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Dear Frontier Elementary School Parents and Guardians:

Each year, students in grades three through eight are given the New York State Assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. New to this year, students in grade 5 will also take the NYS Science Assessment. For all of the assessments, our district will join all school districts across New York State in administering the assessments on student Chromebooks.

The NYS Assessments are aligned with the NYS Learning Standards and offer the opportunity for our students to demonstrate their knowledge and application of the skills and content they have acquired through their years of education. The tests represent one valuable data point that teachers and administrators will use in order to assess school wide performance by standard and skill. It is important to note that we combine the data from these assessments with other student data points in order to fully recognize the strengths and needs of all individual students in order to further plan for instructional support. Student performance on the 3-8 assessments is not linked to teacher and principal evaluation and does not drive placement decisions for students the following year.

Part of our accountability to New York State includes having at least 95% of Gr. 3-8 students complete the NYS assessments. Therefore, it is important that all students who are eligible to take the assessments fully participate in the administration of testing. We are grateful for the support of our Frontier parents in helping us to meet this requirement.

The ELA and Mathematics assessments will be given in two parts over the course of two consecutive days, and the Science assessment will be given in just one session according to the schedule listed below. The tests will begin shortly after arrival to school. In the event that your child is ill and unable to take one or more parts of the assessment, there will be test make-up days offered.

<b>Grade 3, 4 and 5</b>
ELA Session 1 - 4/15/24
ELA Session 2 - 4/16/24
Math Session 1 - 4/29/24
Math Session 2 - 4/30/24
Science (Gr. 5 only) - 5/6/24

It is very important that your child come to school well-rested and on time each testing day. We encourage each student to put forth his or her best effort on the tests.

Please feel free to contact your child's building principal if you have any questions about the testing process. As always, we sincerely thank you for your partnership and support.

Respectfully,

Linda Dansa  
Director of Elementary Education