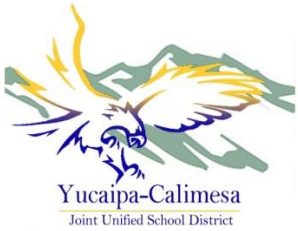


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Dear YCJUSD Families:

It is the time of year when the district administers the state academic tests. The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, is the test for English-language arts and math, and is taken on a computer.

Students in grades 3-8, and 11, will participate in this test. The 11th grade test includes the Early Assessment Program (EAP) that can help waive placement tests for some colleges. Students in grades 5, 8, and 10, will also participate in a science test (*not on a computer*). Our testing window this year is between April 4 – May 26. The Wildwood Elementary testing window for CAASPP this year is between April 25 – May 20. See the school website's Testing Page for the CAASPP testing schedule. The 5th grade Science CST exam at is on May 5 with the make-up test on May 6.

California's standards call for increased depth of knowledge and critical thinking. The assessments reflect these higher expectations, and are an opportunity for our students to show what they really know. To learn more about the types of questions on the computer-based test, you and your child can view the practice test online at:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>

Thank you for supporting your students during testing. The following tips are a good way to get them going:

- Go to bed at a regular time, and get plenty of rest
- Start each day with a good breakfast
- Encourage your child to do their best

Results will be mailed home and will include an overall score, and a description of the student's achievement. Per *California Code of Regulations (CCR)*, Title 5, Section 852(b) and *Education Code* 60615, you have the option of opting your student out of these assessments, but must do so in writing.

If you would like additional information, or have any questions about the test or your child's participation, please contact Wildwood Elementary School secretary, Liz Bader, at (909) 790-8521 x5713 or liz_bader@ycjUSD.us.

Sincerely,

Lucia Hudec
Principal