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Dear Fern Bacon Middle School Families,

This letter is to inform you of the upcoming **STATE TESTING** and how you and your child can prepare for success. All students in California in grades 3 - 8, and 11 are required to take the California Assessments of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (**SBAC**) in English Language Arts, Math and Science. Therefore, each student at Fern Bacon will be required to demonstrate their academic achievements and progress on the upcoming assessments. Please read this letter carefully to understand the importance of the state assessments for your child, and also how to help your child maintain low stress levels and come prepared to do their best.

Why are the SBAC assessments important?

Fern Bacon uses the data collected from the state assessments to guide our continuous improvement. When your student tries their best, we all benefit from learning what your student does well and what they need improvement in. Fern Bacon, along with many schools, use this data to determine if your student requires additional support or intervention courses as they gear up for success in high school.

What are the SBAC assessments for?

Federal Law requires all states to assess student achievement to hold schools accountable for ensuring quality instruction is provided for all students.

When are the SBAC assessments?

Fern Bacon will begin testing TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024. Please see the TESTING CALENDAR on the back of this letter.

****The Science Test is only given to 8th grade students.**

****Students are only testing in one subject every TUESDAY thru May 15 from 8:15 AM – 12:15 PM. Please schedule all appointments on TUESDAYS after this designated testing time.**

How can we all set our students up for success?

Our teachers are spending many planning hours ensuring your student has enough access to the test's content while also saving time to review older content. Our teachers are also planning on administering practice tests to allow students to become familiar with what the actual test feels like.

You can also make sure your student goes to **SLEEP** at a decent time and take electronics out of their hands early in the evening so they feel rested for the test.

Finally, as always, eating a solid **BREAKFAST** and having a plan to eat lunch while staying hydrated during the day will ensure your student has the energy to do their best.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, we hope all is well at home, and we look forward to sharing your student's results at the beginning of next school year. If you have additional questions, please call (916) 395-5340.

Sincerely,

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Dean of Students

We will TEST STRONG! Go Bulldogs!