

# KSScoop

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A NEWSLETTER SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF POSITIVE SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

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#### KG FATHERS' NIGHT

**KG:** Monday, November 13, 2017  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

#### REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

Sunday, November 19, 2017

#### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

##### KG, GIE, & GIH:

Monday, November 20, 2017  
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Early Dismissal: 12:00 p.m.

##### BIE & BIH:

Tuesday, November 21, 2017  
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Early Dismissal: 12:00 p.m.

#### MATH & SCIENCE FAMILY NIGHT

##### KG, GIE, & GIH:

Monday, December 11, 2017  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

##### BIE & BIH:

Tuesday, December 12, 2017  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

#### WINTER MAP TESTING

Sunday, December 17, 2017  
thru Thursday, January 4, 2018

#### NATIONAL ARABIC DAY

Monday, December 18, 2017

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## What's the Scoop on MAP?

It's that time of the year again...Fall MAP testing is finished and the results will soon be shared with you. Since **Parent/Teacher Conferences** are just around the corner, it's the perfect time for you to meet your child's teacher to discuss his/her MAP results. We look forward to seeing you on:

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Here are a few questions and answers to help you better understand the MAP process:

### What is MAP?

Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®), created by Northwest Evaluation Association™ (NWEA™), is a computer adaptive test, which means every student gets a unique set of test questions based on responses to previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions get harder. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions get easier. By the end of the test, most students will answer about half the questions correctly.

### What does MAP measure?

MAP results are provided as a numerical RIT score. This score is used to measure a student's achievement level at different times of the school year and compute growth. Think of this like marking height on a growth chart. You can tell how tall your child is at various points in time and how much they have grown between one time and another.

### What is a RIT score?

After each MAP test, students receive a RIT score. Think of the score as a student's height. The score reflects the student's academic knowledge, skills, and abilities like inches reflect height. The RIT (Rasch Unit) scale is a stable, equal-interval scale, like feet and inches. Equal-interval means that a change of 10 RIT points indicates the same thing regardless of whether a student is at the top, bottom, or middle of the scale, and a RIT score has the same meaning regardless of grade level or age of the student. Scores over time can be compared to tell how much growth a student has made, like measuring height with a ruler.

### How do schools and teachers use MAP scores?

NWEA provides many different reports to help schools and teachers use MAP information. Schools, grade levels, and classes can be monitored to see how students are growing. Teachers can see the progress of individual students and of their class. Students with similar MAP scores are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics. MAP also provides data around the typical growth for students who are in the same grade, subject, and have the same starting achievement level. This data is often used to help students set goals and understand what they need to learn to achieve their goals.

### Can MAP tell me if my child is working at grade level?

Just as a doctor has a chart showing the most common heights of people at certain ages, NWEA has put together charts showing the median RIT scores for students at various grade levels. MAP scores are just one data point that teachers use to determine how a student is performing.

### RESOURCES

**www.prepdog.org:** Offers free Common Core and RIT band quizzes. Quizzes are in English, mathematics, and science.

**www.newsela.com:** Free leveled news, primary source and more, with standards-aligned formative assessments.

**www.khanacademy.com:** Khan Academy is a nonprofit with the mission of providing a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere.

EXCERPTS FROM NWEA – A PARENT'S GUIDE TO MAP, WWW.NWEA.ORG

# COMMUNICATION@REDIKER

## PORTALPLUS

Parent login emails were generated and initially sent out on Sunday, September 17, 2017. KS sent several follow-up emails to ensure that parents were informed of login procedures.

Additionally, Kingdom School hosted Rediker Parent PortalPlus Trainings on Tuesday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 11, 2017. Thank you for attending!

The PowerPoint Presentation materials can be found on the Rediker PortalPlus website under the announcements tab. If you need further assistance with Rediker, please contact your school site – KG, BIE, BIH, GIE, or GIH – and we're happy to assist you. Thank you.

## COMMUNICATION

KS continues to improve its use of the Rediker PortalPlus website. Our next goal is to send out all email communication using the portal.

Beginning on **Sunday, October 29, 2017**, KS will utilize Rediker PortalPlus for all communication. Please make sure the following is completed:

- Your Rediker account has been activated and can successfully log in to the portal.
- The email you provided to KS is your preference email address and the one to be used for Rediker.

## GRADEBOOK

Rediker hosts the KS teacher gradebook tool – the place where teachers enter student grades on classwork and assessments to track student progress. As teachers 'post' grades, parents log on to see their child's progress. This allows a parent to have instant access to their child's academic and attendance information.

Additionally, KS uses Rediker to generate quarterly report cards. Each quarter (KG – quarters 2, 3, & 4) report cards are generated and sent home.

The KS Quarter One Report Card will be sent home on Sunday, November 19, 2017.

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Homework is another opportunity for students to practice what they've learned in class. It provides an opportunity to reinforce, practice, apply content and skills, and extend learning. Homework assignments for the following week are communicated to parents & students through a weekly parent newsletter. This newsletter is uploaded on the Rediker PortalPlus website each Thursday.

## DAILY HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

Kindergarten & Elementary School Daily Homework Guidelines						
Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
10 Minutes	10-20 Minutes	20-30 Minutes	30-40 Minutes	40-50 Minutes	50-60 Minutes	60-70 Minutes
Middle & High School Daily Homework Guidelines						
Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	
70-80 Minutes	80-90 Minutes	90-100 Minutes	100-110 Minutes	110-120 Minutes	120 Minutes	