Dear Parents,

Once again it is time for the STAR testing that is mandated by the State of California. It is our goal to make this testing week as simple and stress-free as possible for students, staff, and parents. There are a few things you need to be aware of for the testing days of May 1st – May 4th that pertain to the bell schedule, release times, and which classes students must report to each day. Please note the following:

- **Monday, April 30th** is a regular day with a special STAR assembly from 1:55– 3:15. We will be motivating students to do their best on the tests.

- **Minimum Days, Tuesday, May 1st, Thursday, May 3rd & Friday, May 4th** for all students and staff. School starts at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 1:15 p.m. Parents need to make arrangements for student pick up at 1:15 in the afternoon.

- **Late Start Wednesday!**
  Wednesday, May 2nd will be a regular late-start Wednesday from 10:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

- **Special Testing Classrooms**
  Students will be assigned to a testing classroom based on their grade level, last name, and testing needs. Students must arrive to their testing class promptly at 8:45 a.m. to begin the tests each day.

- **Make-Up Testing**
  Any student missing any portion of one or more tests will need to make up any section(s) missed during the week of May 7th. Students will be called out of their regular classes to make up any missing tests.

- **Attendance**
  It is VERY important that ALL students attend school on time during the testing week.

- **Test Results**
  These exams are used for placing students in classes for the 2012-13 school year. It is important for students to do their best during the testing week. 8th graders will have their test results sent to the appropriate high schools so counselors can verify academic placement for English Language Arts and Mathematics.

- **Preparation**
  Students need to be sure to get plenty of rest each night before testing and eat a well balanced breakfast. We want our school to reflect the academic levels of success we know our students can achieve.

- **Questions?**
  If you have any questions or concerns about the STAR tests or testing schedule, please don’t hesitate to call us at 566-2710. We will be happy to assist you.