

Windy Ridge School - Coffee w/Carcara

Notes from the February 8th, 2008

In Attendance: Samara Gluck, Karen Butler, Kim Nguyen, Siobhan McClarin, Karen Keegan, Carla Bellonzi, Sherry Frawley, Ellen Coan, Rafael Bautista, Theresa Millay, Jasmine Mehta, Mindy Gerber, Dunya Hussein, Tina Long, Neil Katz, Jeanne Moore-Shamley, Kelly Hall, Lynda Steimer.

Administrators: Jay Carcara

Taking Notes: Tina Lupo

Agenda:

1. FCAT Testing
2. FCAT Schedule
3. FCAT Testing Conditions
4. School Nurse Program
5. Volunteers for tutoring program

Topic 1 - FCAT Testing

Mr. Carcara welcomed everyone to the coffee and explained that he is interim principal during his internship. Mr. Carcara reviewed the testing calendar with those in attendance. FCAT Writes is Feb. 12th & 13th. Forth grade will test on both days and eight grade will test on the 12th. Make up dates will be the 14th & 15th. The students will be tested in reading, math, & science.

Topic 2 - FCAT Schedule

Mr. Carcara went over the testing schedule day by day. FCAT testing schedule is set by the county. All students in Orange County follow the schedule. Schools do not set individual schedules.

The testing schedule is as follows - March 11th - March 24th, 2008

March 11th - (Tuesday) Day 1

3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th - Reading

5th - Math

March 12th-(Wednesday) Day 2

3rd & 4th - Reading

5th, 6th, 7th & 8th - Math

March 13th (Thursday) Day 3

3rd & 4th - Math

5th - Reading

6th, 7th, 8th - Make-Up

March 14th -(Friday) Day 4

Make - Up's for all grades

March 17th - (Monday) Day 5

3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th - NRT Reading

5th, 8th - Science

March 18th - (Tuesday) Day 6

3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th - NRT Math

8th - NRT Math & Reading

5th - Science

March 19th -(Wednesday) Day 7

5th - NRT Reading

Make - Up testing

March 20th - (Thursday) Day 8

5th - NRT Math

Make-up testing

March 21st - (Friday) Day 9

Make-up testing for all grade levels

March 24th (Monday) Day 10

Make-up testing for all grade levels

Topic 3 - FCAT Testing Conditions

To Insure the best testing environment movement will be limited, volunteering will be on an as needed basis, & recess will be after testing.

Topic 4 - School Nurse Program

Windy Ridge is responsible for raising half of the school nurses salary. The Health Central foundation pays half and supplies our nurse with clinic supplies. PTA & parent support has been important to insure that we keep our school nurse.

Topic 5 - Volunteers for tutoring program

Mr. Carcara would like to start a tutoring program unitizing volunteers , . Mr. Carcara would like to target the students that have and continue to score a 3 or better on FCAT . He would like to help the students that are successful and increase their potential for academic growth. The response was very positive and for parents that are interested in participating in a tutoring program and are will to make the commitment please contact Mr. Carcara.

Other items of discussion

- Positive feedback on the volunteer e-mail system.
- Parents like A./R , and would like it to be mandatory
- Test Taking Skills & methods to help alleviate test anxiety
- K-5 Student Awards, concerns were brought up regarding parents attending awards. A brief discussion took place and a meeting of the student award committee will take place to address the concerns.

Dates for future coffee's

- **March 7th**
- **April 10th**