



# The Eagle Exchange

**Western Elementary School April 2009**

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*Western Elementary School*

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Home of the Eagles



## From the Principal's Pen:



**\*\*Lunch Charges\*\*** Parents if you have received a letter regarding breakfast and lunch charges, please pay them as soon as possible. Thank you!

A Few Reminders:

The Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) will be administered to each child in 1st-5th grade during the week of April 20-24. It is very important for every child to be present and on time each day.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is one of the cornerstones of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). It is an annual measure of student participation and achievement of statewide assessments and other academic indicators. AYP requires schools to meet standards in three areas:

1. Each school must have a participation rate of 95% or above in Reading/English Language Arts, and Mathematics.
2. Each school must meet or exceed the State's Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) in Reading/English Language Arts and Mathematics.
3. Each school must meet the standard or show progress on a Second Indicator (Attendance).

Once again, we want to thank you for all that you do for our students. Have a wonderful Spring Break!

*Denise Pigatt*

### Important Dates

April 6-10	Spring Break
April 20-24	CRCT week
April 28	Track Meet
	NorthGate High School
May 1	Relay for Life
May 25	Holiday/Memorial Day
May 29	Last day of school

**Kindergarten registration is  
May 4-May 8  
at Central Registration Office  
Please call 770-244-5551 for an  
appointment.**

### McMichael's Matters

What matters in April? Keeping a focus on school matters. As the days get longer our focus on school can sway in the afternoon. However, we still need to keep our routines and our bedtimes. Sleep and a good breakfast is the best way to start your child's day off great.

On our parent survey we were weak on communication. We would like to know better ways to communicate with you. If you have solutions please send a note or email to me.

*Stan McMichael, Ed. S.*

*Assistant Principal*

### Relay for Life

Western will have a Relay for Life Team this year. If you want to join our team please contact Crysti Nix. Relay for Life is a fun filled event designed to celebrate survivorship and raising money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. We will be collecting donations on April 1 thru May 1.

### Counselor's Corner

"The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitude." ~William James

Attitude is everything. Our attitude governs the way we perceive the world and the way the world perceives us. We have the freedom to choose. We can choose an inner dialogue of self encouragement and self motivation, or we can choose one of self pity and self defeat, the choice is ours to make. Each of us has encounters with hard times. The key is to realize it's not what happens to us that matters most, its how we choose to respond. Our children are getting a life lesson in watching our behavior patterns. Let's all learn to monitor our attitudes as we teach our children the needed strategies in building a positive attitude.

Keep these in your attitude Tool Kit:

Count your blessings daily	Reflect on Victories
Watch your words (WOW)	Help others in need

Read and listen to Motivational Books

Be sure to take care of yourself: get plenty of rest, make healthy food choices, and exercise.

May your spring holiday be filled with joy.

*Crysti Nix*

### Relay for Life Collection Days:

Monday bring in your pennies	Tuesday-nickels
Wednesday-dimes	Thursday-quarters
Friday-donate a dollar and wear a hat	