

Burlington Township
Fountain Woods School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is a consortium of states that collaboratively developed a common set of assessments to measure student achievement and preparedness for college and careers. This year there will only be one set of tests - the Spring 2017 PARCC Administration held in March, April, and May. Children are strongly encouraged to bring their own headphones during the assigned dates of testing, as it is anticipated some components will include multimedia. Please see below regarding FW's dates for each grade level:

Gr. 5	Language Arts - March 28 th to 30 th (Tuesday to Thursday)	Make-ups - March 31 st
Gr. 4	Language Arts - April 3 rd to 5 th (Monday to Wednesday)	Make-ups - April 6 th
Gr. 3	Language Arts - April 7 th to 11 th (Friday to Tuesday)	Make-ups - April 12 th & 13 th
Gr. 5	Mathematics - April 25 th to May 1 st (Tuesday to Monday)	Make-ups - May 2 nd
Gr. 4	Mathematics - May 3 rd to 8 th (Wednesday to Monday)	Make-ups - May 9 th
Gr. 3	Mathematics - May 10 th to 15 th (Wednesday to Monday)	Make-ups - May 16 th & 17 th

In addition, 4th grade students ONLY will take the paper-based NJ ASK Science assessment on Wednesday, May 31st. Make-up for the science component is Wednesday, June 7th.

At all three grade levels, the test will range from about 60 minutes to 90 minutes of testing time each day, not including time for distributing and collecting materials, reading directions, and giving breaks to the children.

Additional information for parents, including tutorials and practice tests, can be found on the PARCC website, <http://parcc.pearson.com/>

Here are some suggestions to help your child do his or her best on the various components of the PARCC assessments:

1. ***Encourage your child to be serious about the test, but be careful not to apply too much pressure or create additional stress and anxiety.***
2. ***Try not to have any upsetting situations before the test.***
3. ***Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before the test and eats properly the day of the test – including a healthy breakfast and lunch.***
4. ***Test administration periods will vary and may be scheduled throughout the day. Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives to school on time and is present for the entire school day.***

We are confident that our relaxed, rested, and prepared children will perform well on these important assessments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or our offices. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Mr. Johnson & Mr. Strouse
FWS Administrative Team

The mission of Fountain Woods School is to provide a safe, nurturing, and academically challenging environment that meets the needs of our students while preparing them for a culturally diverse world.