

Intermediate Insights

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A Note from the Principals...

The Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) measures individual student achievement relative to the Illinois Learning Standards. The results give parents, teachers, and schools an important measure of student learning and school performance.

We would like to remind you that your child will be taking the ISAT tests from Tuesday, March 13 through Friday, March 16. Specifically, fourth grade students will be tested in the areas of reading, math, and science, while fifth grade students will be tested in the areas of reading, math, and writing. Our testing schedule will occupy each morning that week until 10:30. Make-up sessions will occur March 19 through March 22.

Student attendance is crucial during testing, and we appreciate your support in making sure that your child:

- Arrives to school on time
- Is not pulled out for any appointments during testing
- Comes to school with a positive attitude and tries their very best
- Gets a good night's rest and eats a healthy breakfast

One other important thing to keep in mind is that Daylight Saving Time moves to the second weekend in March, this year falling at 2:00AM on Sunday, March 11. We know that SPRINGING FORWARD and the subsequent time change can impact our students, and wanted to make you aware so that bedtime routines can be adjusted accordingly in anticipation of school and testing that week.

If you have any questions about the upcoming ISAT tests, please feel free to contact us here at the Intermediate School, or visit the Illinois State Board of Education's website at <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/isat.htm>.

Best wishes,

Dr. Kent Ashton & Mrs. Melissa K. Passehl

YOU'RE INVITED...

...to register for **SPECIAL DELIVERY!**

- ✓ Parents and community members are encouraged to register for Woodland's Special Delivery on our website (www.dist50.net). By doing so, you'll receive important email bulletins about school closings, district/school events, and other Woodland news.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Student safety continues to be a top priority for us at Woodland Intermediate School. The following correspondence comes to our learning community, courtesy of the office of Robert D. Jones, Gurnee Chief of Police.

During a recent visit to Woodland Intermediate School, members of my staff identified a situation that, as Police Chief, causes me great concern. School staff has informed us that they witness this situation on a daily basis. The issue may seem minor to some, but from a homeland security and child safety perspective, we see it as a serious one.

A number of times per day, parents park their cars directly in front of the school, often to "run in just for a minute." More often than not, cars are left with keys in the ignition and the engine running. It is also not unusual for smaller children to be left unattended inside these unsecured, running automobiles.

With those concerns in mind, please consider the following important information:

FIRE LANES

- Designated fire lanes are for emergency vehicle access during a public safety response. Vehicles obstructing these areas can and do impede emergency personnel responding to calls for help. In the case of some school buildings, fire lanes are used by school buses during specific times of the day.
- The only lawful use of these designated areas is for emergency vehicles and school buses loading or unloading children. Parking your vehicle in a fire lane is a violation of village ordinance, as well as State of Illinois fire and life safety codes.

VEHICLE THEFT

- Leaving vehicles unattended, running, and unlocked anywhere is high-risk. Vehicle theft and car-jacking are serious problems in today's society. Although Gurnee is a safer community than many, we are not immune to these offenses taking place.

ENDANGERING CHILDREN

- Finally, leaving unattended children in your vehicle is against the law. Depending on the circumstances, a felony charge can be brought against persons who leave their children unattended and unsupervised. Regardless of the legal ramifications, no parent wants to return to their vehicle only to find that the car, with their child inside, has been driven off by a criminal.

We are all pressed for time, and I am certain that none of us would knowingly place our children in jeopardy. Many of us are looking for convenience and moments where we can save time. However, sacrificing the safety of ourselves, our children, and our property would never be a price any of us are willing to pay. Please park your vehicle in a designated parking space. Lock your car when leaving it unattended, and never leave a child alone in any vehicle. The few extra minutes are a small price to pay for the safety of the school, the children and your family.