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Dear Parents:

Thank you for attending “Back to School Night”. We were very happy to share our goals for the 2015-16 school year and expectations for your student’s success. At the meeting we shared that “Spring Smarter Balanced” assessments would be mailed.

Enclosed, please find your student’s scores. Please review and share with your student and talk about the need for focus, homework and learning.

This is a new test and we are helping students learn in new ways. We are using challenging, grade-level appropriate tasks that ask students to provide reasoning, support arguments with evidence, and persevere in solving problems. These are the skills our students need to develop over the course of their education to succeed in the future.

Students were tested in grades 3-8 in English language arts/literacy and mathematics. These tests have replaced our former tests to provide better information to help improve teaching and learning. There have not no measurable assessments for the past two year.

The test is different from past testing in many ways. Some highlights include:

- Computer Based:
- Computer Adaptive: Students receive test questions that help pinpoint what students know and can do. A correct answer is followed by a more difficult question, and an incorrect answer is followed by an easier question. This provides a more precise estimate of student understanding.
- Realistic Context for Tasks: Knowledge is assessed in context—for example, students are asked to select a word of the same meaning to replace a word in a paragraph, rather than to choose a synonym for a word standing alone.

It is our goal to keep you informed on summative test given in the classroom.

Tuesday, September 29 is MINIMUM DAY; students will be released at 12:30 pm. Please make arrangements for your child.

Sincerely,

Shelia Gibson, Principal