

March 2019

Dear Parents,

Assessment has always been an integral component of learning at every level. Beginning in April, our elementary and middle school students will be taking 3-8 NYS Assessments in ELA, Math, and Science. This letter contains details on this year's tests.

Assessment Schedule

English Language Arts

Wednesday, April 3rd & Thursday April 4th

Mathematics

Wednesday, May 1st & Thursday May 2nd

Science 4 and 8 Written Test

Late May – Early June TBD

Science 4 and 8 Lab Performance

Late May – Early June TBD

Make Up Schedule

English Language Arts

Friday, April 5th & Monday, April 8th

Mathematics

Friday May 3rd & Monday, May 6th

Please note that there have been a number of recent changes to the 3-8 testing program. **The number of days the ELA and Math assessments will be administered is now 2 days**, reduced from 3 days for each assessment in 2018. The assessments contain fewer questions compared to previous versions. Students may work at their own pace. NYS teachers were given the opportunity to provide input into the development of test questions.

Please visit our district website (www.honeoye.org) and review the posted documents: [“What Parents Need to Know”](#) and [“Parent’s Frequently Asked Questions”](#) as good resources that further explain the importance of these formative assessments.

Thank you for continuing to support our school and the efforts teachers and students make each day to achieve success. As the 2019 testing season approaches, please be mindful of the dates listed on the above schedule. A good night's sleep before a testing period helps students to perform best. Likewise, a good, nutritious breakfast will also prepare students to do their best academically. As is the case each and every day, breakfast will be available for purchase in the cafeteria prior to the start of the school day.

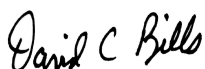
Sincerely,




Wayne Ackles, Secondary Principal



Michael Bastian, Elementary Principal



David C. Bills, Superintendent



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