WILBURN ELEMENTARY

October's TAP Thoughts

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DATE

October 28

Parent Night @ Wilburn 5:30-7:30

Includes an information session about TAP.

RESOURCES

Website QR CODE:



What is TAP?

Have you heard about the TAP program at Wilburn Elementary? We are currently the only school in North Carolina using the program.

If you have not heard about it, please continue to read about how this program effects your child at Wilburn and how our teachers have a unique opportunity to improve and kick up teaching skills within the school.

When you hear the acronym "TAP" you should automatically think of the phrase "best practices." At Wilburn, we are working towards strong student achievement by improving teacher effectiveness through the implementation of the Teacher



Advancement Program.

Each week your child's teacher goes to a professional development meeting before school called a "cluster." During this time your child's teacher becomes a student and develops ways to improve his or her teaching skills.

The first 12 weeks of cluster have included the review of the TAP Rubric that our teachers

use to help with planning and teaching. The rubric contains areas of "best practices" in teaching.

So...I am sure you are asking, "What does this mean for my child?"

We have an answer for you. Our teachers are working hard to improve their instruction in order to meet the individual needs of your child. The number one factor in student achievement at school is effective instruction within the classroom.

Please take the time to check out our TAP website on Wilburn's website and feel free to ask your teacher about the program. Just don't miss out on learning more about TAP!

wilburntap.weebly.com

October Spotlight: The Rubric Domains/Indicators

The TAP Rubric has three big areas, which are called domains. They are:

Designing and Planning
The Learning Environment
Instruction



Thought for the month:

Think about your favorite teacher in school, either one you had or your student has had.

What made him or her a great teacher?

Do you think that ties into one of the rubric domains?