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*Our children,
our hope,
our future*

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Dear Families of Students in Grades 3-6,

In the spring, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) requires that all public school students in grades 3-6 participate in the following 2023 State Assessments:

- New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)
 - English Language Arts Grades 3-6
 - Mathematics Grades 3-6
 - Science Grade 5

On Tuesday, April 25, 2023, staff and students in grades 3-6 will participate in a New Jersey Student Learning Assessment 45-minute infrastructure trial to ensure our technology is functioning efficiently. Included in the trial is an audio assessment. Important note: please send in **wired** headphones for your child **prior** to the infrastructure trial. The same set of headphones will be used for the assessment dates below.

We prepare students for the NJSLA by teaching approved curriculum aligned with New Jersey Student Learning Standards. We believe a strong curriculum, not isolated test prep, is the best way to prepare students for success. Teachers spend some time familiarizing students with testing procedures, typical test questions, and the testing website.

The schedule below outlines the days students at each grade level will be testing. Students will not be tested all day, and the daily testing period is approximately 60 to 90 minutes long, depending on the grade level and subject being assessed. Testing will be just one part of your child’s day. Students will attend their daily special (library, art, music, etc.), have lunch and recess, and continue to have instruction in the content areas. The testing period begins at 9 a.m. each day. **Students who arrive at school after testing begins will need to take part in makeup testing.**

GRADE 3					
May 11, 2023	May 12, 2023	May 15, 2023	May 16, 2023	May 17, 2023	May 18, 2023
Lang. Arts Unit 1	Lang. Arts Unit 2	Lang. Arts Unit 3	Mathematics Unit 1	Mathematics Unit 2	Mathematics Unit 3

GRADE 4					
May 10, 2023	May 11, 2023	May 12, 2023	May 15, 2023	May 16, 2023	May 17, 2023
Lang. Arts Unit 1	Lang. Arts Unit 2	Lang. Arts Unit 3	Mathematics Unit 1	Mathematics Unit 2	Mathematics Unit 3

GRADE 5					
May 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 8, 2023	May 9, 2023	May 10, 2023
Lang. Arts Unit 1	Lang. Arts Unit 2	Lang. Arts Unit 3	Mathematics Unit 1	Mathematics Unit 2	Mathematics Unit 3
May 22, 2023	May 23, 2023	May 24, 2023	May 25, 2023		
Science Unit 1	Science Unit 2	Science Unit 3	Science Unit 4		

GRADE 6					
May 2, 2023	May 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 8, 2023	May 9, 2023
Lang. Arts Unit 1	Lang. Arts Unit 2	Lang. Arts Unit 2	Mathematics Unit 1	Mathematics Unit 2	Mathematics Unit 3

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

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 and 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