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Dear Parent/Guardian:

There are many ways to measure your child's learning. Your child's teacher uses report card grades, classroom work, teacher observations, and end-of-year statewide test results to get a complete picture of your child's learning. Each year, students participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Your child will take the following tests, depending on their grade level or instructional program:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts and math
- California Science Test (CAST)

The testing schedule is listed below:

Smarter Balanced Computer Adaptive Test (SBAC)			
Language Arts	8th Grade Science	Mathematics	Make-Ups
April 29th - May 10th	May 13th - May 17th	May 20th - May 24th	May 27th - May 31st

You are an important part of your child's education. To make sure your child feels comfortable taking the tests, you can do the following:

- Explain to your child that these tests are used as tools to help them learn, and that they should not be anxious or scared.
- Remind your child that you and their teacher want them to try their very best and are there to help, every step of the way.
- Make sure that your child gets enough sleep to be at their best.

You will receive your child's results at or before the beginning of the next school year. The results will identify where your child is doing well or needs more help, so you can better support their learning at home and teachers can better support their learning in the classroom.

To learn more about these tests go to the CAASPP Starting Smarter website at ca.startingsmarter.org, or review the CDE Parent Guides to Understanding web page at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp.

If you have questions, please contact Lakeside Middle School at (562) 868-9422 or <https://www.llcsd.net/lakeside/> to get to our webpage.

Sincerely,

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