

# FERNWOOD AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Fernwood Avenue Middle School will be administering the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessment starting April 16, 2018. The PARCC Assessment is a computer-based test that measures the Common Core State Standards in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. All students will be assessed in three units of ELA and three units of Math during their grade level testing window. This state assessment will provide valuable information for parents, students, and teachers in identifying individual student academic needs.

Any student must meet the proficiency standards in both the PARCC Algebra 1 and English Language Arts Grade 10 assessments to meet the high school graduation requirements. This information is pertinent to any student currently taking an Algebra 1 or Geometry course at Fernwood.

In an effort to ensure that each child is well rested for the state assessment, no homework, quizzes, or classroom tests will be administered during PARCC testing days. We strongly encourage all of our students to attend school during this testing time. Please refer to the following testing dates for the Fernwood Avenue Middle School:

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English/Lang. Arts April 16, 17, & 18

6<sup>th</sup> Grade English/Lang. Arts April 19, 20, & 23

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math April 24, 25, & 26

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math April 27, 30, & May 1

As per the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education Policy 5516, use of cell phones or any electronic communication device will be strictly enforced during testing time.

Please feel free to contact your child's school counselor if you have any questions pertaining to PARCC or need any additional information about our school's participation in the state assessment program. Thank you for supporting your child's education.

Sincerely,



Jim Battersby  
Principal