

# ESL/ELL NEWS

Itasca School District 10

January 2012

PMA...ALL the Way!

## ACCESS Testing

January 9<sup>th</sup> - January 20<sup>th</sup>

Over the next few weeks your child will be participating in ACCESS testing. This is a state mandated test that is to be given to those students who receive ESL/ELL services at Itasca School District #10. Your child will be tested in the areas of listening, reading, writing, and speaking. All testing will take place during school hours. The test results will be given towards the end of the year. These results, along with classroom progress, teacher input, and parent input will be used to determine if your child will need to continue to receive ESL/ELL services for the following school year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

### \* ESL Curriculum \*

The ESL/ELL Curriculum was developed to ensure that your student will be well prepared for their present and future school experience. It is our goal that while students work on problem solving skills they develop good character. The ESL class correlates directly with the curriculum of each grade level focusing on Reading, Writing, Vocabulary, and Language skills. I know that this year will provide your child with many positive and memorable experiences.

### \* Helpful Hints \*

- ~ Be sure to eat a healthy breakfast every morning.
- ~ Make sure your child gets sufficient rest.
- ~ Have a designated place for your child to study.
- ~ Develop a study routine.
- ~ Have your child read for 20-30 minutes everyday.
- ~ Remember, children are never too old to be read to!
- ~ Do not wait until the last minute to study or complete homework or projects.
- ~ Practice Math facts.
- ~ Check your child's assignment notebook daily.
- ~ Always keep extra supplies at home.
- ~ Keep the lines of communication open.

### \* Dates to Remember \*

- \* Access Testing- January 9-20
- Board Meeting- Jan. 11 at 7pm Village Hall
- No School- Martin Luther King Day - Jan.16
- Report Cards - January 20
- Peacock Science Fair - February 4
- Board Meeting- Feb. 8 at 7pm Village Hall
- No School- President's Day - February 20
- No School- Teacher Institute - March 2
- \* ISAT Testing - March 5-16

Please come join us for all  
the great events!

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