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*Our Mission: Together, provide the tools and experiences **every** student needs to create an individual, viable and valued path to lifelong personal success.*

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Dear Third Grade Families,

This serves as a reminder about our spring testing kicking off next week. All 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will take a Washington State standardized test, the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA.) We feel fortunate that we are able to guide them through and support them in the early stages of this journey that they will continue through 10<sup>th</sup> grade as part of their steps toward graduation requirements.

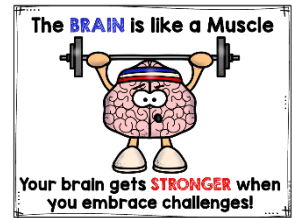


The testing dates are:

- Tuesday, May 2**
- Wednesday, May 3**
- Thursday, May 4**
- Tuesday, May 16**
- Wednesday, May 17**

Testing will begin shortly after busses arrive. It is important that students arrive to school on time.

We want to make sure no student is stressed about the assessment. We believe they have worked hard and received great instruction by our teachers and terrific at-home support by you, which is the best preparation they could receive for ensuring success.



- Prepare for the Test**
1. Get a good night's sleep.
  2. Eat a healthy breakfast.
  3. Dress comfortably.
  4. Start your day peacefully.
  5. Arrive on time.
  6. Think positive thoughts.
  7. Do your best!

There are several tips that we would like to share, which we have come to believe, also contribute to a positive outcome. Getting a good night's sleep and eating a good breakfast can really help start the day well. Of course, we also really appreciate that you try to avoid appointments on testing days that would take students away from school. Make-up tests will require them to miss regular class time. Also less desirable, is that make-up tests are administered by a proctor rather than the regular classroom teacher.

Some of the testing work will require earbuds for listening, so if you can help to ensure your child has a pair, that would be very appreciated as well.

With Tiger Pride,

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Principal  
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