

Dear Parents and Guardians,

March 20, 2023

Starting on April 3, 2023, we will begin the testing period for 3rd and 4th grade MCAS in the following academic areas

- 3rd Grade English Language Arts (ELA) test session window is April 4th and 5th
- 3rd Grade Math test session window is May 17th and 18th
- 4th Grade English Language Arts (ELA) test session window is April 12th and 13th
- 4th Grade Math test session window is May 15th and 16th

MCAS testing in English Language Arts and Mathematics is computer based. The tests are approximately 60-90 minutes in length.

Your support during the testing period can make a difference in how well your children perform. You can help them understand that while the MCAS tests are important, there is no need to stress over them. A few requests and suggestions that will help your child, and school logistics, are below. Your children will participate in a MCAS test tutorial and MCAS practice test. You can view all the information about MCAS and view practice tests, with your child or children at , <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/parents/> **we strongly recommend that parents and guardians view the MCAS site with their child.**

- **Please make every effort to get your child to school on testing days.** (Sick children, of course, should remain home.) Students who are absent will have to make up any tests they miss. As a result they will miss class time on the make-up day.
- **Make sure children arrive on time.** Testing often starts first thing in the morning. See that they get **at least 8-10 hours of sleep** the night before each test.
- **A healthy snack** (e.g. nuts, a high fiber granola bar, cheese and crackers, fruit) may be sent. **Chips, cookies, candy or other “junk food” and beverages other than water are not permitted.**
- For students who eat at home, provide **a breakfast high in protein and low in sugar.** **A high protein snack** (e.g. nuts, a high fiber granola bar, cheese and crackers) may be sent. Please – do not send cookies, candy or sweetened drinks. As always, we have breakfast for the students here as well.
- If you have any questions regarding the MCAS test please contact me, Dr. Esparza - the principal.

Thank you for your support,

Katrina Esparza
Principal