



STILLWATER AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LAKE ELMO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Families of Lake Elmo Elementary:

As a result of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requiring schools in the nation make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward achieving the goal of all students being proficient in reading and math, Lake Elmo was designated this year as a school in need of improvement or Stage 2.1. One aspect of Stage 2.1 is to provide supplemental educational services to all students from low-income families who attend a Title I school.

You can help your child succeed in school by signing up for the tutoring option available to you. This is a great opportunity to help your child in school without any cost to you. You can choose the tutoring program that best meets your child's needs from the list generated by Stillwater Area Public Schools. These programs, which have been approved by the Minnesota Department of Education, will provide your child with tutoring that is coordinated with the instruction received at Lake Elmo Elementary School and may help improve your child's academic skills.

When deciding which tutoring program is best for your child, you may want to ask these questions:

- When and where will the tutoring take place (at school, home, community center)?
- How often and for how many hours in total will your child be tutored?
- What programs are available for your child?
- What type of instruction will the tutor use (small group, one-one-one, or the computer)?
- What are the tutors' qualifications?
- Can the tutor help if you child has a disability or is learning English?

Please contact Sandi Smith at (651) 351-8395 or smithsand@stillwater.k12.mn.us if you have questions about this tutoring option. We will also be available during parent/guardian teacher conferences on Thursday, November 10, 2011 from 4:00-8:00 pm in the cafeteria at Lake Elmo Elementary School to answer any questions you may have or help you decide which program is best for your child.

If you would like to select a tutor now, you can fill out the enclosed form and return it to Sandi Smith in care of the Main Office at Lake Elmo Elementary School. Applications for tutoring are due by Monday, November 14, 2011. After you submit your application you will receive a letter outlining details and information regarding your parent/guardian school consultation meeting.

Parent support and involvement is essential to the success of our children and is directly linked to academic achievement. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Gorde
Principal