



# ALMA MARTINEZ WHIZ QUIZ



Welcome Alma Martinez Families,

In bringing home this informational letter, your student has expressed interest in trying out for the **Alma Martinez Whiz Quiz Team**. This **academic trivia quiz team** will be composed of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who will compete against other student teams from Mansfield ISD.

Some important things you should know concerning this team competition:

- ☆ Competitions will be **after school hours (usually 5-6 p.m.)** on **Tuesdays** beginning in January and continuing through March or April. The competitions follow an oral question/answer format.
- ☆ **Transportation to our away competitions** is the responsibility of the parents. School personnel are not able to provide transportation for the students. Transportation **MUST** arrive on time after practices and games to pick up their students. After 3 late pick-ups (past 10 minutes), students may be removed from the team.
- ☆ **Practices** will be held weekly on **Tuesdays (from 4:15-5:15 p.m.)**.
- ☆ **Approximately 25 players will be selected** for our team. 12 students are allowed to compete in each competition (4 students x 3 rounds of 22 questions each). The remaining students serve as alternates in the event of a teammate's unexpected absence or a tie-breaking round. Alternates and players change weekly based on the quality of play in practice and competition, student behaviors, and student academic qualifications.
- ☆ Whiz Quiz families are invited to provide **pre-competition refreshments** to our team as a way to give them a “boost” after school and before a competition. Please remember no nut-based products are allowed.
- ☆ We will regularly meet for an optional celebratory dinner out somewhere after tournament games (win or lose) if parents and students want to participate.
- ☆ **Students may be removed from the team based on not meeting academic, behavioral, and/or attendance qualifications.** Students are expected to maintain an 80 or higher in all subjects, maintain satisfactory citizenship/behavior or better, and attend practices and games regularly.
- ☆ **Please return this form to Mrs. Wall-Lopez by 4:15 p.m. October 3rd in room S 116 in the STEM Hall.**

**Students who return this application on time will be given a qualifying assessment of questions used in previous competitions during our first Whiz Quiz Practice at 4:15pm on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.** If there are more than 25 interested learners, top scorers from the qualifying test may be selected to participate. **Students chosen to participate will start regular practice the following week on October 10<sup>th</sup>.** More information will be sent home.

Whiz Quiz competition is a very rewarding experience and we are proud to be part of Whiz Quiz this year. We look forward to the excellence of our students, faculty, and families. This is a considerable commitment for a 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader to make. Please discuss all of this information as a family. If your student is interested in trying out for our team please get one teacher as a reference below and make sure they turn in their form on time! Good luck and see you soon! If you have any questions please email [stephaniewall-lopez@misdmail.org](mailto:stephaniewall-lopez@misdmail.org)

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions,

Mrs. Wall-Lopez

**Student Name (Printed)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Recommendation** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student's Team** \_\_\_\_\_

- **Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Contact information:**

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_