



Marshfield Public Schools

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Dear Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Parents:

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As you know, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System-MCAS will be administered across the State this spring. During the timeframe of **April 2nd-May 29th**, students will be assessed in the following areas: **Grade 3-ELA & Math, Grade 4-ELA & Math, and Grade 5-ELA, Math & Sci/Tech/Engineering**, with time set aside for make-ups. This year, each grades will be taking these assessments on the computer.

Please keep these important dates in mind, as it is vital that no student miss these testing periods. Medical absences must be documented with a doctor's note, per DESE regulations.

Some of the things you, as a parent, can do to work with us during this time are noted below.

- ☺ **DO** praise your child for the things he/she does well and be supportive of his/her efforts, especially in areas or activities that are challenging.
- ☺ **DO** realize that putting too much emphasis on the test and the results can increase your child's anxiety about the test. Too much anxiety can prevent your child from doing his/her best.
- ☺ **DO** reassure your child that test scores are only one measure of his/her abilities, not the whole picture. Don't judge your child on the basis of his/her test score.
- ☺ **DO** express a positive attitude about the test and confidence in your child's ability to do well on it. Research shows that if you're upbeat and encouraging about the test, your child is likely to feel good about it.
- ☺ **DO** ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep the night before the test and eats a nutritious breakfast the day of the test(s).

Our MCAS Calendar, April - May 2018

Assessment Time: 8:45, each two hours in length. Most tests will be finished in the morning. Individual Make-Ups—as needed.

PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME!

April 4 + 6	Gd. 3 ELA	May 2 + 4	Gd. 3 MATH
April 11 + 13	Gd. 4 ELA	May 9 + 11	Gd. 4 MATH
April 25 + 27	Gd. 5 ELA	May 16 + 18	Gd. 5 MATH
May 3	All ELA must be done	May 23 + 24	Gd. 5 SCI/TECH/Engineering
		May 29	ALL Math and Sci must be done

New this year, some tests are times, while others are untimed. For untimed portions, students needing additional time will be supervised until the end of the school day in order to complete the assessment.

No volunteers/visitors are allowed in the rooms during testing times per DESE testing policy.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we begin this important assessment period.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Campia, Principal