

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. Achievement Testing

Students at grade levels 1-8 will be administered the Stanford Achievement Test and Otis Lennon Abilities Test (grade levels 2-8) during the dates of April 26th through May 14th. As with prior achievement tests, the Stanford will provide a variety of data on student achievement. The Otis Lennon provides a group I.Q. score.

1. Stanford and Otis Lennon scores will be given to parents during the fall of each school year in the form of a Parent Report.
2. Stanford scores will be given to classroom teachers for the purpose of analyzing a student's academic strengths and weaknesses.
3. Stanford scores will be used to provide an overall summary of progress of the students and by grade level.
4. Stanford and Otis Lennon scores will be used as criteria for the Talented and Gifted Program.

II. Tour of Itasca

Village President, Mrs. Gigi Gruber, is offering a tour of the Village Facilities for all 5th grade students in Itasca. The tour will take place on Friday, May 14, 2004. Students will receive presentations at the following facilities:

1. Village Hall
2. Police Station
3. Treatment Plant
4. Public Works
5. Fire Department
6. Itasca School District: Administrative Center

III. Kindergarten Committee

The Kindergarten Committee members (Donna Suptela, Linda Schaschwary, Dawn Turner and myself) continue to meet to discuss curricular related topics. Discussion has included an update and overview of the use and application of the Harcourt Reading Series to the Kindergarten goals and objectives. Additional reading supplements were shared, such as the Waterford Early Reading Program and the Star Reader Club (Media Center connection with language arts instruction within the classroom).

IV. Grant Update

Itasca School District has recently received a grant entitled, "Closing the Gap". The grant was written for the purchase of student computers within the 5th grade classroom at Franzen Intermediate School. The funds provided through the grant equal \$11,673.00. Together with a federal grant, 19 life-cycle computer replacements have been purchased (16 of which are designated for the 5th grade classrooms at Franzen).