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## Principal's Coffee

*Wednesday, December 7, 2011*

*8:45 am - 9:45 a.m.*

*Ridge Street School Cafeteria*

*Coffee, Tea and Snacks will be served!*

### Agenda

- *Continuation of last month's topic...*  
**Reading in the Elementary School** - What does it mean when your child is reading below, at, or above grade level? What do you need to know as a parent? What are teachers doing in the classroom during Reading Workshop? What can you do outside of school?
- **What does it mean when my child's teacher tells me that my child is being brought up to IST (Instruction Support Team)?**



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## Meeting Notes

### READING IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The following materials are great resources for parents who want a little more information on the four kinds of reading instruction that takes place at Ridge Street. Click on the link below to obtain the handouts:

[Levels of Reading Handouts](#)

### INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT TEAM (IST)

The Instructional Support Team (IST) is comprised of administrators, teachers, and student support providers (e.g.: school psychologists, guidance counselors, AIS teachers, Occupational Therapists, etc.) The members of IST will support teachers for the purpose of implementing strategies in the classroom for any student who needs additional help, whether it is academic support or behavioral support. The classroom teacher will inform the student's family if he/she decides to seek help from the IST.

A referral to IST is initiated by the teacher. The teacher meets with the members of the IST committee and looks at the whole child so that appropriate supports are put in place. Supports are put in place anywhere from 4-6 weeks depending on the kind of support and frequency. Parents are contacted by the classroom teacher after each IST meeting.