

REMINDER...

Testing and Grading And Homework - But Why?

Rethinking Traditional Practices in Education

A talk with

Alfie Kohn

Author of *"The Schools Our Children Deserve"*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24th

7:30 PM at Eisenhower Middle School

According to Alfie Kohn:

"Too much of what's done in any profession continues more because it has become tradition than because it makes sense. In education, traditional practices that are too rarely questioned include the use of tests (both teacher-devised and standardized) to assess student learning, grades to summarize that learning, and assignments that students must complete at home after they've spent a full day at school. Research and experience raise serious questions about all three practices – not just how they're implemented but why they're used at all."

Mr. Kohn will review evidence showing that tests, grades, and homework are generally counterproductive and that it's not only possible but desirable to abandon them in favor of more useful strategies.

DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENT!

Alfie Kohn is the author of twelve books on education, parenting and human behavior. He has written for most of the leading education periodicals and has appeared twice on "Oprah." *Time* magazine described him as "perhaps the country's most outspoken critic of education's fixation on grades (and) test scores."

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