

MAP Testing

Beginning on Monday, October 1 we will begin MAP testing all 2nd through 5th graders. The MAP test stands for Measures of Academic Progress. The MAP test is a computerized adaptive assessment that provides educators the information they need to improve teaching and learning. Educators use the growth and achievement data from MAP tests to develop targeted instructional strategies and to plan school improvements. MAP test results help educators make student-focused, data-driven decisions. Results of the MAP tests will be made available to parents in a timely fashion.

Counselor Corner

Sometimes I will have a parent ask me if I think their child has ADHD. I usually follow their question with a question. "What are some things your child does that would make you think he/she might have ADHD"? I also talk about some of the characteristics that I know are common among individuals with ADHD. I tell the parent that I am not really qualified to diagnose that condition and that it is best to go to a mental health professional.

This past week I received a letter from Dr. Kliever of Prairie View Mental Healthcare, informing me about a new grant they received to investigate a treatment for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in children ages 6-12. The grant will pay for parents to receive a) A comprehensive diagnostic evaluation from a Child and Adolescent psychiatrist. b) Study related care from Prairie View. c) Reimbursement of transportation expenses to and from the doctor's office.

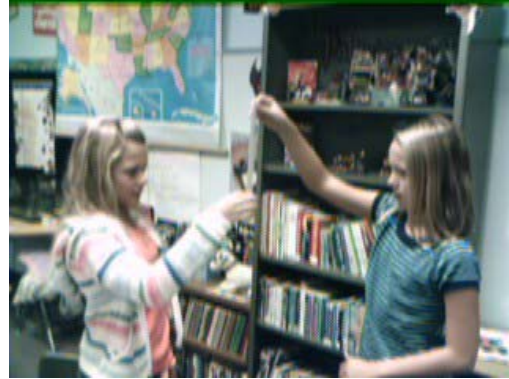
Here are some common ADHD characteristics in individuals: Problems at school (in class, with peers, etc.), Inattentive and/or impulsive/hyperactive behavior, Makes careless mistakes, Doesn't listen well, Talks excessively, Interrupts others, Fidgets/difficulty sitting still.

Many of the above symptoms or characteristics can be seen in children without ADHD. If you have any concerns, you may want to call Prairie View at **888-225-7022** for more information or a preliminary phone evaluation. You may also want to tell them

that you heard about the grant and if that program you are interested in.

Reaction Time

5th grade students were seen recently doing an experiment with reaction time. Pictured below are some of the participants.



Fall Concert on the Lawn

The HES 2nd grade will be performing at the Farmers Market on Oct. 4 at 5:00 p.m. 2nd graders need to meet at the front of the Middle School at 4:45 to line up. Friends and family are invited to watch the performance. A meal will be served at the Farmers' Market if your family would like to eat there.

Support Your Public Library!

Hillsboro Public Library will be holding a Book Sale beginning Friday, October 5th from 9:30 to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 6th from 9:30 to noon.

Proceeds will go toward purchasing new youth and children's books. Please come support your library!