



KATE BELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

The fourth and fifth grade students will take the STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) Test on Tuesday, April 1st and Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014. Please review the schedule for the specific grade level administration dates:

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

4th Grade Writing, Day 1
5th Grade Math

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

4th Grade Writing, Day 2
5th Grade Reading

The STAAR Test is a more rigorous assessment program that provides the foundation for a new accountability system for Texas public education and helps ensure that Texas students are competitive with other students both nationally and internationally. The STAAR Test is a timed assessment with only 4 hours allotted for students to complete the exam. Each day testing will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Due to testing procedures and security, electronics (cell phones, ipads, ipods, kindles, nooks, cameras, and etc.) are NOT permissible on test days.

As with all assessments, we want our students to do their best so that we can get an accurate indication of their ability. Since testing will begin in the morning, it is very important for them to be in attendance and on time each day the test is administered. Getting a good night's sleep and having a nutritious breakfast are also very important. It is also recommended that your child be sent to school with a lightweight jacket or sweater due to fluctuations in temperature in the classrooms.

The campus will also be closed to any visitors for lunch or classroom visits on both April 1st and 2nd, 2014. If you have any questions about testing, please call me at (281) 983-2800 or email me at swicks@houstonisd.org

Sincerely,

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