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Dear Parents /Guardians:

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) English language arts (ELA) and Mathematics will be administered to all students in grades three through eight. **The assessments will be administered during the period of Monday, March 13, 2017 through Tuesday, March 21, 2017.**

The PARCC assessment consists of three English language arts (ELA) unit tests, four mathematics unit tests for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades and three mathematics unit tests for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. The PARCC assessment is aligned to the rigorous Common Core State Standards and will measure students' knowledge and the skills needed to be ready for the next grade level. This assessment has been designed to be a meaningful test that mirrors the classroom experience under these learning standards. The PARCC assessment features in-depth questions that challenge students to demonstrate and apply knowledge, and the results will help teachers' better target instruction to improve areas of weakness and support student growth.

Parents we ask that you please ensure your students are here on time each day throughout testing. **Students need to arrive to school no later than 8:30 am.** It is imperative that we have all students in attendance, especially those in grades 3-8, as we want them to have every opportunity to do their absolute best on this assessment. We also ask that there is no early pick up during the testing window, as we will conduct any necessary make up exams in the afternoon. **We ask that you not arrive to pick up your students prior to 3:30 pm each day.**

You can help your child do his or her best on the test by:

- making sure your child attends school and arrives on time on the days of testing;
- making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing;
- letting your child know that you have confidence in his or her ability to do his best; and
- advising your child not to worry about the test-just do the best he or she can.

Please feel free to call or email any questions or concerns regarding the PARCC assessment.

Sincerely,  
Docilla Pollard  
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