



SONORA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Mission Statement

We believe that the school experience should be safe, positive, and successful, while contributing to the physical, social, and mental well being of the child.

April 19th, 2022

Parents,

Sonora Elementary School will begin standardized testing for the State of California (CAASPP), for a few grade levels, on Tuesday, April 26th. The campus testing window will end on May 12th, with particular grade levels testing on various days and times. An overview of the testing schedule is provided and will be posted on our website.

The Smarter Balanced Assessment, completed online with our on-site technology, will quantify the students' understanding of the California State Standards in English Language Arts and mathematics, **for grades 3 through 8**. In addition, our 5th and 8th grade students will be taking the Science assessment, testing these students on the Next Generation Science Standards. The science test will also be administered online.

These assessments are very important to us, as it quantifies student learning on grade-level standards, helps identify students in need of intervention and is one way to assess how Sonora Elementary is performing in comparison to all schools within our County and in the State of California. Last year, Sonora Elementary had the highest percentage of proficiency in English Language Arts in Tuolumne County and the third highest in mathematics. We want to grow in these results and have the best proficiency in our County in all subjects tested.

During the testing window, and specifically on the days your child is testing, it is very important, to ensure success, that your child:

1. Has significant rest the night before.
2. Eat a solid breakfast the day of testing. Free breakfast available every day in our cafeteria, starting at 7:30 a.m.
3. Be present during their designated testing days and do your best to avoid medical appointments.

Again, please check our school website to find the days and times your child is testing. If a child does miss their testing session, they will have the opportunity to make up their session.

Thank you for all that you do,

Chris Boyles
Principal