

Dear Elementary and Junior High School Parents,

Our district will be conducting state testing during the weeks of March 20th – April 13th. All testing will begin first thing in the morning. **We will not interrupt classrooms unless it is a true emergency.** The testing schedule is outlined below.

<u>Monday, March 20th</u> 5 th & 6 th & 7 th grade ELA	<u>Tuesday, March 21st</u> 5 th & 6 th & 7 th grade ELA	<u>Wednesday, March 22nd</u> 3 rd & 4 th & 8 th grade ELA	<u>Thursday, March 23rd</u> 3 rd & 4 th & 8 th grade ELA
<u>Tuesday, April 4th</u> 5 th grade Science 6 th grade Social Studies 8 th grade Math Algebra 1	<u>Wednesday, April 5th</u> 5 th grade Science 6 th grade Social Studies 8 th grade Math Algebra 1	<u>Thursday, April 6th</u> 4 th grade Social Studies 7 th grade Math	<u>Friday, April 7th</u> 4 th grade Social Studies 7 th grade Math
<u>Monday, April 10th</u> 5 th & 6 th grade Math 8 th grade Science	<u>Tuesday, April 11th</u> 5 th & 6 th grade Math 8 th grade Science	<u>Wednesday, April 12th</u> 3 rd & 4 th grade Math	<u>Thursday, April 13th</u> 3 rd & 4 th grade Math

Sometimes, testing can cause students anxiety. The best thing you can do is to encourage your children to do their best and believe in themselves. Here are a few tips to ensure testing success:

- **Perfect attendance is essential!** If possible, schedule or re-schedule appointments on another non-test day or in the afternoon. **Be at school on time.**
- Eat a good breakfast! Proper nutrition is important for student success.
- Discuss the importance of doing their best and taking as much time as necessary. Many students are unsuccessful when they hurry “just to get it over with”.
- Students who have been the most successful have always gone back over the test questions and their answers when they are finished.
- Get a minimum of 8 hours (9 if possible) of sleep the nights before the tests.
- Finally, join us in maintaining a sense of calm and encouragement versus stress and complaining. We all know that **our human nature allows us to rise to the occasion and perform well when we feel confident and believe in ourselves.** We can’t get that from a textbook or practice test. We get that from people who love and care about us.

Thank you for your support!