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Dear Parent, Guardian, & Students,

As we approach our testing season here at Navajo Elementary School, we would like to provide you insight into State and End-of-the-Year Assessments.

Throughout the year our students have and continue to work hard to engage in their classes and share their learnings with their teachers through assignments and assessments. GMCS teachers are also working diligently to support our students in learning, staying at grade level, and achieving their overall goals.

State and End-of-the-Year Assessments provide important information on student learning used to evaluate the efficacy and equity of educational programs. State assessments are aligned with the state's academic standards and provide an accurate, comparable indication of student performance compared to others in the state. However, no one piece of data can tell the full story of a student, school, or community.

Our goal is for our students to be present and prepared for the assessments. Students will continue to prepare for the assessments through our boot camps that are beginning on March 18, 2024. We have three important assessments happening in April 2024: The Interim Measure of Student Success and Achievement (iMSSA) End-of-Year (3rd to 5th Grade), The New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness (NMASR) (5th Grade Only), and The New Mexico Measures of Student Success and Achievement (NM-MSSA) (3rd to 5th Grade).

The iMSSA End-of-Year Assessment (3rd to 5th Grade) will occur from April 1st to 12th. The NMASR Assessment (5th Grade Only) will occur from April 15 to 19th. The NM-MSSA Assessment (3rd to 5th Grade) will occur from April 22nd to 26th. With an expectation of a 100% completion rate, it is imperative that your child/student is present every day for the dates mentioned above. We ask that you refrain from early checkouts, late drop-offs, etc. to avoid students missing crucial assessments. If students have appointments for specific dates, please communicate that information to our front office staff and/or teachers ahead of time. Once a student begins a test, they will need to complete the assessment section they are on completely.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Stepney or Mrs. Mariano.

We Got This,

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