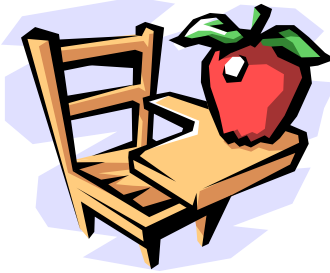


# WESTOVER MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## **From the Principal's desk... March 2007**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you know, we are preparing to administer the Connecticut Mastery Test from March 5<sup>th</sup> through March 19<sup>th</sup>. This test is used as one means to monitor student progress in grades three through eight. Students will be tested in Reading, Writing, and Math.

During this time there are three important steps you can take to help your child:

1. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep,
2. Eats a good breakfast every morning, and
3. Arrives at school early enough not to feel rushed.

It is also helpful to avoid asking your child a lot of questions about the test. The less of a "big deal" you make of it, the less test anxiety your child will experience. Of course the test is important, but we want to avoid adding unintended pressure.

Please try to minimize any disruptions by scheduling appointments around school hours, or if absolutely necessary, late afternoons. Students who arrive late to school once testing starts will not be allowed into the classroom and will have to makeup that section of the test at a later time. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Louisa C. Calka, Principal