



# Ridgefield Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know, the PARCC assessment is the new state test for all students in Grades 3, 4 and 5. The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) has developed the new assessment in two parts called the Performance Based Assessment (PBA) and the End of Year assessment (EOY). Both parts will assess student progress toward mastery of necessary skills in the areas of English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics.

The PARCC PBA will be administered during the week of March 9-13, 2015 to all students in grades 3-5. Make-up testing sessions will take place during the week of March 23-27, 2015. All testing sessions will begin promptly at 8:30AM each morning in your child's homeroom. The test session times and subject areas are as follows:

	<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Day 3</u>	<u>Day 4</u>	<u>Day 5</u>
	<b>MATH</b>	<b>MATH</b>	<b>ELA</b>	<b>ELA</b>	<b>ELA</b>
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>75 min</b>	<b>75 min</b>	<b>75 min</b>	<b>75 min</b>	<b>60 min</b>
<b>Grade 4 and 5</b>	<b>80 min</b>	<b>70 min</b>	<b>75 min</b>	<b>90 min</b>	<b>60 min</b>

For additional information, practice tests and practice questions may be obtained by logging onto the website <http://www.parcconline.org/>.

We are proud to say that we have thoughtfully and practically prepared your child for the PARCC assessments in a variety of educationally beneficial ways. For example, students have been utilizing Study Island consistently each week to improve math and ELA skills, as well as completing on-line practice tests.

Please ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast during each day of testing. Likewise, please make sure that your child arrives to school by 8:15AM so that there is time to settle in and prepare to start testing. Finally, talk to your child about testing. This does not have to be an overly stressful time for your child. The assessment will simply measure what they have learned in school, which will help us continue to improve their educational experience.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your time, partnership, and continued support.

Sincerely,

*John Coviello*

Mr. John Coviello,  
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