

Dear Parents,

The time for testing will arrive soon! Students are scheduled to take the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) exams in English Language Arts (ELA - reading & writing) as well as in Math. These tests are spread out across several sessions: 4 60-minute math tests and 3 90-minute ELA tests. The schedule is as follows:

- Friday, April 14th: Math #1 and Math #2
- Monday, April 18th: Math #3
- Tuesday, April 19th: Math #4
- Wednesday, April 20th: English Language Arts #1
- Thursday, April 21st: English Language Arts #1 and #2

It is extremely important that your student be present and on-time to school on these dates. If they miss a test they will have to make it up the next day that they are at school and this often means missing even more classroom instruction. Please help your child to prepare for the tests by making sure they go to bed early the previous evening and ensuring that they eat a hearty (and healthy!!) breakfast the morning of the test. On the day of the test please send your student in clothing that is comfortable and will not itch or distract them during testing. Our students have worked hard this year and learned a LOT so we want them to be in the ideal environment for success!

If you have the opportunity, I recommend that you explore the available practice tests online by visiting these websites:

<http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/>

<http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/>

We thank you, parents, for all of your support and effort this year in helping our students be successful. Please contact us if you have any questions:

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Thank You,  
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