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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

On March 28, 29 and 30, 2017, our students will be taking the mandated New York State Assessment in English Language Arts. This untimed exam will enable us to determine your children's strengths and weaknesses and assist us in providing the best educational experience for them.

The test format is as follows:

2017 Grade 5 Common Core English Language Arts Test

Day 1, Book 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reading: 35 multiple-choice questions (Students darken the circles on Answer Sheet 1.)
Day 2, Book 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reading: 7 multiple-choice questions (Students darken the circles on Answer Sheet 2.)▪ Reading and Writing: 2 short-response questions (Students write answers directly in Book 2.) 1 extended-response question (Students write answer directly in Book 2.)
Day 3, Book 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reading and Writing: 5 short-response questions (Students write answers directly in Book 3.) 1 extended-response question (Students write answer directly in Book 3.)

2017 Grade 6 Common Core English Language Arts Test

Day 1, Book 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reading: 35 multiple-choice questions (Students darken the circles on Answer Sheet 1.)
Day 2, Book 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reading: 7 multiple-choice questions (Students darken the circles on Answer Sheet 2.)▪ Reading and Writing: 2 short-response questions (Students write answers directly in Book 2.) 1 extended-response question (Students write answer directly in Book 2.)
Day 3, Book 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reading & Writing: 5 short-response questions (Students write answers directly in Book 3.) 1 extended-response question (Students write answer directly in Book 3.)

2017 Grade 7 Common Core English Language Arts Test

Day 1, Book 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading: 35 multiple-choice questions (Students darken the circles on Answer Sheet 1.)
Day 2, Book 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading: 7 multiple-choice questions (Students darken the circles on Answer Sheet 2.)• Reading and Writing: 2 short-response questions (Students write answers directly in Book 2.) 1 extended-response question (Students
Day 3, Book 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading & Writing: 5 short-response questions (Students write answers directly in Book 3.) 1 extended-response question (Students write answer directly in Book 3.)

2017 Grade 8 Common Core English Language Arts Test

Day 1, Book 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading: 35 multiple-choice questions (Students darken the circles on Answer Sheet 1.)
Day 2, Book 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading: 7 multiple-choice questions (Students darken the circles on Answer Sheet 2.)• Reading and Writing: 2 short-response questions (Students write answers directly in Book 2.) 1 extended-response question (Students write answer directly in Book 2.)
Day 3, Book 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading & Writing: 5 short-response questions (Students write answers directly in Book 3.) 1 extended-response question (Students write answer directly in Book 3.)

Students, except those given testing accommodations, will take the exam with their ELA classes on these dates. Your child's ELA teacher will announce and regularly remind students of the day and time of the test. As always, test modifications will be in effect for all students requiring them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Main Office.

Sincerely,

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