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Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful start to the 2013-2014 school year. As the weather cools and students settle in to daily school routines and procedures, we have jumped into the full swing of learning and growing. Lawton Elementary Teachers are excited about their new students and we have some amazing things planned for this year.

Parent teacher conferences are right around the corner. Conferences are an excellent way to learn how your child is doing in school academically and socially. Before conferences it is a good idea to listen to your child to hear if he/she talks about areas of struggle and/or success. Be sure to sit down with your child and ask about school. Often it is helpful to write down questions you have for the teacher ahead of time. Being on time for the conference is important as there are many families to see. If possible having childcare for your other children allows you to give your full attention to the conference. We also encourage you to take notes, share concerns and explore your child's strengths, weaknesses, and social skills. You are our best source of information in helping your child be successful, so we thank you for attending conferences and helping us provide your child with an excellent educational experience.

In the month of October, we will begin the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) for our third through fifth grade students. The testing is scheduled for October 8 through October 16. We will be completing some make up tests following those dates as well.

The following are ways you as a parent may help prepare your child:

- Ensuring your child gets a good night's sleep and is well rested so she/he can be alert and attentive.
- Providing your child a nutritious breakfast or get him/her to school with plenty of time to eat breakfast.
- If your child wears an assistive device, such as a hearing aides and/or glasses, be sure she/he remembers to bring and wear them during testing.
- Making sure your child attends school during testing days and arrives on time. Please try to avoid scheduling outside appointments (doctor or dental) on test dates.
- Encouraging your child to do his/her best and put forth his/her best effort.

To ensure each child has a quiet undisturbed testing environment, we will not allow students to join their class after testing has started. If your child arrives late to school he/she will remain in the office until testing has subsided for the day. Therefore it is important to ensure your child is at school on time.

Should you have any questions or concerns in the upcoming weeks, please contact us and we will be happy to help. Thank you for your support and efforts.

Sincerely,