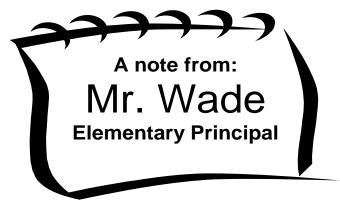
## Alexander Elementary

### Parents Make A Difference!

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On Tuesday, April 10 students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades will begin state mandated testing. We want to encourage parents to help their child to do the best they can. Parents are asked to visit with their children about the test.

During the testing week, it is very important for students to get plenty of sleep, eat a good breakfast and arrive at school on time.

Our students doing their very best is crucial. Test results are published in the local paper. We are compared to other schools in the surrounding area and throughout the State. Schools who do not meet the State's requirements are placed on a "Needs to Improve" list.

Students must be able to pass the eighth grade State reading test in order to receive a driver's license. High School students must pass their tests in order to graduate. If students are going to be able to pass all of these tests when the time comes, they must be prepared now.

If you have any questions, please talk with your child's teacher, counselor, or myself. We would be happy to answer any questions that you might have. We have an excellent school thanks to the parents who see the importance in these tests and work hard each day making school their number one priority with their children.



#### **Happy Easter**

From the Teachers, Staff and Administration

#### April-May 2012

No School- Good Friday, April 6.

Easter Sunday- April 8.

Rise and Shine Assembly- Monday, April 9.

Progress Reports Go Out- Tuesday, April 10.

State Testing Begins- Monday, April 10.

PreK- Steven Fite Concert- Thursday, April 19 in Bartlesville.

Land Run- Monday, April 23 during lunch.

Testing Reward Trip (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)- Tuesday, April 24 at NEO Fine Arts- (Doc Gizmo). Leave 8:30PM

PK and K to Petting Zoo- NEO Equine Center-Friday, April 27. Leave at 8:40AM

PK and K Screening- Monday, April 30 and Tuesday, May 1.

Cinco De Mayo Celebration (Assembly)- Thursday, May 3 at 9:00AM in the gym.

Tiger Track Meet- Friday, May 4

Rise & Shine Assembly- Monday, May 7.

AR Reward Trip- May 9 and 10.

Talent Show- Friday, May 11

PK Graduation- Monday, May 14

Awards Assembly- Tuesday, May 15. K & 1st 8:20AM 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00AM 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM

Last Day of School- Wednesday, May 16.

# Pre-Kindergarten Kindergarten Screening

Alexander Elementary in Commerce will provide screening and pre-enrollment for students entering Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten next school year.

Oklahoma State Law requires a child to be at least four years of age on or before September 1, 2012 to enter Pre-Kindergarten. A child must be at least five years of age on or before September 1, 2012 to enter Kindergarten.

The screening and enrollment will be conducted in the multi-purpose building, located east of the main building. The screening dates are Monday, April 30 and Tuesday, May 1. Parents are encouraged to call the school at 918-675-4336 after March 25 to schedule an appointment.

Students entering school for the first time are required to have immunizations. Pre-Kindergarten students are required to have four DTP series, three polio series, one MMR, three Hepatitis B, two Hepatitis A and one Varicella vaccine if your child has not had chicken pox. To enter Kindergarten students are required to have five DTP series, four polio series, two MMR, three Hepatitis B, two Hepatitis A and one Varicella vaccine if your child has not had chicken pox.

Persons enrolling children are asked to bring their child along with their shot records, a copy of the child's birth certificate, social security card and CDIB if applicable.



State Testing: Begins the week of April 10th

Let's Get Ready For Testing!

Tests help show how

much you know.

Don't get stressed—just do

your best!



Mrs. Reddout

Alexander Elementary Teacher of the Year!



#### Ways to Do Well on Your Test

- 1. Follow test directions carefully.
- 2. Read all of the answers before you choose one.
- 3. If you don't know an answer, make the best guess you can.
  - 4. Fill in the test bubbles completely.
  - 5. Stay relaxed—take some deep breaths.