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Dear Peterson Families,

I am writing to let you know that PARCC testing at Peterson will begin on Tuesday, March 21st.

PARCC, which stands for Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, is an annual, criterion-referenced assessment that is designed to measure how well students are performing on the Common Core State Standards for math and English language arts.

The test, which is administered to students in the 3rd through 8th grade, can provide data to teachers with regard to student progress with literacy and math-based skills, as well as problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. For those children who are struggling, PARCC data can provide guidance to teachers on the areas where students may need extra support.

As you prepare your child(ren) for their PARCC exam, know that there are a wealth of resources online to help guide you. From information on the CPS site (www.cps.edu/parcc) to resources at the national level (www.illinoistestguide.org and www.belearninghero.org), we encourage you to explore and use as needed.

As always, we thank you for your active involvement in your child's education and look forward to sharing the next round of PARCC results with you later this year.

Peterson PARCC Testing Schedule

Tuesday, March 21st	Wednesday, March 22nd	Thursday, March 23rd	Friday, March 25th
3rd - 5th ELA 1 (90 min) 6th - 8th ELA 1 (110 min)	3rd - 5th ELA 2 (90 min) 6th - 8th ELA 2 (110 min)	5th - ELA 3 (90 min) 6th - 8th ELA 3 (110 min)	3rd - 5th Math 1 (60 min) 6th - 8th Math 1 (80 min)
Tuesday, March 28th	Wednesday, March 29th	Thursday, March 30th	Friday, March 31st
3rd - 5th Math 2 (60 min) 6th - 8th Math 2 (80 min)	3rd - 5th Math 3 (60 min) 6th - 8th Math 3 (80 min)	3rd - 5th Math 4 (60 min)	3rd & 4th ELA 3 (90 min)

Respectfully,

Kate Kane