

## WAITE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Corner

Greetings Waite Park Families,

### TESTING SEASON IS UPON US

Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade students at Waite Park will be taking The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) this month.

The MCA tests are state tests in mathematics, reading and science that meet the requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). They are given every year to students in grades 3-8 and high school to measure student growth and performance against the Minnesota Academic Standards that specify what students in a particular grade should know and be able to do.

### WAITE PARK MCA TESTING SCHEDULE - SPRING 2018

#### **Third Grade**

- 107
  - MCA Reading: Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>
  - MCA Math: Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>
- 108
  - MCA Reading: Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - MCA Math: Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>
- 114
  - MCA Reading: Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>
  - MCA Math: Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

#### **Fourth Grade**

- 113
  - MCA Reading: Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - MCA Math: Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>
- 116
  - MCA Reading: Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>
  - MCA Math: Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Fifth Grade**

- 115
  - MCA Reading: Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and
  - MCA Math: Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

- MCA Science - 5th Grade Only: Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>
- 117
- MCA Reading: Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>
- MCA Math: Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>
- MCA Science - 5th Grade Only: Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Fourth/Fifth Grade**

- 111
- MCA Reading: Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- MCA Math: Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>
- MCA Science – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Only: Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**You can help your child be successful by making sure he/she is well rested and has a nutritious breakfast on the days of testing. Please see that your child arrives on time and avoids missing school on testing days.**

**For more information on the 2018 MCA testing, please visit the Testing page on the Waite Park website or ask your child’s classroom teacher.**

**PEACE PARADE**

Join us in a Parade for Peace. Youth from around the United States will march on this National Day of Action. We will unite as a school community to embrace the importance of Peace. We will meet at the school flagpole on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.



**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NIGHT**

Kindergarten and High-Five registration night will be on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:15 pm-6:00 pm.

Sincerely,

*Rochelle McGinness*

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Principal

Important reminders:

\*Report cards will be sent home with your child(ren) on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

\*Spring Pictures will be on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Third Grade**



Students in the third grade have been focused on learning in all disciplines. A recent highlight was our trip to “The Wiz” at the Children’s Theater. While there, they learned about fantasy and solving problems along with participating positively in the audience. We also took a trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and studied pieces from ancient civilizations. We compared past civilizations to our current society to see what the past has contributed to life today. Students practiced reading and inference strategies while looking at various pieces of artwork. We used Visual Thinking Skills (VTS) to find evidence within the artwork to support our ideas and opinions. This is similar to the way that we look for evidence in the text when we are reading to support our answers.

**The MPS GEMS-GISE summer program will offer two STEM Academy experiences for students this summer. Hurry and get your registrations submitted!**

- **Who:** GEMS/GISE students and Minneapolis Public School (MPS) students currently in grades K-8.
- **What:** A summer program focused on STEM learning in a project-based and problem-based curriculum and instructional approach.
- **Where:**
  - **GEMS/GISE Andersen United Elementary School** - Grades K-4 (Current Grade Level) *hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30p.m.*
  - **GEMS/GISE Northeast Middle School** - Grades 5-7 (Current Grade Level) *hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30p.m.*
- **When:** June 18th through August 2; Monday through Thursday (No classes the week of July 4th)
- Transportation and lunch are provided.

**Join us for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Competition...**

- **Who:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students and their family and friends.
- **What:** District Math Competition
- **Where:** North High School, 1500 James Ave. N.
- **When:** Saturday, April 28, 2017, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Spring Session of After School Activities ends Thurs. May 3!

## PTA NEWS



Is it possible you haven't heard yet about the upcoming Spring Social? In the event you're a new family to the school (looking at you High Five and Kindergarten parents), or still have a few lingering questions, see the below. This penultimate event of the fundraising season is right around the corner - you won't want to miss it!

If you're looking for ways to help, we still have a number of volunteer spots available the night of the event (manning game stations, taking tickets at the door, selling raffle tickets...) Sign up online via VolunteerSpot at <http://signup.com/go/LWoQnym>

### What IS this event?

The Social is a major annual fundraising event hosted by the Waite Park Community School PTA, and it has been a Waite Park tradition since 2007 [formerly known as the Spring Gala].

### When and where is the Social? Where do I park?

The Social is Saturday, April 28th from 6:00 to 11:00 pm. We're excited to announce that this year the event is back in Northeast! We will be hosting at The Food Building, 1401 Marshall Street NE. Parking is available on street, or (for free!) in the nearby Graco parking lot (enter from Marshall past the intersection with Broadway).

### How much does it cost and where do I get tickets?

In advance: \$20.00. Buy them at the school front office or on the PTA blog page at [waiteparkpta.blogspot.com](http://waiteparkpta.blogspot.com). Tickets will also be available at the door for \$25.00.

### What will be there to eat and drink?

We'll have lots of delicious food from Draft Horse and other Northeast restaurants, and adult beverages from local businesses.

### What will I do with the kids?

The Social is strictly an adult event (21+), but the kids can have fun, too. Registration is available now for childcare at Waite Park's Rec Plus site during the Social (Park Activity 80972). Park staff will feed and entertain a limited number of kids, ages 5-13, from 5:30pm to 11pm. To register your child, go to ActiveNet ([activenet.active.com/minneapolisiparks](http://activenet.active.com/minneapolisiparks)) or call the Park at (612) 340-4770. Otherwise, for such an inexpensive night out, it's worth hiring a babysitter.

### Will I know anyone there?

Most likely, yes. And you can always invite a friend! This event is open to anyone who wants to support Waite Park School, so you'll be joining parents of current students and alumni, staff from Waite Park and other

Northeast schools, and your Northeast neighbors and community leaders. It's also a great opportunity to welcome new and prospective parents to the Waite Park community. We're expecting about 200-250 guests.

What events are planned? What will be in the silent auction?

You'll be enjoying a fabulous dinner, a wine and beer raffle as well as other games, and a live and silent auction while you socialize with friends and neighbors. Many Silent Auction items have been donated by local businesses, and each classroom at Waite has assembled a themed basket of their own (not too late to send in those items, by the way - collecting through April 20th. See below for full list of classroom themes). Prizes will be available for a wide range of budgets. Payment will be accepted at the end of the evening by check or credit card, or pick up following the event can be arranged.

What should I wear?

Dress is casual to semi-formal. You will have no kids in tow, so seize the opportunity to go out in something other than a t-shirt and yoga pants.

Where does the money go?

All proceeds benefit the Waite Park PTA to support our students, teachers and staff. The PTA funds buses for field trips, classroom project grants, community events like the summer carnival, dances, book sales, Family Dinner Night, and much more.



**Classroom Basket Themes**

Every year, classrooms collect items around a theme, and gift baskets are compiled to be sold at the silent auction. No need to break the bank when considering an item to donate to your class basket, as they all add up to a great prize collectively! If you've forgotten your theme for this year, the list is below. Items will be collected through Friday, April 20th, when the PTA will be assembling the final products!

Hi Five #112. Mrs. Neville- Chocolate and Coffee

Kindergarten

- #122. Mr. Schultz- Superheroes
- #123. Ms. Swenko- Let's Cook
- #124. Mrs. Bauer- Day at the Beach

1st Grade

- #119. Mrs. Teeters- Family Fun Night
- #120. Mrs. Eilen- The Arts
- #121. Ms Matthes- Legos

2nd Grade

- #104. Ms. Monson- Spa day for Men and Women
- #105. Mrs. Miller- Road Trip
- #106 Ms. Nelson- Pokemon

3rd Grade

- #107. Ms. Morris- Life's A Garden, Dig it!
- #108. Mr. Griesch- Legos
- #114. Mr. Nolde- Gone Fishing

4th Grade

- #113. Mr. Holm- Craftstravaganza
- #116. Mrs. Glocker- Outside Activities
- #111. Ms. Beasley- Bookworm

5th Grade

- #115. Ms. Harms- Sports
- #117. Mr. VandeBerg- Camping/Picnic

**Join us for our next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, May 10th at 6pm!**

As always, free childcare is available! The meeting takes place in the multipurpose room in the park area. Enter from Door #2.