Good afternoon! Next week, MAP testing will occur for grades 2-4 so please check with your teachers for dates and times. It is important that the kids get a full night’s sleep and a good breakfast so that they can accomplish their very best. The MAP test is taken three times a year and we record their scale scores so that can share growth with parents or areas still needing additional support. Fifth grade completed the MAP tests this week. Also, on December 13th, the second graders will be going on a field trip to the Omaha Children’s Museum. Finally, if you have any questions concerning the winter party, please email me but the starting time for this one is 2:15. The later start time is because there is just a party a no parade.

DROP OFF/PICK UP LANE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are needing volunteers to help with getting the students in and out of vehicles safely and quickly. Please take a minute to volunteer either in the morning or afternoon to assist the teachers and Mrs. Peterson. Click on this [link](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49a9ae22a2f58-drop).

Another note: It is imperative that all parents follow the drop off and pick up guidelines. If you have to wait on 177th street, please be patient. If we have volunteers in the drop off/pick up lane, then this wait should be shorter. Do not pass cars on 177th street, this is illegal and very dangerous. We have had reports on many close calls. If you have any questions on the guidelines, please call the school for assistance.

**Cash for Education** --

**TAGG** -- don't forget as you’re out enjoying Holiday activities - don't forget to TAGG!  Many awesome NW Omaha / Elkhorn business are a part of this amazing app / website.  You can give back to Sagewood Elem and enjoy fun holiday activities at the same time!  [http://www.togetheragreatergood.com](http://www.togetheragreatergood.com/)

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**Amazon Smiles**--- ok folks -- Christmas is here and one of the easiest ways to shop for it is with Amazon!!  Make sure you are shopping Christmas w/Amazon by shopping via their [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com/) webpage and selecting Sagewood Elementary as your charitable organization.   If you are unsure of what your page should look like when you are shopping, this is a small snip it as to what it should look like --

**How do you shop at AmazonSmile?**

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_se_saas_lsmi_smi) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_se_saas_lsmi_smi) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

**How do you select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?**

On your first visit to AmazonSmile [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_se_saas_lsmi_smi), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_se_saas_lsmi_smi) will result in a donation.   
  
**Any questions? Email Samantha Knapp -**[**smcernin@yahoo.com**](mailto:smcernin@yahoo.com)**- Cash for Education Chairperson for further details**

**Hyvee Receipts --**Don't forget to send your receipts with your children before Holiday break starts.  There is not a box in the store this year.  Cash for Receipts Campaign runs from Sept 1 - Dec 31.