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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of the schedule for the upcoming New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA), which is replacing the PARCC assessment that will be administered to your child. In order to minimize the impact on classroom instruction and the typical school day, we will only administer one section per day. Our goal is to begin the NJSLA assessment first thing in the morning, following announcements. The NJSLA assessment will be administered to all students enrolled in grades 3-8. For specific dates of testing for each grade level in our district, please see below or refer to the Mount Arlington School website calendar.

Grade Levels	Tested Subject	Dates
6-8	Language Arts	April 9 th & 10 th
3-5	Language Arts	April 16 th & 17 th

Grade Levels	Tested Subject	Dates
6-8	Mathematics	May 7 th , 8 th , 9 th
3-5	Mathematics	May 14 th , 15 th , 16 th

Grade Levels	Tested Subject	Dates
5 & 8 Only	Science	May 22 nd & 23 rd


The NJSLA assessments were designed to provide information to districts about student performance in English Language Arts and Mathematics relative to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLs). The NJSLs 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 in relation to his/her peers across the state.

Some portions of the NJSLA 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. When a child is absent or tardy for any reason, he/she will need to make-up the test during the make-up testing window. 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