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Dear Parents/Guardians of Third – Eighth Graders:

Beginning in April, students in third through eighth grade will complete the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing. PARCC is administered via the computer and these tests are designed to give both you and your child's teacher information about how well your child is progressing towards state/ district academic standards. This assessment is designed to measure students' ability to apply their knowledge of concepts rather than memorizing facts.

It is important to know that students who are enrolled in the Algebra I in eighth grade must take and pass the PARCC in order to fulfill the high school graduation requirement. (on reverse side)

The PARCC schedule is listed below. Please make every effort to have your child in school on the testing dates. If your child is late for school, he or she cannot be admitted to the testing areas and will have to make up the test.

Testing Schedule	
Grades 3 & 4: Testing: April 3-7 Make-Ups: April 10-13	Grades 5 – 8: Testing/ Makeups: May 1-9

We encourage students to get a good night's rest and have a good breakfast on the testing dates. The assessment will measure knowledge acquired from kindergarten through your child's current school year; therefore, one cannot study for this test. Encourage your child to relax and do his/her best.

You may refer to our district webpage for additional information regarding PARCC. Please contact your child's teacher or Laura Hoffman, Director of Curriculum if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine Vespe, Superintendent  
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