

W.T. Chipman Middle School



The Chipman Report February 2, 2010

Parents/Guardians:

As you all know, this is the last year of the DSTP before the state introduces the new accountability system, DCAS. The DCAS testing system will be on-line and measure student growth throughout the school year. We have been preparing all year to continue the success that Chipman established last year. So, before we say good-bye to the DSTP, we are going to hit a homerun with our results one more time starting on March 10th!

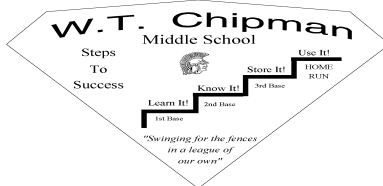
Sincerely,

Mr. Brown

Swinging for the Fences with the DSTP



In a League of Our Own



News from our Nurse:



With the grip that winter has on all of us right now, please make sure that you send your child to school dressed in layers if possible so he/she can be comfortable.

Reminders:

Dress Code – Please refer to district policy to make sure your child is within the limitations of the established dress code.

Cell Phones – Phones are to be powered OFF and stored in lockers or book bags. No student should have a cell phone in their possession. *Parents, this continues to be one of our highest infractions – please help and remind your child of cell phone policy.*

Visitations – Parents are always welcomed at WTC, just remember to visit with your child's teacher, you must give prior notice and check in with the main office.

From the Attendance Office:

Reminder, all parent notes for student absences must be turned in to the school within 48 hours of the student's return to school to be considered excused.

Thank you.

Mark your Calendar:



February 3 – Student Showcase

February 9 – PTSO Meeting

February 11 – Honor Roll Breakfast

February 15 – School Closed

February 27 – Black History Month Celebration

Special Event Day Notification:

The Lake Forest School District will host a Black History Month Celebration on February 27th in the Lake Forest High School auditorium.

Visit our website to view Chipman's schedule:
<http://www.lf.k12.de.us/chipman/>

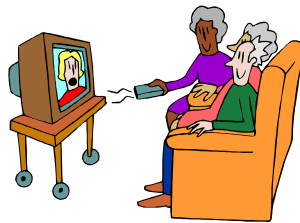
Chipman Middle School Sports:
<http://www.chipmanmiddlesports.com/>

W.T. Chipman Student Showcase:



Mark your calendars for the annual Student Showcase Night - Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 5:30-8:00. Festivities begin in the cafeteria with food, auction baskets, clothing sale and raffle from 5:30-7:00. There will be four, 20-minute sessions for parents and family to visit classrooms. A pamphlet has been sent home highlighting all the events for the evening. Come on out and join the fun! See the students presenting lessons, showing off their work, and much, much more! We hope to see everyone there!

Screen Time Limits!



In today's world, technology is everywhere. Our children have endless access to games, music, cell phones, television, and computers. Some middle school students spend several hours each day in front of a screen. Too much screen time can affect school work, family life, and physical fitness. There are ways to reduce screen time and regain your middle school student.

1. Limit access to electronics while riding in the car. Use that time to talk about each other's day rather than listening to an i-pod or playing a handheld video game.
2. If your child has a cell phone, set the contract to only allow a limited number of text-messages rather than an unlimited plan.
3. Read a book together instead of watching TV with your family. Another idea would be to declare screen-free days for you and your family where you spend time riding bikes, playing games, and making dinner together.
4. Take the time to walk or exercise with your child. Your example will set the tone for the patterns your child will want to develop.



Think about it?

The Steps for Success with Standardized Tests:

confident, prepared, relaxed and well-rested

Tip #2

When it comes to taking a standardized test, being prepared for the type of questions you may be asked will help your child feel relaxed and confident on test day. Talk with your child about the types of questions he may see on the test – multiple choice, short answer essay. Review strategies such as looking for key vocabulary words, rule out unlikely answers, and reread directions. Finally, make sure your child gets a good night's rest and eats a full breakfast each day before testing. This will help prepare your child mentally for the test.

Next Edition – another tip for success with test!

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