



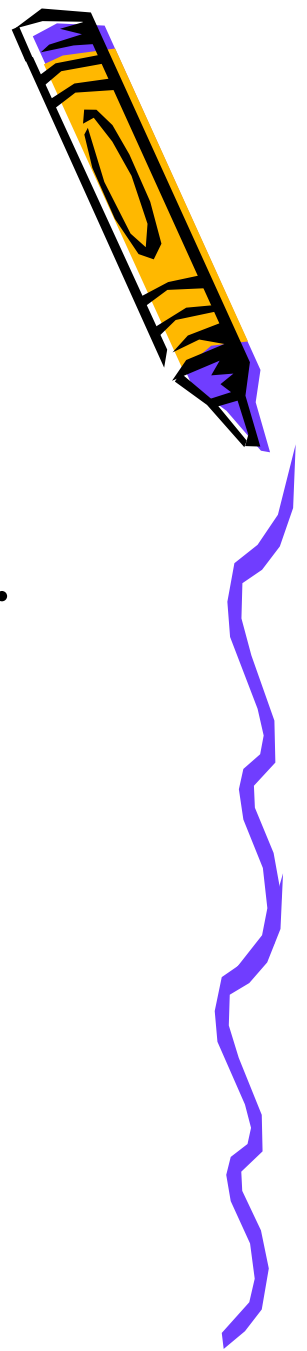
Welcome to Wester

Parent Registration Night
February 9, 2010



Introductions

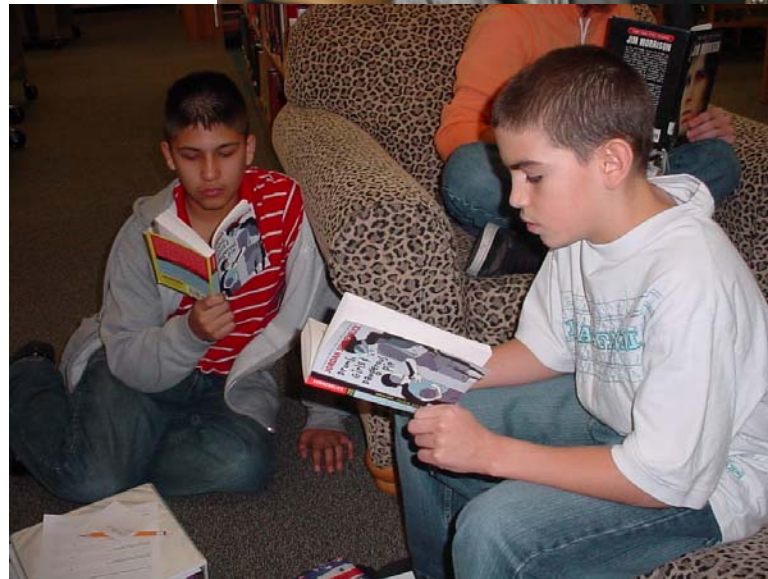
- Mrs. Romney- Principal
- Mr. Richard Manuel- 6th Grade A.P.
- Ms. Sanders- 6th Grade Counselor
- Ms. Dana Reid- G.T. Teacher
- Mr. Mike Montague- SPED
Instructional Coach



Middle School Schedule



- Students attend 8 classes a day
- 47 minutes/class
- Lockers
- Dress out for P.E.
- 8:40A.M.-3:55 P.M.



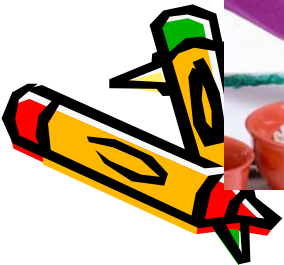
Registration Process



1. Fine Arts Showcase
2. Registration Night for Parents
3. Counselors visit elementary schools
4. Students turn in registration cards to the elementary schools
5. Students receive their schedules at Cat Camp in August



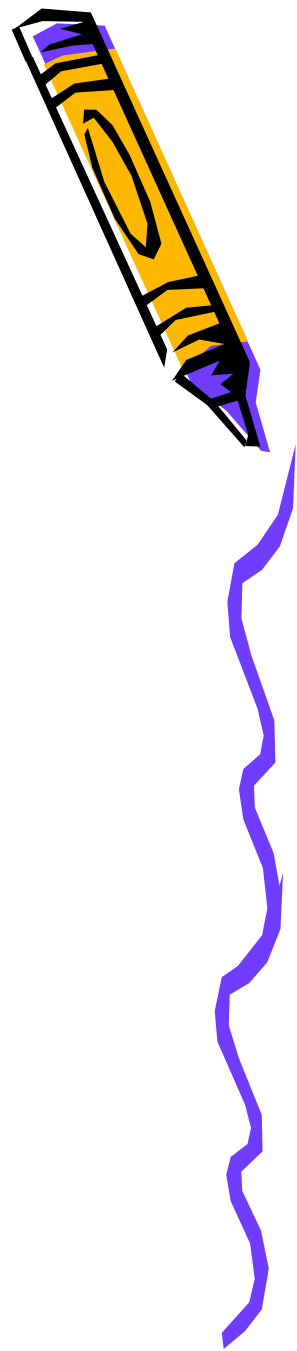
Fine Arts Showcase



- Students visited Wester and walked around the campus
- Heard presentations from art, theatre arts, band, orchestra, & choir teachers
- Help them make elective selection



Counselor Visits to the Elementary Schools



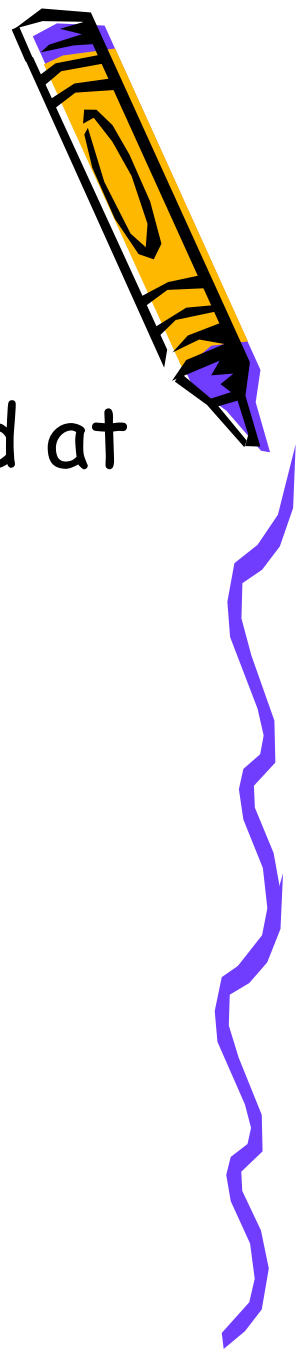
- Distribute the schedule selection cards & answer questions
- Curtsinger- Feb. 10th
- Shawnee Trail- Feb. 10th
- Gunstream- Feb. 12th
- Look for the cards to come home!



New Terms & Classes

- A.P.- Advanced Placement (offered at the high school)
- Pre-AP (PAP)- Pre-Advanced Placement
- ARI/AMI- Accelerated Reading/Accelerated Math

GT- Gifted & Talented



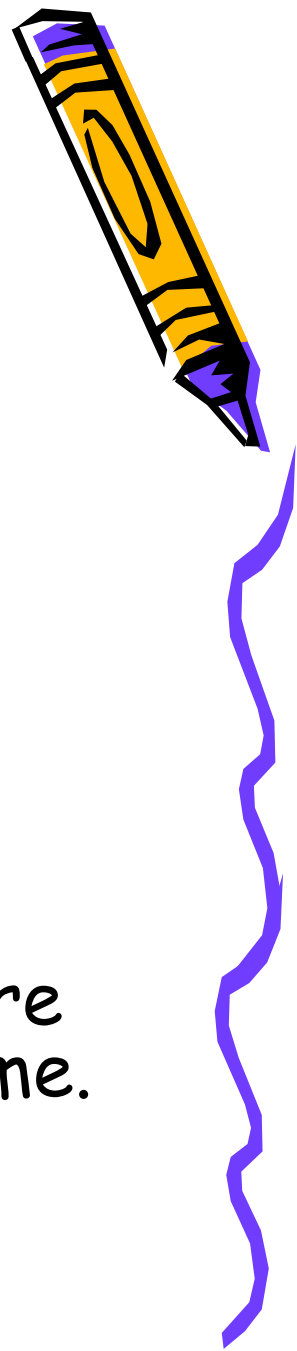
Pre-AP Offerings at Middle School



- Not available at elementary school
- Pre-AP 6th Math
- Pre-AP 6th English
- Other Pre-AP courses available in 7th & 8th grade
- Classes for high school credit available in 8th grade



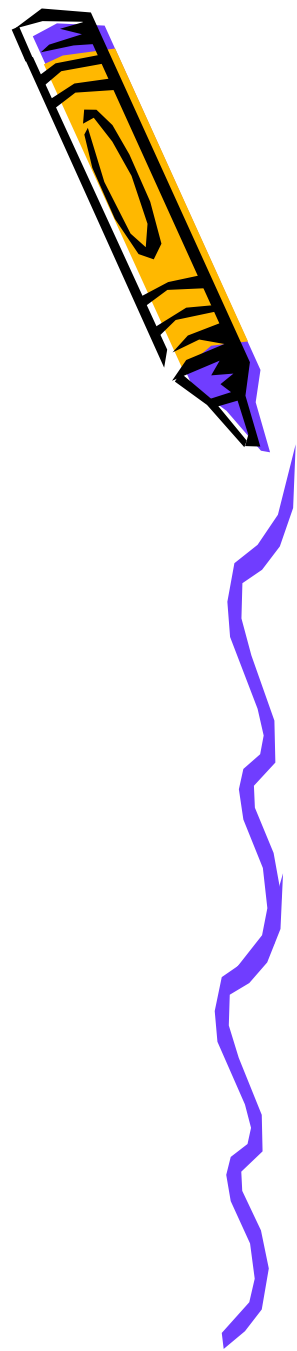
Pre-AP Math Classes



- These classes are intended to prepare students for AP Calculus in high school.
- Pre-AP classes **accelerate students by one grade** level in order to allow for access to AP Calculus in high school.
- Students are expected to complete more intense assignments on their own at home.



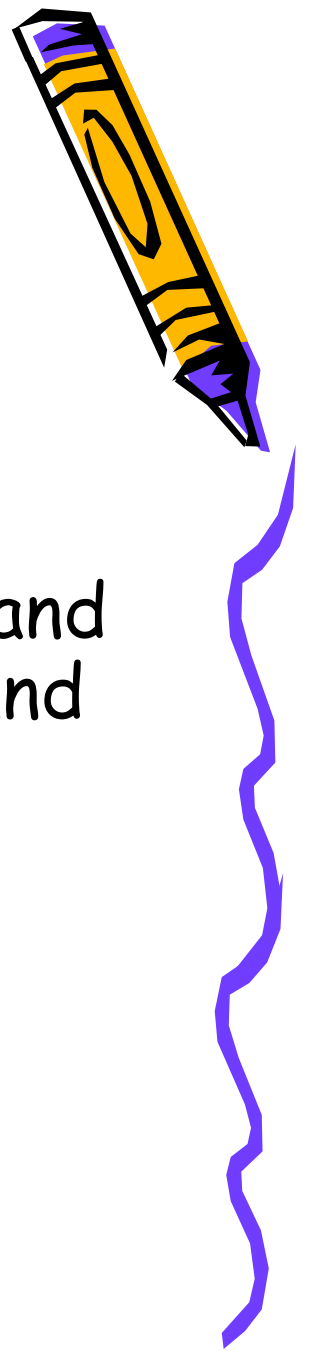
Pre-AP Math Path



- 6th grade Pre-AP math
 - 6th TEKS
 - 7th grade TEKS.
- 7th grade Pre-AP math
 - review 7th grade TEKS
 - 8th grade TEKS.
- 8th grade Algebra I
 - Algebra 1 TEKS.
 - **mastered all of the 8th grade TEKS.



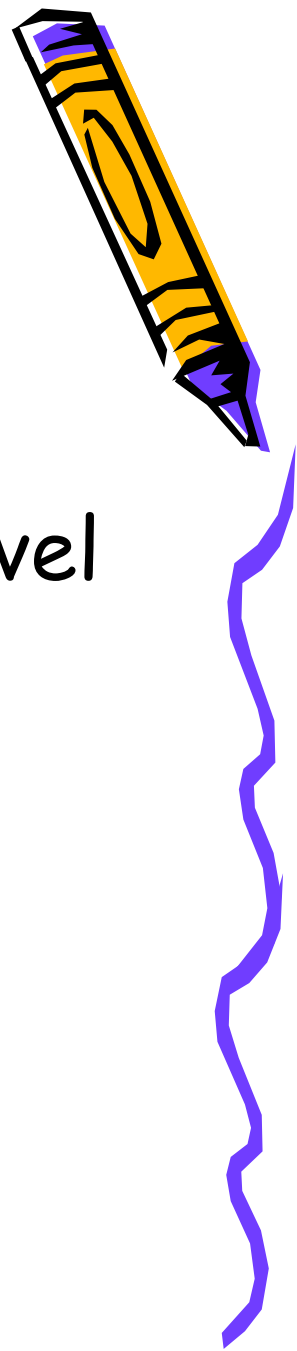
Pre-AP English



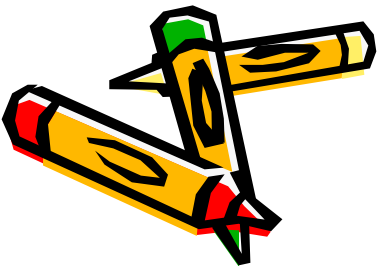
- Read more & have a summer reading assignment
- Discuss and write about the literature and the author's craft in a significant way and at a more sophisticated level
- Prepares students for AP Language & Composition and AP Literature & Composition in high school



Characteristics of Students in Pre-AP Classes

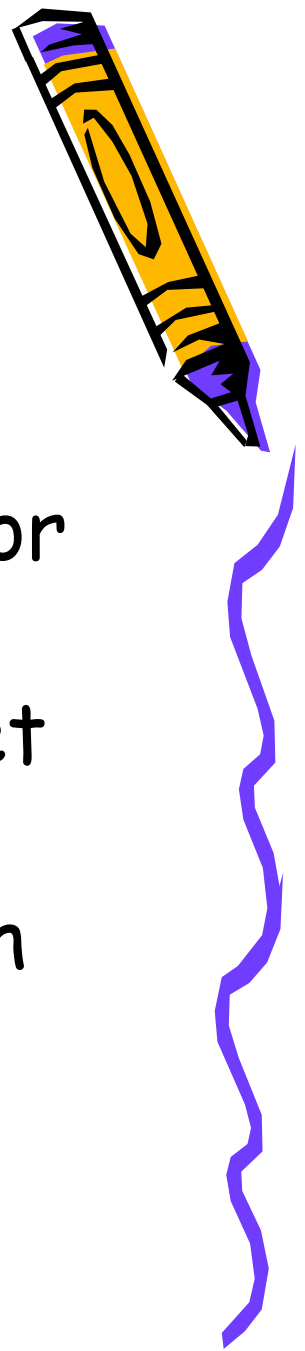


- High A's in their classes
- Commended or near commended level TAKS exam
- Hard working
- Complete all assignments
- Conscientious students
- Willing to be challenged



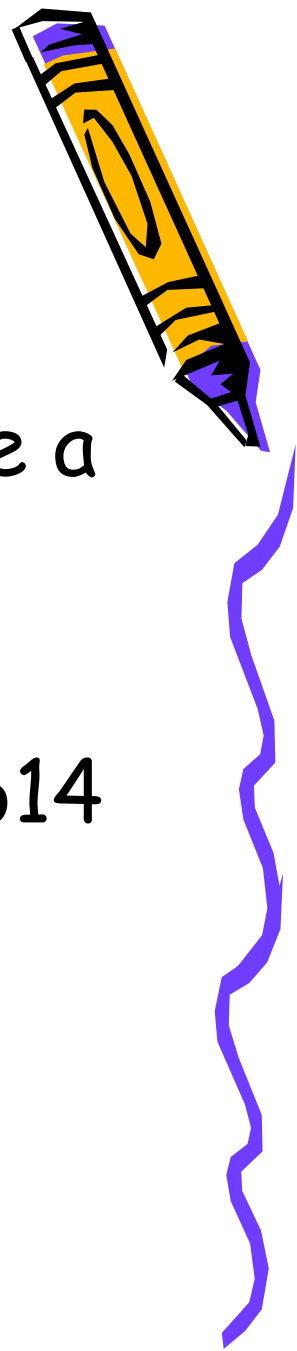
ARI/AMI Classes

- Designed for students needing additional assistance in math and/or reading
- Small class size for students to get individualized attention
- Would replace Exploratory Spanish or may replace the elective course



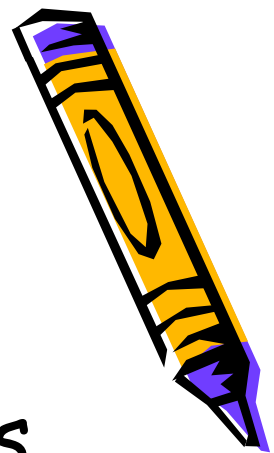
G.T. (Gifted & Talented)

- Students identified as GT can take a Pre-AP GT English/Reading class
- 90 minute double-blocked class
- Ms. Dana Reid- Available in Room 614 to answer questions

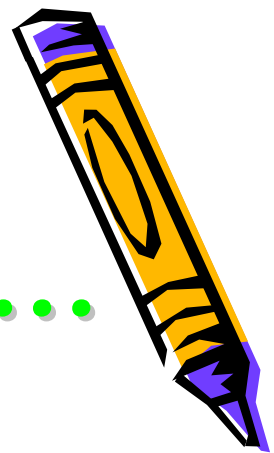


Special Education

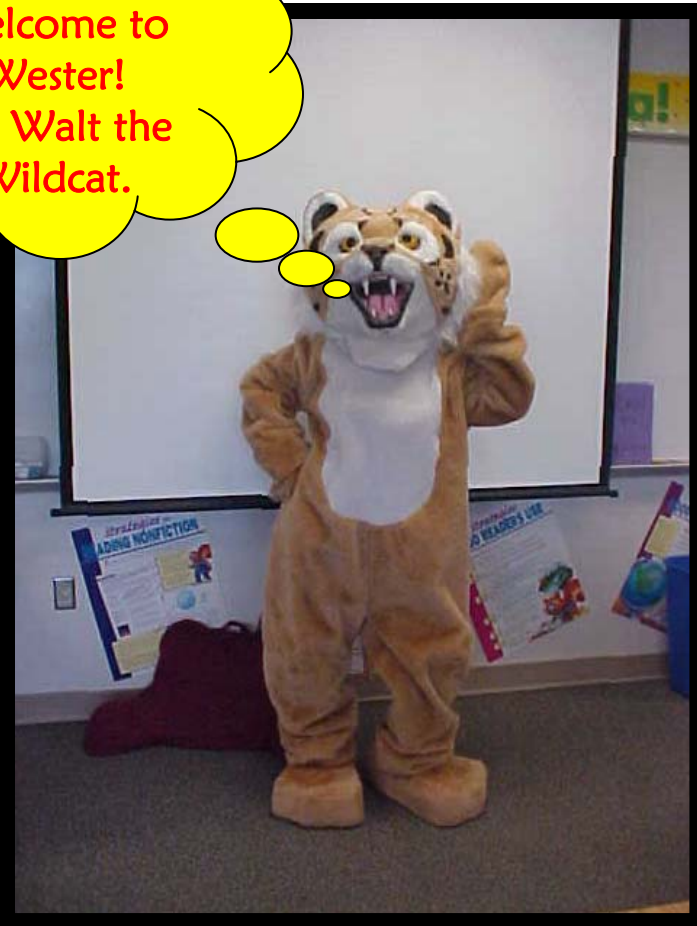
- Services designed around student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Accommodations and Modifications made to meet every student's educational need
- Mr. Mike Montague-Available in Room 612 to answer questions



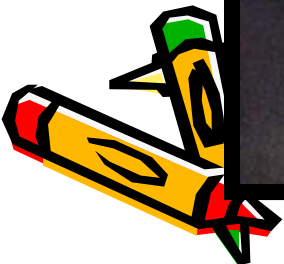
Registration Card & Course Guide...



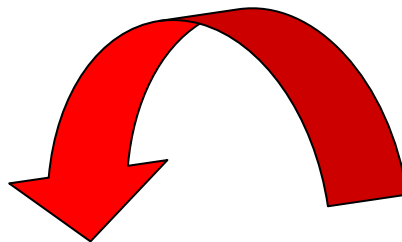
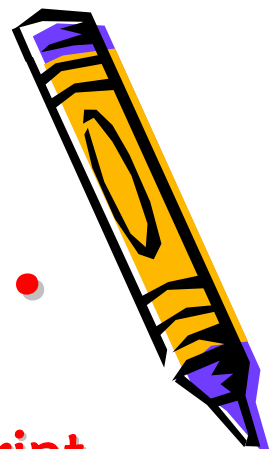
Welcome to
Wester!
I'm Walt the
Wildcat.



- All students will get a **GREEN** registration card and a course selection guide.



1. Student Information...



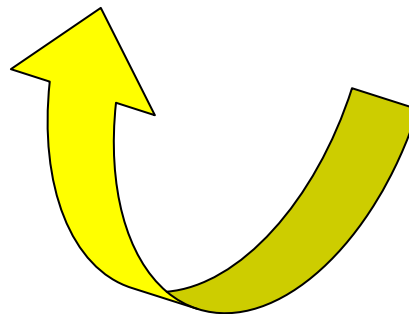
Last Name _____	First Name _____	Male _____
Student ID Number _____		Female _____

Elementary School Attended:

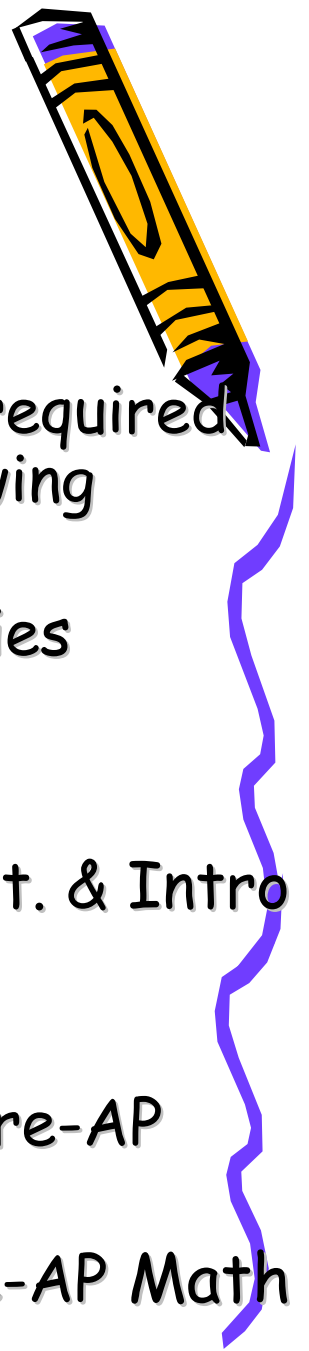
Curtsinger <input type="checkbox"/>	Gunstream <input type="checkbox"/>	Shawnee Trail <input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
<small>School and School District</small>			

• Please **print** your name and ID number, then place an "X" on the appropriate gender line.

• Please put an X in the box next to the school you currently attend.



2. Required Classes



Required Courses

* Student MUST currently be in the GT program to enroll

** See back of card for important information

Social Studies

Science

Reading

Computer Lit / Intro to Spanish

PE

Choose ONE: English 6

PAP English 6 **

GT PAP English 6 * **

Choose ONE: Math 6

PAP Math 6 **

- All students are required to take the following classes...
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - Reading
 - Computer Lit. & Intro to Spanish
 - PE
 - English or Pre-AP English
 - Math or Pre-AP Math



3. Elective Choices

- Each student needs to rank the electives, with **1** being your **first** choice and **5** being your **last** choice.

Elective Courses

Using the numbers *1 through 5*, please number each elective in order of preference. Please do not repeat any numbers.

1 = 1st Choice, 2 = 2nd Choice, 3 = 3rd Choice, etc.

All electives are for a FULL year.

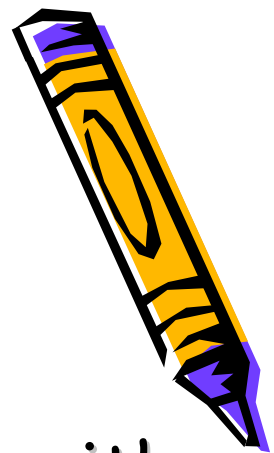
Art 6

Choir 6

Beginning Band

Theater 6

Beginning Orchestra



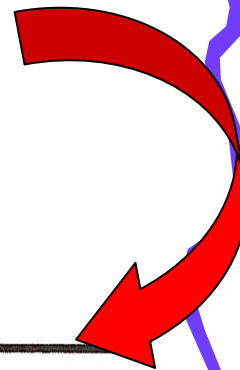
4. Parent & Student Information

- Please make sure you have included appropriate phone numbers in case we have any questions and need to contact you this summer.
- Parent(s) must sign the card before turning it in...

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____





Back of Schedule Card...

- Please read the back of your child's schedule card. Your signature indicates that you have read and understand the implications of each statement.



Student Registration Information

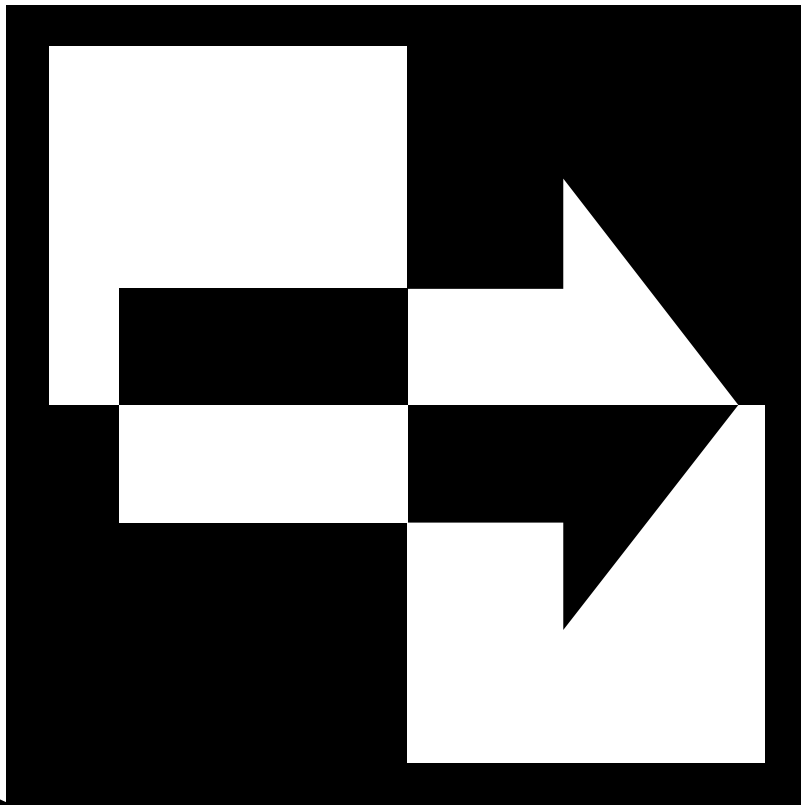
By signing below, you (the parent or guardian) understand and acknowledge the following statements:

1. Accelerated Instruction (for all grade levels): Students identified as needing extra math and/or reading instruction will be placed into an accelerated math and/or reading class. Federal guidelines mandate accelerated instruction for students not mastering the curriculum. This class may take the place of an elective class.
2. New Students: Students transferring from another Texas school must provide TAKS results from the most recent administration. If TAKS results are not available immediately, please note that once they are received, necessary schedule changes will be made to address any academic needs.
3. Pre AP Guidelines: It is highly recommended that students enroll in Pre AP courses if they meet the following specifications 1) a classroom average of 90 % or higher in the subject area and 2) 85% or higher on the TAKS. A student must successfully complete the current PAP math course to enroll in the next level of PAP math.
4. Pre AP/Spanish/Algebra/Geometry Maintenance Criteria (for all grade levels): A student who earns below a 70% in two consecutive six week grading periods will be placed on academic probation and a committee including the student, parent and teacher will convene to develop a plan for future success. If at the conclusion of the six weeks of probation the student again earns below a 70%, the committee will reconvene to determine if Pre-AP, Algebra I and/or Spanish I is the appropriate placement.
5. Schedule Changes: Schedule changes are subject to availability in the class requested, student need, and master scheduling issues. Students need to choose classes carefully. Schedule change requests will only be accepted during the first week of school. A schedule change request does not guarantee that a schedule change will occur. All schedule changes must be approved by the principal.
5. Courses for High school Credit: Check the FISD 2010-2011 middle school handbook for information on whether classes taken for High School credit will count in the student's High School grade point average. It is currently under review. (PAP Algebra, Spanish I, Health, Keyboarding)

Parent Signature

Date

5. Turn in your GREEN card

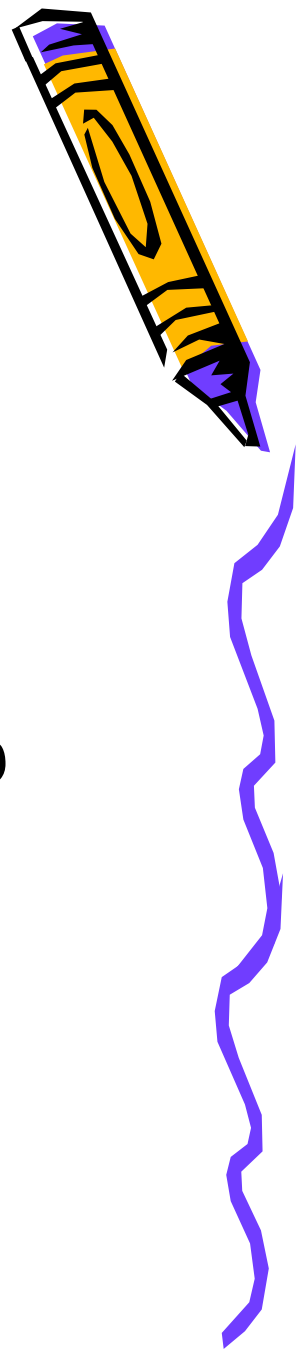


- ALL registration cards are due to your **ELEMENTARY COUNSELOR** no later than **Thursday, February 18th**.
- Any cards turned in after the deadline will be processed last.

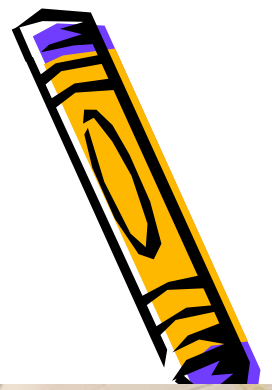


Transitioning Issues

- CAT Camp
- Experienced teachers who understand 6th grade issues
- Individual Counseling & small group counseling
- 6th graders separated from older students



Fun at Wester

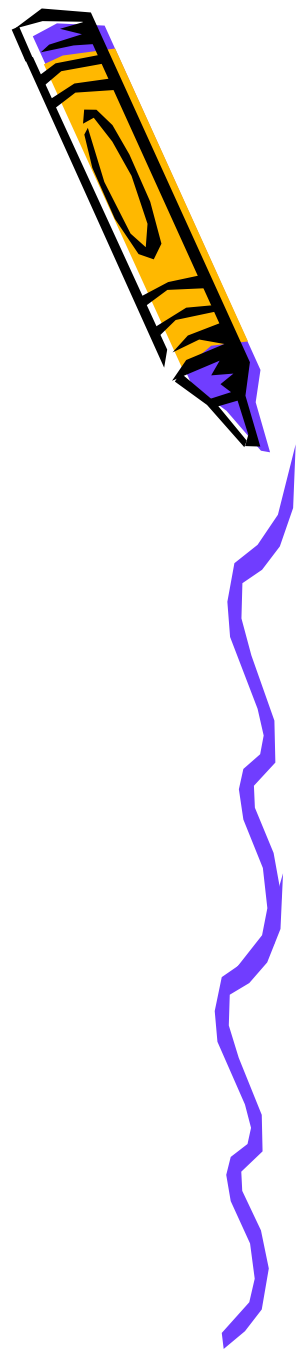


- Pep Rallies
- Field Trips
- One Book, One School Project
- Wester Rowdies, FOR, Chess Club, Book Club, National Junior Thespian Society
- Book Fair Incentives
- Spirit Weeks



Parent Involvement

- Talk to your child about school
- Join the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)
- Get involved in a Booster club
- Check E-school
- Join us for Student led Parent-Teacher conferences



Preparing your Child for 6th Grade



- Practice organizational skills (Agenda, time)
- Give child more responsibility & hold him/her accountable
- Get excited & share the enthusiasm!



See you at CAT Camp!

