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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Frenchtown Elementary School will again be administering the PARCC test in April and May to all students in grades 3 through 8. In addition, students in grades 4 and 8 will be taking the NJASK Science.

At each grade level, PARCC will measure student progress toward the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), which New Jersey adopted in 2010, in mathematics and language arts. State academic standards are goals for what we want our children to know and the skills they should acquire at each grade level. While these math and language arts standards were recently adjusted, New Jersey's public schools have had standards-based education for two decades.

**Testing Dates and Schedule:**

The PARCC Performance Based Assessment will be administered this year beginning April 25<sup>th</sup>. The assessments will measure student achievement in the areas of Mathematics and Language Arts Literacy.

All students being tested need to come to school at their regular time. We will be utilizing the following schedule for our students:

**English/Language Arts**

<b>Grades 4 through 8</b>	<b>April 25<sup>th</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup></b>

**Mathematics Test Dates**

<b>Grade 4 through 8</b>	<b>May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Grade 4 &amp; 5</b>	<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>May 9<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup></b>

**Make Up Test Dates**

**Week of May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Preparation:**

To aid students in the preparation for these assessments, PARCC has released practice tests that students can access at <http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>. Students will also be receiving instruction in their respective Mathematics and Language Arts classes to prepare them for these computer based assessments. To be prepared for this assessment, students should get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast each morning prior to testing. Encourage your child to do his or her best, but not to worry about "failing" the test.

**Testing Day Requirements:**

On assessment days, the following is required of all students being tested:

1. Students must have earbuds for the audio portions of the test.
2. Backpacks, handbags, cell phones, Apple watches, any other electronic devices, food, and water bottles are prohibited. Students will be asked to leave these items in their homerooms.
3. Students who miss any section due to illness will make-up testing during the week of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The testing schedule that has been created allows our students to test in the classroom or computer lab rather than in large groups, which ensures optimal academic conditions for all students who are taking these assessments.

Please contact **Christina Lauck, Principal** at **(908)-996-2751** or [cdallapalu@frenchtownschool.org](mailto:cdallapalu@frenchtownschool.org), if you need additional information about our district's participation in the state testing program.

Sincerely,

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Principal