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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to inform you that all Grade 5 and Grade 8 students will participate in the Integrated Reading and Writing Standards of Learning (SOL) Test. The testing schedule is as follows:

- **Grade 5:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025
- **Grade 8:** Wednesday, April 9, 2025

The purpose of the Integrated Reading and Writing SOL Test is to assess students' ability to read, comprehend, and respond to written passages using critical thinking and writing skills. This test evaluates how well students can analyze texts, make inferences, and effectively communicate their ideas through structured written responses. The assessment also measures students' proficiency in grammar, vocabulary usage, and overall writing mechanics. This evaluation helps educators identify areas of strength and areas where additional support may be needed to enhance student learning and achievement.

To help your child prepare for the test, we recommend the following:

- Encourage regular reading at home and discuss what they are reading.
- Practice writing responses to reading passages, focusing on organization, clarity, and supporting details.
- Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep before the test and has a nutritious breakfast on the day of the assessment.
- Arrive at school on time to minimize any stress or disruption.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is prepared for this important assessment. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

Respectfully,

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