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Dear Parents or Guardians,

Your child, along with public school students throughout California, will participate in the state's Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program this spring. The STAR testing program has four components:

- ◆ California Standards Tests (CTS), grades 2 –11.
- ◆ The California Achievement Tests, Sixth Edition Survey (CAT/6), grades 3 and 7
- ◆ California Alternative Performance Assessment (CAPA), grades 2-11 is administered for students with severe cognitive learning disabilities being instructed in an alternate curriculum and who cannot participate in the tests listed above even with accommodations or modifications.
- ◆ Standards-based Test in Spanish (STS), grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 is administered to Spanish Speaking English learners who have been enrolled in the United States public schools less than 12 months and student enrolled in waiver to basic classes.
- ◆ Grade 1 students will take the CAT/6 according to LAUSD guidelines.

The school will test from Monday, May 12, 2008 to Friday, May 23, 2008. Schedules will vary depending on the grade level.

A report of your student's results on the STAR tests will be sent to your home after they arrive in the district. If your students take the APRENDA/3, results for the test will be on a separate report. Your students' STAR results will provide you with valuable information regarding their academic progress. Individual student results are merged to prepare grade level reports for each school, district, county, and state. The results are also used to calculate the Academic Performance Index (API) and federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for some grade levels.

We encourage you to have your child tested. We believe test results provide valuable information about your child for both you and the school. Parents/guardians may request that their child not be tested with any of the STAR Program tests or on any specific content area. If you do not want your child tested, submit a written request to the school office prior to testing. Include your student's name, birth date, grade, and the name of the specific test or content area from which they are to be exempted. You do not need to provide a reason for your request. Be sure to sign and date the request.

Please contact the school if you have questions about the STAR testing schedule for the spring or the process for reporting student and school results.

Sincerely,

Dr. Althea Ford, Principal

Barbara Sandler, STAR Testing Coordinator

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