



The WayPoint Way

News from WayPoint...where students discover success!

Parent-Teacher Conferences coming on October 9th (12noon to 7pm);
Scholastic Book Fair here Oct. 7-9 (7 & 8 = 7am—5pm; 9th =11am-7pm)

Welcome to 2009—2010...Open House Proves to be a Real Success!

THANK YOU to all those who attended our Open House on August 26th! We had the very best turnout ever; what a great time we had. We gave away many prizes, including gift cards of \$10, 15, 25 and \$50! We also gave away WayPoint Wear...t-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirt & a hoodie. CONGRATS to Amanda Lopez, the winner of the \$50 gift card!



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'GATORS BEGIN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

What a GREAT first day back!



Noteworthy Information for Parents

1. **Parking Lot during drop-off & pick up:** it is very important that drivers do not block access to and from the parking lot area during student drop off & pick up. Please do not block cars from arriving or leaving. We have two entrances and exits to help alleviate the congestion. Please do not stop in the middle of the parking area when dropping off or picking up your student(s); let's be respectful of one another, please.
2. **After School Room:** as mentioned in the Student Handbook, if students are still waiting for rides after 3:15pm, and they are not in a classroom working with a teacher or involved in an extra curricular activity, they are required to report to the After School Room. Parents are then required to come into the building to sign them out. For safety reasons, we do not allow our students to "wander" after school. There are times when the After School Room is held outside in the front of the building, however, most of the time, the Room is held inside. Thank you for following the After School Room policy and procedures.
3. **Excusing doctor & dentist appointment absences:** please remember, it is helpful to have doctor & dentist appointments made after school if at all possible. There are times when that is not possible, we know. Whenever your student misses school due to a doctor's or dentist's appointment, please be sure to get a School Excuse Note from the doctor's or dentist's office. They know schools require them and should be gracious about making sure you receive one. We need the slip from the doctor's or dentist's office in order to excuse the student's absence from school.
4. **Order forms for our newly designed Academy shirts should be available this week:** Mrs. Chaney shared with me that orders should be able to be taken later this week. More information will be shared with students ASAP. Call Mrs. Chaney if you have any questions, please.
5. **FREE & REDUCED LUNCH FORMS:** again, we ask that they get filled out and turned in right away; we do not want to charge students who should not be charged for lunch, however, if we do not have the forms, we do not know. Help us help your students...complete & submit the forms ASAP, please. Call Mrs. Chaney if you have any questions.
6. **Lunch Ordering:** please know that students order their lunches a week at a time; they order during their 1st hour class on Mondays. If they are absent, please remind them to get it filled out right away when they return because extra is not ordered. **ALSO, PLEASE NOTE:** any lunches ordered by students they are required to pay for whether or not they actually eat the lunches. Once the order is placed, we are charged for it...therefore, if the students order, they are charged for it. Please also remember that students are not allowed to "charge" lunches. We are delighted this year to be able to REDUCE our lunch prices from previous years. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Fauble in Food Service.
7. **Extra Curricular offerings/opportunities:** beginning very soon, a variety of after school extra curricular clubs and activities will begin. Please encourage your student to participate; we know that one indication of future success is involvement in extra curricular activities. Opportunities will be shared via Daily Announcements and will also be placed on our website under Student Activities.

Fall "Measures of Academic Progress" (MAP) Testing Coming!

Time for students to show us what they know! Each Fall and then again each Spring, our 6th through 10th graders take the MAP test. We use the results for instructional purposes...it aides our teachers as they work with their students. We also use it as a measure of accountability for ourselves and for our students: in the Spring, each student has academic "growth" goals in the areas of Reading, Math and Language Usage that he/she is supposed to reach. It is our way, and a student's way, of knowing whether or not the learning that should be occurring is truly occurring. Please encourage your student to do his/her VERY BEST on the MAP test. This Fall's MAP testing will occur September 21-23 and then again on September 28-30; it takes about 3 hours for each grade level, grades 6-10. Should you have any questions about the MAP testing, please contact Ms. Berryhill at ext. 304. HERE'S TO OUR 'GATORS DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB ON THIS FALL'S M.A.P. TESTING! **GO, 'GATORS!**

OUR STUDENTS ARE WORTH WHATEVER IT TAKES!