

West Cheatham Elementary School  
November 7, 2008

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Each year the Tennessee Department of Education publishes a “report card” for school systems and individual schools. The “grades” on this report card are calculated using data and scores from TCAP achievement tests taken by our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders each spring. The following information is from WCES’s report card for 2008:

No Child Left Behind status: WCES is in *Good Standing*.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP): WCES has met all benchmarks.

Math: WCES – 95% Proficient & Advanced (State benchmark is 86%.)

Rdg/LA: WCES – 96% Proficient & Advanced (State benchmark is 89%.)

Attendance Rate: WCES – 96.5% (State goal is 93%.)

Our 2008 Academic Achievement Grades (\*a 3 year average – 2006, 2007, 2008 CRT NCE’s)

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Math –	60/A	61/A	61/A
Rdg/LA –	54/B	55/B	56/B
Soc. St. –	57/B	59/B	60/A
Science –	58/B	59/A	59/A

One of our goals is to improve our Reading & Language Arts scores and make all A’s next year!

Our 2008 Academic Growth or Value Added Gains (\*a 3 year average – 2006, 2007, 2008)

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Grade</u> (compared with 2007 grade avg.)
Math	-3.7	-0.2	4.9	C (improved from a D)
Rdg/LA	-5.4	-2.1	5.8	D (improved from an F)
Soc. St.	-0.6	3.8	9.5	A (grade stayed the same)
Science	-6.8	2.8	1.8	C (decreased from a B)

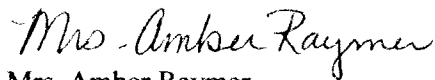
As you can see, our gains have moved from negatives to positives. The 2006 negative gains *will not* be averaged with next year’s TCAP data, so we anticipate our grades *will* go up. Our goal is to continue to make positive gains in each subject each year so that we achieve all A’s in Value Added/Academic Growth gains.

For more information about the state report card please visit the following website:

<http://edu.reportcard.state.tn.us>

As always, thank you for your continued support! Only by working together will we reach our goals.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Amber Raymer  
Principal