

# Central Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

The New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) will be administered to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students during the mornings of May 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> and additionally on May 8<sup>th</sup> for grade 4 students. Grade 5 students will take the test on the mornings of May 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. This test was designed to align with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in mathematics and language arts for students in grades 3,4 and 5, and additionally, in science for students in grade 4. These standards delineate New Jersey's expectations for student learning. Our teaching staff has worked very hard with your children to organize instruction to best help them achieve the standards.

To best support your child, it would be most advantageous to prepare for the testing in the following ways.

- Provide a good breakfast daily.
- **Pack a healthy snack each day. (water bottle, snack food)**
- Be sure that your child is well rested.
- Make sure your child comes to school on time. Students may not be permitted to enter the testing location during any part of the test.
- Remain calm as parents. The tests are developmentally appropriate and each teacher will provide a calm setting for his/her students.
- Avoid scheduling appointments during these days. Students tend to test better when they test during regular test week rather than during make-up week.
- As you always do, tell them to have a great day before school and inquire about their day after school.

If your child is absent during the testing days, make ups will take place the following week. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Danielle Hamblin  
Principal