping. It seems a little more difficult but with your help and encouragement, Mom and Dad, we know we can do it.



We studied a little on Martin Luther King. What a fabulous dream he had and we all should be inspired. Did you know that February was Black History month? It's been interesting to read about our local civil rights leaders. There is so much more to learn. For example, did you know my favorite summer treat was invented by Augustus Jackson? Maybe I can get a single dip cone when I get an A on my next Scrimmage! I didn't know that there was an entire company of African American pilots that flew during World War II. Did you? We studied contractions in Language. That was fun and we enjoyed it. We also continued to study how to write book reports. We remember we need to capitalize the start of a sentence. We also need to capitalize months of the year and days of the week. We also read a wonderful story called Gloria about a policeman and his faithful partner Gloria. Finally, we studied dinosaurs in Science. We even got to see a real live show about a paleontologist and a baby dinosaur. We know fossils are remains of something that lived a long time ago. We got to do the Birthday Dance with our new friend. That was so exciting! Maybe we'll be able to teach you someday. Hey, look! There is a contraction in that sentence!



3rd Grade

Parents and family,
We are off to an excellent start as we enter into the 3rd 9 Weeks of the 2013 – 2014 Academic School Year. With your continuous support and the teacher's rigorous instruction, students are showing gains! We are super excited of their progress and will continue to push each student to their highest potential. As we continue to prepare for FCAT, here are a few helpful hints:

1. review homework with your child daily
2. sign agenda book/planner daily
3. adhere to scheduled parent-teacher conferences
4. make sure student gets proper amount of rest
5. read at least 15 - 30 minutes daily with your child
6. allow student to practice reading and math skills on www.fcatexplorer.com (students user ID and Password are stapled inside of their agenda

book/planner. As always, thank you.
The Third Grade Team

4th Grade

Happy February! In mathematics, 4th graders are working with equivalent fractions and decimals on the number line. We are using various strategies to compare and order decimals in real-world situations. We are encouraging our students to do their best daily and make gains on their bi-weekly assessments. Thanks to all the students who are working hard to make gains on their assessments! WAY TO GO!

5th Grade

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year! With that in mind, FCAT is fast approaching. February 3rd marked the 40 day countdown until FCAT. Fifth graders will be taking a math, science, and reading test. All students have been supplied with passwords for FCAT explorer and IXL. These websites are very good tools to review and practice standards that have been covered in class. They can be accessed from any computer. Just a reminder that every early release day, the students take a math and reading scrimmage test, with science taken the next day. We encourage the students to bring their notebooks home daily to review what has been covered in class as a way to prepare for the tests. The scrimmage test measures what they have mastered of the standards that have been taught in class the previous two weeks. Please continue to check your child's agenda daily for any messages and their conduct grades. With warmer weather on the way, it is important for students to remember to come to school in uniform. We thank you for all your continued support.

