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Dear Families,

During the months of April and May our 3rd-6th graders will complete MCAS testing. Below you will find each grade level's schedule for the upcoming spring MCAS assessments.

For the first time, the Massachusetts Department of Education is requiring all students to complete the MCAS through computer based formatting. This recently updated assessment, Next Generation MCAS, blends various question types and specifically targets state standards. A key component of the Next Generation assessment is to provide students with a computer based format. Information on this year's state testing and the development of the Next Generation MCAS can be found on the Department of Education's website: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/parents>.

Please see the charts below and on the back of this letter for the exact dates your child will be taking the MCAS assessment. All tests will begin promptly at 8:30am. Please try to avoid any appointments or trips that will prevent your child from attending school during his or her testing dates. In the event your child is absent, he/she will make-up the test they missed either on the day they return to school or on a scheduled make-up date.

The MCAS assessments are just one of the measures we use to track student growth and ensure that our curriculum and instruction align with the state's learning frameworks. Please help us reassure students that they have the skills and strategies to be successful. As we do each day, we encourage all students to give their best effort in all that they do.

With Care,

Mr. Wiltshire

Third Grade (Computer Based Testing)	
ELA Session 1	April 24th
ELA Session 2	April 25th
Math Session 1	May 13th
Math Session 2	May 14th

Fourth Grade (Computer Based Testing)

ELA Session 1	April 10th
ELA Session 2	April 11th
Math Session 1	May 6th
Math Session 2	May 7th

Fifth Grade (Computer Based Testing)

ELA Session 1	April 8th
ELA Session 2	April 9th
Math Session 1	May 1st
Math Session 2	May 2nd
Science, Technology, Engineering Session 1	May 15th
Science, Technology, Engineering Session 2	May 16th

Sixth Grade (Computer Based Testing)

ELA Session 1	April 3rd
ELA Session 2	April 4th
Math Session 1	May 8th
Math Session 2	May 9th