

L.B. Clarke Middle School Chronicle

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Fall MAP Assessment Under Way!

Parents,

On Tuesday, we began the fall session of MAP testing. MAP stands for Measure of Academic Progress. We will administer the MAP assessment to all grades in fall and spring of the school year in the areas of reading and math.

Advisors meet with advisees and set goals for MAPs achievement. Below you will find a basic guideline for <u>proficiency</u> in each grade level and subject.

5th Grade-Fall

Reading— 209 or higher Math- 219 or higher

6th Grade-Fall

Reading- 215 or higher Math- 226 or higher

7th Grade-Fall

Reading- 220 or higher Math- 233 or higher

8th Grade-Fall

Reading- 222 or higher Math- 238 or higher

Thinking about college?

A score of 16 on the ACT Exam is considered the minimum to apply to many colleges and universities. While 16 is the minimum, it is NOT considered college ready. A score of 22 on the ACT Exam is considered college ready.

Most state universities however, require in the range of 21-24 on the ACT Exam for entrance.

More prestigious schools such as UW—Madison require closer to a 29.

Below are SPRING reading and math MAP scores that can help <u>predict</u> a 22 or 24 on the ACT Exam at each grade level.

	Rea		Math			
ACT 5th	22 215	<u>24</u> 218			<u>24</u> 230	
<u>6th</u>	220	223	23	32	237	
<u>7th</u>	224	227	23	38	243	
<u>8th</u>	227	230	24	43	248	

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Upcoming Events

September 24-October 8

Magazine Sale— Order turn in dates:
October 1st and October 8th

October 5- October 8
Reading MAP Assessment

October 5-9

Homecoming Week! Dress-up Days: Monday- Pajama Day Tuesday- Twin Day Wednesday- Character Day Thursday- Raider Day

October 9th

NO SCHOOL- Teacher In-Service

October 14th
Picture Retake Day

October 17th Saturday School— 8:30-11am

October 26th

LBC to TRHS Musical in the AM

October 31st
Saturday School— 8:30-11am
HALLOWEEN!

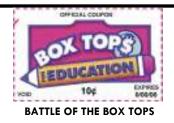


- 1. Look for the Best in Others
- 2. Dream Bia
- 3. Choose Positive Influences
- 4. Speak with Kindness
- 5. Start A Chain Reaction

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Please cut out box tops and send them to school with your child. The first A/A challenge ends

October 8th!

REMINDER! **NO SCHOOL** FRIDAY, **OCTOBER 9TH**

MAP Reading testing begins next week!

We use this information to monitor the academic growth of our students and adjust instruction in the classroom.

Please make sure students get a good night's sleep and eat

Seven Ideas Parents Can Use to Prepare Their Kids to Lead in Life: Tim Elmore

Today's post is simple and practical. While we have a variety of readers on our Growing Leaders blog page, most of you are parents. So today, I offer a response to the question I get more than any other from moms and dads across the nation:

"How do I get my kid ready to lead in life?"

The underbelly of this question is: Are they even ready for adulthood? Can they do life without me? Are they ready to leave home and make it on their own?

This question is on the rise for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the emergence of a different world since the turn of the century. Life in the 1980s and 1990s was fairly positive for Americans economically, militarily, socially and for most of us, personally. We were strong and prospering as a whole. Since 2001, however, life has felt different for middle class Americans, and especially for our kids:

- All they can remember is an economy trying to recover.
- A terrorist act takes place every week, sometimes every day.
- Jobless or unemployment rates have been higher.
- More people are on food stamps.
- Racial tensions erupt on a weekly basis somewhere.

This is a tricky world to navigate if you're graduating into it today.

Seven Ideas Parents Can Employ to Prepare Their Kids to Lead in Life

If we're going to turn this around, we're going to have to become intentional about our kids' development. I am hopeful we can. Instead of overwhelming our teens with loads of imitations, what if we offered the following:

- 1. Meaningful Work What if we challenged them to get a job that enabled them to labor, make money, and use their primary aifts?
- 2. Solitude and Reflection What if we paid them to read great books, then discussed their meaning and interpret their value with them?

- 3. Altruistic Projects What if we joined our students to serve in a charitable project that benefited people less fortunate than they
- 4. Inter-Generational Environments What if we planned gatherings where multiple generations mixed it up in conversation, to raise their EQ?
- 5. Travel What if we exposed them to other cultures that are very different than us and learned from the differences and commonalities?
- 6. **Gap Year** What if we gave them a year between high school and college to solve a significant problem, and actually empower them with responsibility?
- 7. **Mentors** What if we introduced them to our network, where they could find mentors in the careers they hope to enter?

Why Not Inoculate Them?

For over thirty years, I've traveled all over the world. I love travel, especially to remote, exotic places that I'd previously only seen in photos. Once in a while, I travel to developing We've always been at war in the Middle nations that require immunizations. You know what this is, don't you? Prior to being exposed to certain diseases in other countries, a nurse inoculates you—introducing a small dose of the disease into your body. Over a few weeks, you build up immunities to the disease and are able to handle it when you arrive in country. We actually build up anti-bodies and become strong enough to face diseases in remote places.

> In one sense, this is a picture of what we must do for our kids. In order for them to face adversity well, we must introduce small doses of it early on. In order for them to possess the discipline necessary for hard work or stressful jobs, we must expose them to it in smaller amounts so they are ready for it. In a sense, they build up anti-bodies. They become inwardly strong and prepared for what's

I know this list is simple, but these elements worked incredibly well at different points in my children's lives. They are now in their twenties and still have lots of growth ahead of them-but I believe they're entering it armed and ready.