

Meeker Speaker

February 2012

Steve Flynn, Principal

Iowa Assessments: The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) have been renamed. They are now called the Iowa Assessments. These assessments will be given to all third, fourth, and fifth grade students in the Ames Community School District February 6-10, 2012. It is important that your child has a healthy breakfast each day of testing and arrives at school on time. Getting a good night's sleep is also very important during this testing period week. Your child's attendance and best effort are critical.

Kindergarten Registration: The dates and times for Kindergarten Registration will be Wednesday, February 8 from 9 a.m. to noon, and Thursday, February 9 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Registration will be held at the Northwood Preschool Center at 3012 Duff Avenue. Children who will be five years old on or before September 15, 2012 are eligible to register for Kindergarten for the 2012 - 2013 school year.

Parents/guardians should bring the following documentation:

- Original birth certificate or duplicate with raised seal which we can copy
- Proof of Residency (lease, mortgage, house title, utility bill with address stated)
- Adoption or Guardianship papers, if applicable
- Emergency contact name, address and phone number(s)

PTO Restaurant Fundraiser: Meeker's PTO will sponsor two Dine Out fund raisers this month. The first will be on Sunday, February 5 at Hickory Park from 5 to 9 p.m. At the end of your meal, your guest check can be placed in the bucket for Meeker Elementary, and we will receive a percentage of sales. The second event will be on Tuesday, February 28 at Noodles and Co. on South Duff Avenue. You MUST mention you are there to support Meeker or have a flyer in hand for us to receive the percentage of sales at Noodles. Thanks for your support!

Carnival/Chorus Concert: Friday, February 17 is an exciting night at Meeker. At 5 p.m., the Meeker chorus will perform in the auditorium. The Meeker PTO carnival will take place from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. There will be carnival games, activities, music, raffles, a silent auction and a coffee shop. Parents, please be watching in Friday folders for ways in which you can help with the carnival. Many hands are needed to make the night a success.

February 2012 Dates to Remember:

Thursday, February 2: PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center

Monday, February 6 through Friday, February 10: Iowa Assessments (formerly called ITBS)

Wednesday, February 8: Kindergarten Registration at Northwood, 9 a.m. to noon

Thursday, February 9: Kindergarten Registration at Northwood, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 17: Chorus Concert, 5 p.m., Meeker Auditorium

Friday, February 17: Meeker Carnival, 5:30-8:30 p.m. (Carnival snow date is Friday, Feb. 24)

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Newsletter Raffle: Please sign this slip and have your child return it by Friday, February 10, 2012. Students who return a signed newsletter will be eligible for the Newsletter Raffle. My child brought the newsletter home for me to read.

Child's name _____ Teacher _____

Parent's signature _____