



May 3, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may already know, we, along with thousands of schools across California, are participating in a test of a modern assessment system designed to help shape teaching and learning in the classroom. Known as the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress – or CAASPP – these computer-based tests replace the STAR program.

These tests are aligned to the Common Core State Standards for English and math, which California adopted in 2010 to describe what knowledge and skills students need to be well prepared for college and careers, no matter where they come from or where they live.

Fletcher Elementary will be administering our assessments from May 8 – May 25, 2017. These assessments will be administered during this window of time from 8:00 – 10:00 Monday's through Thursday's. While the tests are not timed these are a general expected timeframe. A detailed testing schedule is as follows –

May 8	3 <sup>rd</sup> graders SBAC Language Arts Part 1
May 9	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> grade SBAC Language Arts Part 1
May 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> graders SBAC Language Arts Part 2
May 11	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> graders SBAC Language Arts Part 2
May 15	3 <sup>rd</sup> graders SBAC Mathematics Part 1
May 16	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> graders SBAC Mathematics Part 1
May 17	3 <sup>rd</sup> graders SBAC Mathematics Part 2
May 18	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> graders SBAC Mathematics Part 2
May 22	5 <sup>th</sup> graders NGSS assessment
May 24	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Math Readiness assessment

Additional assessments are also being administered during this time. Please refer to the green May calendar your child brought home that details those items. If you want to see what types of questions students will be asked or how the test will be presented, there is a practice test available online at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>.

We encourage your children to get good night's sleep, a proper breakfast and to arrive to school on time everyday but especially during their assigned testing days. If there are additional questions please feel free to contact your child's homeroom teacher or myself here in the office.

Sincerely,

Gina McGrath  
Principal