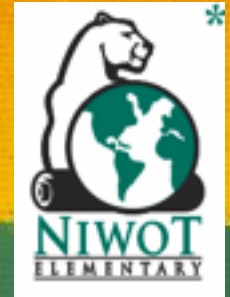


NIWOT ELEMENTARY



School for Differentiated
Instruction

Parent Information Meeting
November 18, 2014

Welcome by
Mrs. Pitz

Overview of Niwot Elementary

- ▶ Opened in 1966 (48 years old!)
- ▶ 38 licensed employees (78% have Masters Degree)
- ▶ 30 classified employees
- ▶ School of Differentiation Focus School

Overview of Niwot Elementary

- ▶ Positive Behavior Support School
- ▶ Enrollment of 523 students, PK through 5th grade
(483 K-5 students, 40 PK students)
- ▶ Green Star School (commitment to Zero Waste)

Overview of Niwot Elementary

- Emphasis in Early Education (3 & 4 year old Pre-School, 2 Full-Day Kindergarten classes & 1 Half-Day Kindergarten class)
- Full-Time Intermediate Support Teacher
- 4.5 hour Enrichment Primary Para
- Half-Time Dean of Students
- Half-Time Counselor

Overview of Niwot Elementary

- 3 rounds at every grade level (1st-5th)
- 3 hour Instructional Para support at all grade levels
- Over 50% of our Instructional Para's are licensed teachers

Overview of Niwot Elementary

- ▶ Special Education Support (2 resource teachers, 1 Autism teacher, 1 Speech Language Pathologist, 1 Occupational Therapist, 1 Vision Specialist, 1 Physical Therapist, 8 Para-Educators, 1 Building Team Leader)
- ▶ Literacy Support in K-2 (1 full-time teacher)
- ▶ Gifted & Talent Support (1 full-time teacher for Literacy & Math)
- ▶ ESL Support

Safety

4 Actions

Standard Response Protocol



Lockout



Lockdown



Evacuate



Shelter

[Safety]

- Traffic
- Safe Routes Survey
& Potential Grant

Instructional Programming at Niwot Elementary

- Rigby Reading Program
- Lucy Calkins Units of Study
Writing
- Math Expressions
- FOSS Science Kits

Instructional Programming at Niwot Elementary

- Social Studies Curriculum & Resources
- Art, Music, PE, Library & Technology
- Counselor classroom visits
- Avenues ESL Program

Instructional Programming at Niwot Elementary

- Special Education Support
- Literacy Support
- Gifted & Talented in 3, 4, 5 (Literacy & Math)
- Enrichment opportunities in K, 1, 2

Instructional Programming at Niwot Elementary

- Instructor led Technology class weekly
- Library instruction and weekly check-out
- Cougar Club
- Community School
- Wrap-Around

Opportunities for students at Niwot Elementary

- ▶ Odyssey of the Mind
- ▶ Student Council
- ▶ Choir
- ▶ Spelling Bee
- ▶ Late Start Science Enrichment (CU Discovery)

Opportunities for students at Niwot Elementary

- ▶ Niwot High School partnerships
- ▶ Science Garden programs
- ▶ Green Star School programs
- ▶ MyOn Reader
- ▶ Lexia/Core5
- ▶ Handwriting without Tears
- ▶ Interventions

Opportunities for students at Niwot Elementary

- ▶ Technology (computer lab, iPads, iTouches, chrome books, interactive white boards, projectors, document cameras, voice amplification systems, laptops, clicker systems)
- ▶ Global Perspective (Mwebaza partnership)
- ▶ Curriculum Enrichment through field trips & assemblies

Celebrations

- ▶ Increased Enrollment = Increased Opportunities
- ▶ John Irwin School of Excellence Awards
- ▶ Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
- ▶ Accredited with Distinction
- ▶ Staff!
- ▶ Low Turnover / Years of Experience (470 total years / average of 15 years)

Celebrations

- PTAC/Committees
- Student Involvement
- Parent Involvement
- Community Involvement

SVVSD Physical Activity Grant

- 1.5 Million District Wide Physical Activity Grant
- 2014-2015 / 2015-2016
- Implemented at Niwot Elem. in 2015-2016
- Three Components:
 - *100 Mile Club
 - *Professional Development around movement
 - *Recess Equipment

[Movement]

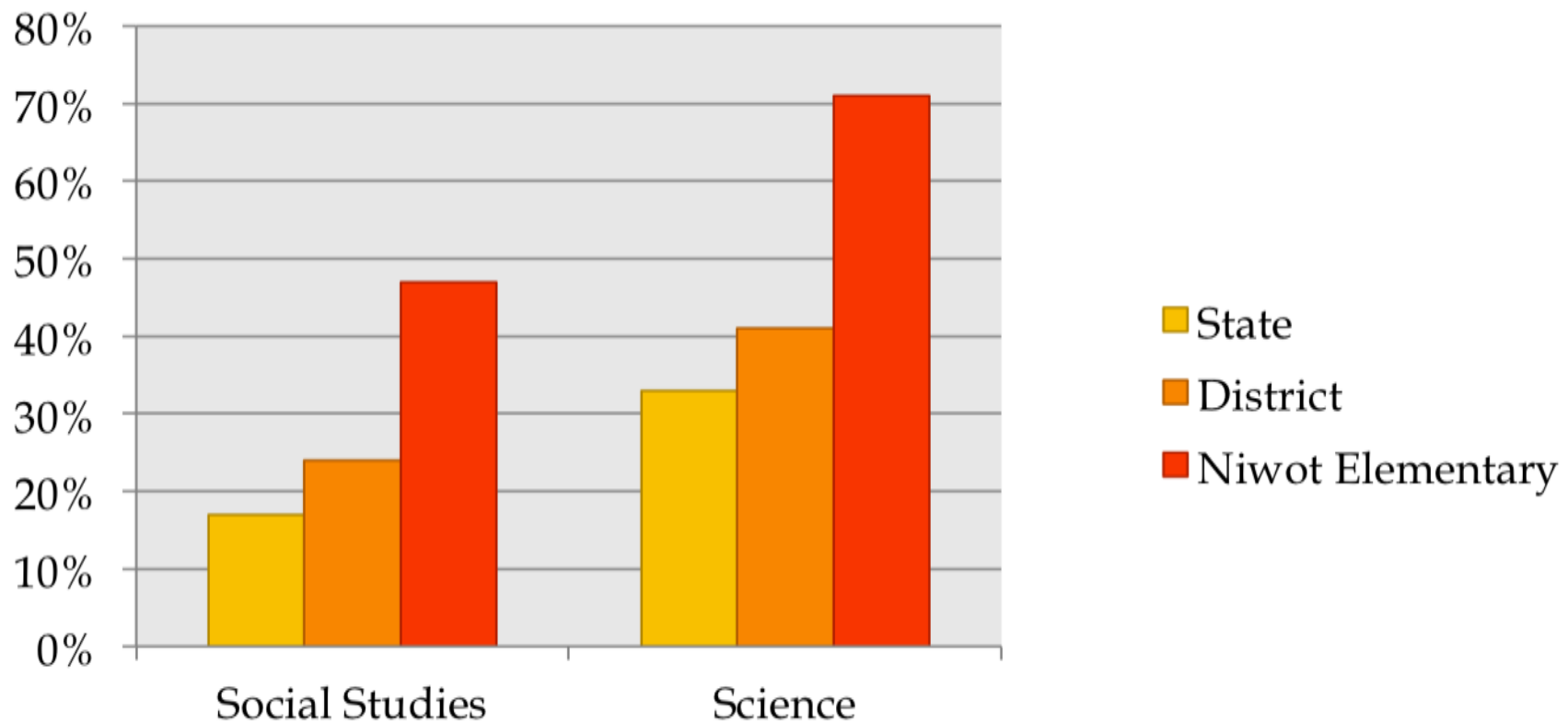
- ▶ Fitness provides the brain with the ability to learn, remember, and process information.
- ▶ Fitness creates the neurons responsible for attention.
- ▶ Exercise is responsible for 30% of our spatial reasoning.
- ▶ Exercise decreases behavior problems.

Movement Break: Components of Fitness

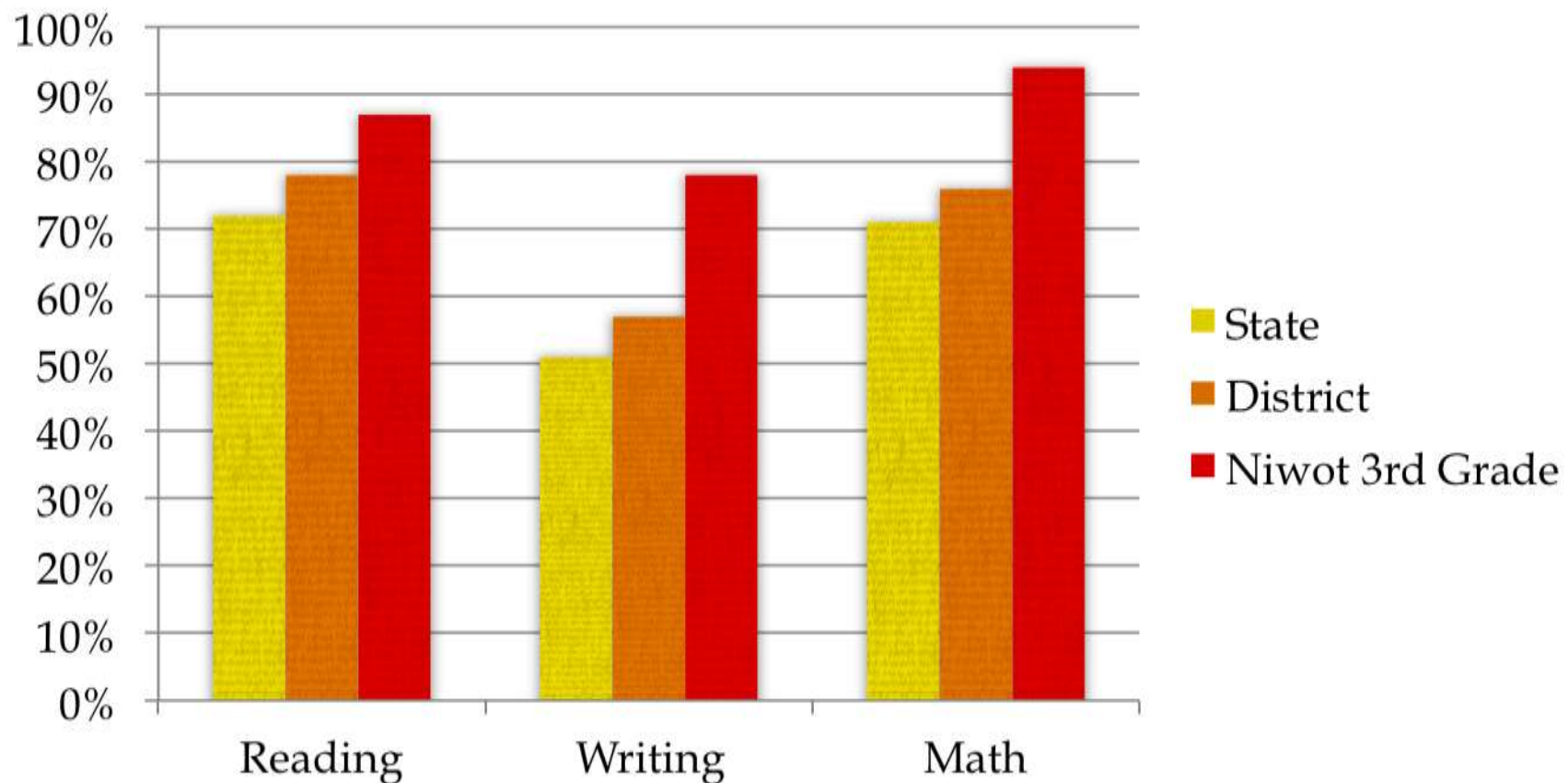
- Cardio Endurance
- Muscle Strength
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- Flexibility

CMAS

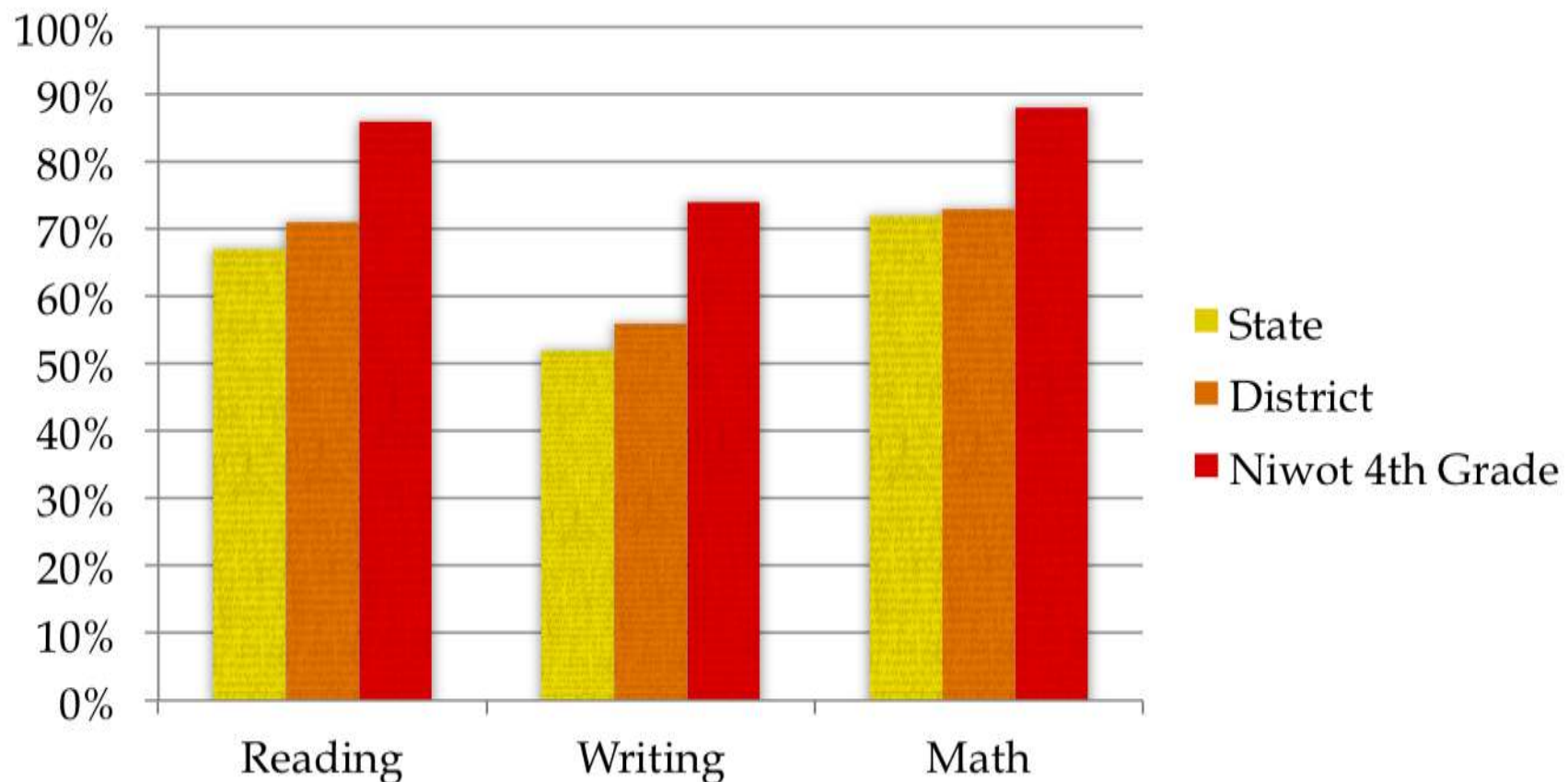
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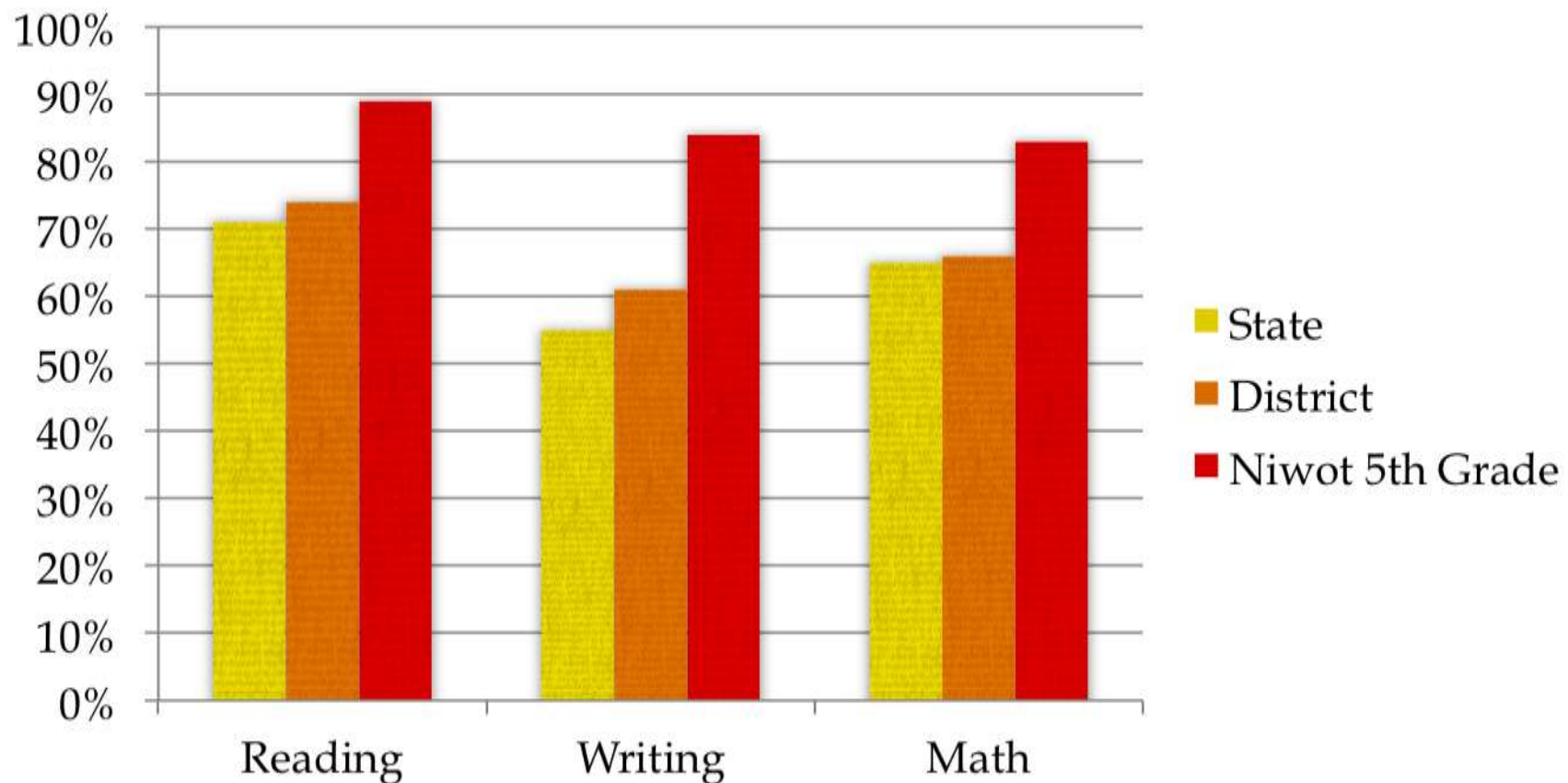
TCAP 3rd Grade Proficient & Advanced



TCAP 4th Grade Proficient & Advanced



TCAP 5th Grade Proficient & Advanced



School Performance Framework

- Common school “framework” across the state
- 2013 School Performance Frameworks available on www.schoolview.org
- 2014 School Performance Frameworks will be published by CDE in December on www.schoolview.org

State Performance Indicators

- ▶ Student Achievement Levels
- ▶ Academic Growth
- ▶ Growth Gaps

School Data

Academic Achievement (Meets with 83.3%)

Academic Growth (Meets with 83.3%)

Academic Growth Gaps (Exceeds with 93.8%)

New Accreditation Categories

- Level 1: Accredited with Distinction (Performance Plan)
- Level 2: Accredited (Performance Plan)
- Level 3: Accredited with Improvement Plan
- Level 4: Accredited with Priority Improvement Plan
- Level 5: Accredited with Turnaround Plan
- Level 6: Unaccredited

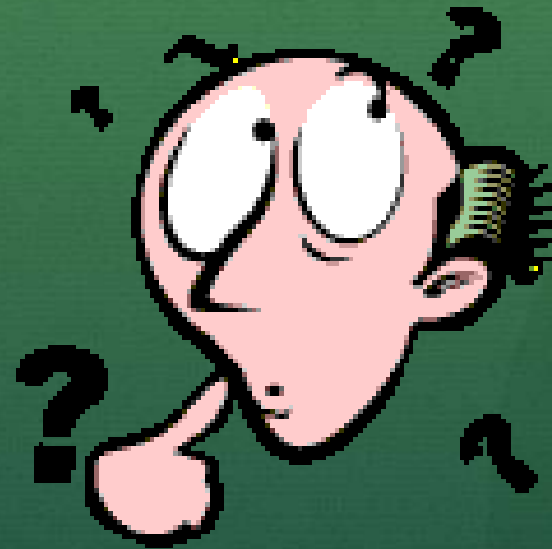
[Common Core]

- ▶ Overview
- ▶ Assessments
- ▶ Q & A

Ways to Help Your Child be Successful

- Talk to your child
- Read at home with your child
- Attendance and Tardiness
- Set aside time & space for homework
- Volunteer (classrooms & PTAC committees)
- Communication

● Q & A



[Door Prize!]

- Win a Fitbit!





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