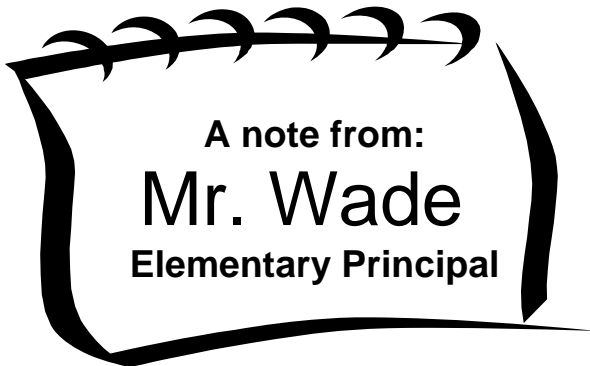


# Alexander Elementary



## Parents Make A Difference!

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A note from:  
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Elementary Principal

*“Who wouldn’t want more for their children?”*

As parents shouldn’t we all have a common goal that we will work to help our children have a greater life than we have had?

We should want them to have better health care, nicer living conditions, have more financial stability and an education that will allow them to be successful in the world of work. We want them to be able to do more than we have done.

With this hope we also want to keep our children close to us. We don’t want them to move far away. Our relationship with our family is important.

Believe it or not, research shows that there are parents who deep down do not want their children to do better than they have done. They want them to stay at the same (or below) the socioeconomic level as they are. Many believe this is due to fear. A fear that if their children do better, they will move away or simply no longer want to associate with them. They are fearful the family will be broken.

This way of thinking must change. For the betterment of our town, country and even world, we must put these fears aside.  
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As parents, it is our job to teach our children with encouragement, guidance and love. Let’s encourage them to exceed our own levels of achievement. Let’s encourage our children to attend school regularly and learn as much as they are able so they may have the best life possible.



### March 2011

Love and Logic Parent Workshop- All parents are invited! Tuesday, March 8 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Alexander Elementary Cafeteria. Door prizes and refreshments will be served.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Test- Wednesday, March 9.

Kindergarten Field Trip- Jenks Aquarium, Thursday, March 10.

Spring Break- March 14-18

End of Third Quarter- Friday, March 11.

Grade Cards Go Out- Tuesday, March 22.

Third Quarter AR Reward Trip- Miami Cineplex. March 24 and 25.

Fairy Tale Courtroom Play- March 31 and April 1.

Progress Reports Go Out- Monday, April 11.

Love and Logic Parent Workshop- All parents are invited! Tuesday, April 12 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Alexander Elementary Cafeteria. Door prizes and refreshments will be served.

## Do Your Mornings Need a Makeover?



Q. Mornings are always so hectic for our family. Sometimes I feel as if my day is ruined before it starts. What can we do?

A. Morning “rush hour” starts right at home for many families. There’s always someone who loses a math book...or who can’t find a shoe...or who won’t go to school without a favorite jacket. These tips can make mornings more manageable:

\*Do as much as possible at night. \*Children should lay out clothes before bed.

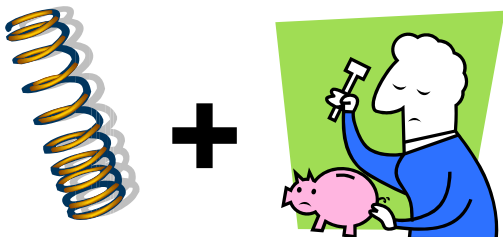
\*Homework should be finished.

\*Backpacks should be placed by the door.

\*Get enough sleep. If you and your children conk out every night in front of the Late Show, they are probably going to be crabby in the mornings. They won’t be in the mood to learn either. It is best to set a regular bed time and stick to it.

\*Have a “back up” breakfast. Everyone needs to fuel their bodies and minds. Keep an emergency supply of things you can grab on late mornings, such as muffins, fruit, or granola bars.

## Have a great...



## Expect Elementary-Aged Children to Do Some Chores



Some parents get into the habit of doing things for their children. It’s not until they talk with other parents that they realize that other kids make their own beds, prepare their own lunches or put dishes in the dishwasher.

What can parents reasonably expect elementary children to do? Here is a partial list:

- Fix snacks
- Make their bed
- Change the sheets on their bed
- Load and the empty the dishwasher
- Take clothes out of the dryer
- Fold towels and wash clothes
- Make a salad
- Read to a younger brother or sister
- Help a younger sibling spell words
- Pack their backpack for school the next day
- Give permission slips / notes to a parent
- Gather up the trash
- Take out the trash

