

Westdale Connections

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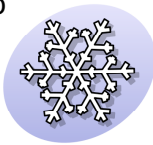
Dear Westdale Families,

We are coming close to our 100th day of school. The students have been busy completing MAP testing, Access testing, and other assessments. It is hard to believe that we are moving into the Third Quarter of school. We hope that you are keeping an open line of communication between you and your child's teacher. The school and parent partnership is invaluable. If you ever have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

Mrs. Kjome

Recess

Just a reminder that if the temperature is below 15 degrees (with the wind chill), the students will remain inside for recess. If there is snow on the ground, we do let the students go outside and play in the snow **IF** they are wearing **snow pants and boots**. If they do not have snow pants, but they have boots, they may go outside on the blacktop but the students may not play in the snow. Please make sure that your children are dressed warmly.



Pennies for Patients

For the past few years, Westdale School has collected coins for the Leukemia and



Lymphoma Society. The collection this year will last from February 9-27, 2009. Next week, your children will receive a letter regarding the program. We appreciate any donations that you can make for this worthy cause.

ISAT

All students in Grades 3-5 will take the ISAT tests. The testing period will last from Tuesday, March 3rd through



Friday, March 13th, 2009. Please make sure that your child gets a decent amount of sleep each night and eats a healthy breakfast. In addition, please have your child attend school each day, as there is a small window of time to complete makeups. The Illinois State Board

of Education requires all students to complete all tests.

Bullying Prevention Program

During the afternoons of the Early Release days for January, February, and March, the staff will be involved in training for the Bullying Prevention Program. This district-wide program will be implemented in the 2009-2010 school year. All staff members including teachers, support staff, custodians, bus drivers, secretaries and parent representatives will be



involved in this training. It is our mission to provide your children with a safe and positive environment. With the ongoing support of our parents, this program will have a positive impact on our community.

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