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Our children,
our hope,
our future

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Dear Families of Students in Grades 4-6,

In the fall, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) requires that all public school students in grades 4-6 participate in the following New Jersey Start Strong Assessments:

- English Language Arts Grades 4-6
Mathematics Grades 4-6
Science Grade 6

The Start Strong assessments are intentionally brief, designed to maximize instructional time and provide data to teachers and school leaders. These assessments are based on prior-year academic standards and will provide results to educators through the assessment platform. They are in addition to our normal, local assessments, which also give us needed data on student growth and progress from the past year.

The schedule below outlines the days students at each grade level will test at Oradell Public School. The test will take only 60 minutes each day. 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.

Please send in wired headphones for your child to use on the assessment dates below.

Table with 3 columns: GRADES 4, 5 & 6, GRADE 6, and assessment dates (September 21, 22, 23, 2022) and subjects (Language Arts, Mathematics, Science).

Every day at OPS is about learning and growing. We cannot reiterate enough that the NJ Start Strong 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 & learning environment.
Encourage children to do their very best and demonstrate that you believe in their abilities.

Families will be provided with an Individual Student Report (ISR) following the close of the assessment window at the end of October. The ISR will provide parents with a sense of their child's understanding of the tested content areas and a description of the major concepts that were tested.

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

Sincerely,
The OPS Administrative Team