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Dear Families:

Beginning Tuesday, October 13th, your child will take the MEAP test. 5th grade students take the Reading, Mathematics and Science test, and 6th grade students take the Reading, Mathematics, and Social Studies test. Your child's teachers at Fancher Elementary have been dedicated to helping your child be successful on this test. Please encourage your child to do his or her best! Please avoid any absences during the testing period. Students perform better in the classroom within the regular test session than they do during a make-up session.

Students may take their time on the tests. For the reading test, students read several short stories, and answer questions about each individual story. They also answer questions that compare stories. Students can always look back at the reading selections to help them with their answers.....like an "open book" test.

For the math test, there are three parts, the first of which is mental math, with no calculator allowed. Part two and three allows a calculator. The MEAP math test is almost all story problems. Students may write in their test booklet to draw pictures, make computations, and figure our problems. Encourage your child to "show their work!"

During the MEAP testing period, please keep the following in mind:

- Early bedtimes! Get a good night's rest!
- Eat a healthy breakfast.....brain power!
- Have perfect attendance! (Make-ups are difficult to schedule and children do best when they participate with the test of their class).
- Be positive! Encourage your child to do his or her best....but not to be stressed out!

On the back of this letter, please find a MEAP Snack sign-up organizer, ideas for healthy snacks, and the MEAP testing schedule. Thank you for your help! We look forward to having a successful testing experience this year. Together we can "Beat the MEAP."

Sincerely,

Mrs. Boyd

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Mrs. Finck

Mr. Graham

Mrs. Hall

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