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Dear Parents,

Next week, our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students take the second round of STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) tests of the school year. These testing days impact the entire campus. Due to testing security requirements, no lunch/cafeteria visitors or classroom volunteers, readers, or tutors will be admitted on testing days. Your child's enrichment class and lunch times may be adjusted as well. Thank you for your understanding.

2015 STAAR Testing Schedule		
Date	Grade Level	Test
Monday, April 20	5 th Grade	Math
Tuesday, April 21	3 rd Grade	Math
	4 th Grade	Math
Wednesday, April 22	3 rd Grade	Reading
	4 th Grade	Reading
	5 th Grade	Science

For families of our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, we ask that you help us by following these tips:

- Encourage your child in every way. He/she is ready and well-prepared. Words of confidence and encouragement from you are important. You may even want to have a conversation about what your child has learned about taking a test – taking his/her time, double checking answers, etc.
- Make sure that your child gets plenty of rest. A rested mind does better on a test.
- We serve breakfast at school for all students, but your child may prefer to eat at home. Whatever you decide is fine. Breakfast is free to all.
- Make sure the morning before each test is positive and upbeat.
- Arrive to school on time. Every child should be at school by **8:00 a.m. at the latest**. Arriving late can throw off your child's daily routine and comfort level on test day.
- Students must be monitored at all times throughout the testing day – this includes the lunch period. Please **do not** plan to eat lunch with your child on testing days as you will not be able to do so.
- Students are required to complete each day of testing within a **4-hour time limit** (except for those students qualifying for accommodations under Special Education, Section 504, or Limited English Proficient [LEP] services).
- Dismissal is at 3:15 p.m. and full-day attendance is critical for your child. Please do not schedule medical appointments on these days.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Tom Day, Principal