

"Our children, our hope, our future"

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ORADELL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

350 Prospect Avenue Oradell, NJ 07649

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Dear Parents,

As you know, New Jersey school districts are transitioning to a new statewide assessment as part of a consortium of states known as the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). The PARCC assessments are aligned to the Common Core State Standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics that were adopted by the New Jersey State Board of Education. Beginning on March 3rd, the Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) portion of the testing will be administered at Oradell Public School. The schedule below outlines the five days that students at each grade level will be testing. Students will not be testing all day. The daily testing period is approximately 60-90 minutes long. Testing will be just **one** part of your child's day. Students, whether they test in the morning or afternoon, will attend their daily special (Library, Art, Music, etc.), have lunch and recess, and continue to have instruction in the content areas. Any necessary make-up testing due to absence will begin during the week of March 16th.

Grade 3

Tuesday, March 3 rd	Wednesday, March 4th	Thursday, March 5 th	Friday, March 6 th	Monday, March 9th
Language Arts PBA 1	Language Arts PBA 2	Language Arts PBA 3	Mathematics PBA 1	Mathematics PBA 2

Grade 4

Tuesday, March 10 th	Wednesday, March 11th	Thursday, March 12 th	Friday, March 13 th	Monday, March 16 th
Language Arts PBA 1	Language Arts PBA 2	Language Arts PBA 3	Mathematics PBA 1	Mathematics PBA 2

Grade 5

Tuesday, March 10 th	Wednesday, March 11th	Thursday, March 12 th	Friday, March 13th	Monday, March 16 th
Language Arts PBA 1	Language Arts PBA 2	Language Arts PBA 3	Mathematics PBA 1	Mathematics PBA 2

Grade 6

Tuesday, March 3 rd	Wednesday, March 4th	Thursday, March 5th	Friday, March 6 th	Monday, March 9th
Language Arts PBA 1	Language Arts PBA 2	Language Arts PBA 3	Mathematics PBA 1	Mathematics PBA 2

Every day at OPS is about learning and growing. We cannot reiterate enough that PARCC is just one small part of your child's learning experience this year. In fact, the notes below about how you can help your child have a positive PARCC experience are the same helpful tips that help your child be ready to learn every day at OPS!

Helpful LEARNING and TESTING tips:

- Well-rested children work to the best of their abilities.
- Eating a healthy breakfast enhances student concentration.
- Prompt arrival at school is critical to maintaining an appropriate testing & learning environment.
- Encourage children to do their very best and demonstrate that you believe in their abilities.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this assessment.

Sincerely,

The OPS Administrative Team