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Dear Parents and Guardians,



Attached is a copy of the *New Jersey ASK Parent, Student and Teacher Information Guide*. This year we are emailing this information to all parents who are registered on our Green Mailing list and also providing a bound copy via backpack mail. We'd like to strongly recommend that you take time to go over this helpful booklet with your child. It has been designed to answer questions you may have about the test, as well as to provide you with example questions from each test section. As many of you know, the NJ ASK will be administered to the students as follows:

Grades 6 – April 30th to May 3rd (Monday through Thursday)

Students in 6th grade are tested for four days. The first two days (Monday and Tuesday) have been designated for the Language Arts Literacy assessments. The next two days (Thursday and Friday) have been designated for Mathematics.

Grades 7 & 8 – April 23rd to April 26th (Monday through Thursday)

Students in 7th and 8th grade are tested for four days. As with grade 6, the first two days (Monday and Tuesday) have been designated for Language Arts Literacy. Both 7th & 8th grade will be tested in Math (Wednesday). The next day (Thursday) has been designated for Mathematics for 7th grade and Science will be tested for 8th grade only. In our school, Science is only assessed at the 8th grade level, as directed by the NJ DOE.

At all three grade levels, the test will range from about 65 minutes to 135 minutes of testing time each morning, not including time for distributing and collecting materials, reading directions, and giving breaks to the children.

We would like to recommend that you access the following link to view PowerPoint presentations, sample questions, and released writing samples for NJ ASK 6-8: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/njpep/assessment/index.html>

Here are some suggestions to help your child do his or her best on the NJ ASK tests:

1. *Encourage your child to be serious about the tests, but be careful not to apply too much pressure or create additional stress and anxiety.*
2. *Try not to have any upsetting situations before the tests.*
3. *Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before the tests and eats properly the day of the tests – including a healthy breakfast.*
4. *Have your child arrive at school on time. Testing will begin promptly at 8:00 A.M. Students arriving after this time will have to make up the tests missed at a later date.*

Please reinforce with your student that **no electronic devices, including cell phones, or food or drink are permitted in testing rooms.**

We are confident that our relaxed, rested, and prepared children will perform very well on these important assessments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or our offices. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Mr. Larry Penny, Mrs. Regina Haley, Ms. Laura Sivon
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