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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may know, the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment has replaced the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) for students in grades 3–8 in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. The PARCC assessment will be administered to students enrolled in public schools across New Jersey throughout April and May 2017. For **revised** dates of testing for 3-5 grade levels in our district, please see below or refer to the Mount Arlington School website calendar.

Grade 3–5 Morning Testing ONLY (8:40-11:30)	Dates
3-5 Computer based testing	May 1-5
3-5 Make-up testing	May 8-12

The PARCC assessments were designed to provide information to districts about how well students are achieving in English Language Arts and Mathematics relative to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The CCSS determine what students should know and be able to do at the end of each grade level. As in the past, results will provide a snapshot of how your child performed on a standardized test on a given day in relation to his/her peers.

Some portions of the PARCC assessments contain an audio/video component, which requires students to wear headphones. Students may feel most comfortable wearing their own headphones, in which case they are encouraged to bring a personal set from home. Additional sets of headphones will be available to use as a backup, if needed.

As part of the school community, you play an important role in preparing your child for this testing situation. Please have your child in school each day of the testing period. Students perform best when they have had a nutritionally balanced breakfast and a restful night's sleep. Your support and encouragement can also go a long way to set a positive tone for this test-taking situation.

On behalf of the professional staff of our district, I thank you for your continued support in making this a positive experience for students.

Sincerely,

Jeff Grillo
Principal