

Everton Elementary News



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Everton Elementary School, with the support of a community that values education, effectively utilizes all resources to insure a safe, harmonious atmosphere where all students learn essential skills, are challenged to reach their potential, and are motivated to become creative, lifelong learners and healthy, responsible citizens.

PTO Meeting

The next meeting of the PTO will be on Monday, February 6th at 6:15 p.m. in the Art/Music room.

Important Dates

Please take note of the following dates:

February 20th - Teacher Inservice Day
School will not be in session for students.

February 21st - The Mobile Dentist is at Everton

February 21st - Math Invitational at Maplewood 5:00

February 23rd - Fourth graders take assessments for NAEP used in the country's Education Report Card.



ISTEP

ISTEP testing begins on February 27th. At Everton, students in grades three through six will be participating in ISTEP. We, of course, want all of our students to do their very best. Teachers have been giving their students practice with items structured like those found on ISTEP, so students will be comfortable with the ISTEP testing format.

The Indiana Department of Education offers many resources for parents to also see what ISTEP questions are like. You can go to the following web site to learn more about ISTEP:

www.doe.in.gov/achievement/assessment/istep-grades-3-8

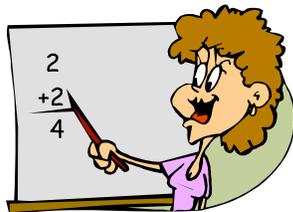
The first testing of ISTEP will be on applied skills. Tests will cover math, reading, and language arts. Fourth and sixth graders will also have science, and fifth graders will have social studies.

Testing can be very stressful for children. Attitude also speaks volumes. Children will mirror the attitude of the adults in their lives. Let's be sure to give them the "can-do", positive attitude they need to do their best.



Math Competition

Everton will attend an invitational math competition on February 21st at Maplewood. This will be good practice for Everton's math team prior to the area MATH Bowl Competition in Rushville on February 23rd. We wish our math team the best. We know they'll do great!



Some Facts about Missing School

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.

Absenteeism and its ill effects start early. One in 10 kindergarten and first grade students are chronically absent. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.

By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

See more at:

<http://www.attendanceworks.org/facts-stats-school-attendance/>