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Dear Parent/Guardian:

New Jersey statute requires that we notify you of all state mandated and commercially-developed standardized assessments that will be administered throughout the school year. We recognize the importance of instructional time and are always trying to minimize the amount of time students spend in testing environments. This year, students will spend about 1%-2% of the school year taking these assessments. As a district, we value the data provided by these assessments and use the results to develop curriculum, guide instruction, and provide students with personalized support. Detailed information about each assessment can be found on the next page.

Assessment	Grade Level	Administration Dates
The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)	Grades 3-8	<b>Grades 3-5 and Grades 7-8</b> ELA: May 1 - May 3 Math: May 6 - May 9 <b>Grade 6</b> ELA: April 30 - May 2 Math: May 7 - 9
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Science (NJSLA-S)	Grade 5 and 8	<b>Grades 3-5*</b> May 20 - May 31 <b>Grades 8</b> May 9 - May 10
The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) (30 selected students in each grade level)	Grade 4 (Milford Brook School) and Grade 8	<b>Grade 4 (Milford Brook School)</b> February 12 <b>Grade 8</b> January 28
InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment	Grade 3	October 23 - October 24
LinkIt (Assessments A, B, and C)	Grades 2-8	A*( <b>Grades K-5</b> ): September 24 - October 5 A*( <b>Grades 6-8</b> ): September 7 - October 5 B*: January 14 - January 25 C*: May 20 - May 31

*\*Due to scheduling and other events, we have a wide window for teachers and principals to plan administration of these assessments.*

**The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)** is a state mandated assessment for third through eighth grade in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. In all grades the assessment will be approximately 360 minutes. About 1/3 of schools in NJ will be chosen for an ELA field test which will add approximately 30 minutes onto testing time. Students enrolled in algebra I or geometry will take the algebra I or geometry assessment in lieu of the mathematics grade level assessment. Student results will be sent home to parents/guardians via mail. Accommodations will be provided as per student's Individualized Education Program or 504 plan. More information on PARCC can be found at <http://parconline.org/resources/parent-resources>.

**New Jersey Student Learning Assessment – Science (NJSLA-S)** is a state mandated assessment for fifth and eighth grade. In fifth grade, the assessment is approximate 2 hours, consisting of four 30 minute units. In eighth grade, the assessment is approximately 3 hours, consisting of four 45 minute units. The assessment must be administered over two days. Accommodations will be provided as per student's Individualized Education Program or 504 plan.

**The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)** is a congressionally mandated assessment for fourth and eighth grade that is given nationwide. Schools are chosen randomly and at least 30 students at each school are asked to participate. NAEP assessments may include the following subjects: civics, geography, mathematics, reading, U.S. history or writing. The NAEP assessment is approximately 90 minutes long. Student level results are not reported. Accommodations will be provided as per student's Individualized Education Program or 504 plan. More information on NAEP can be found at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/dba/>.

**The InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment** is utilized by the district, in third grade, to measures students' verbal and quantitative inductive and deductive reasoning skills. This assessment is approximately 95 minutes. Student results will be sent home to parents/guardians via mail. Accommodations are not provided for this assessment. More information on InView can be found at <http://www.ctb.com/ctb.com/control/ctbProductViewAction?productFamilyId=449&productId=875&p=products>.

**LinkIt** is utilized by the district, in second through eighth grade, to monitor students' progress in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSL) for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. LinkIt is a series of three assessments and each assessment in the series is approximately 40 to 60 minutes per subject. Student results will be sent home. Accommodations are provided for this assessment. More information on LinkIt can be found at <http://www.linkit.com/>.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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