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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I wanted to offer you a brief update on how things have gone this week as we started PARCC testing. The delayed opening on Monday, March 2, pushed our start back to today. As we move forward through this month we may continue to have some challenges with our schedule and the weather. For this reason, I asked the principals to keep you up to date on the testing schedule through their weekly Friday Folder messages and through the use of the district's on-line calendar system. The district's on-line calendar system, or DynaCal, is readily available through our website [here](#).

Today we began testing 5th grade and 8th grade students in language arts. The language arts test has three parts, each independent of the other. Due to some technological glitches and our learning curve in using the new computer platform, some students took part one of language arts, while others took part two. It is a minor issue, since tomorrow we can get everyone in the same place by the end of the testing period. The computerized test system itself seemed to work smoothly.

Our participation rate when combining all of the 5th and 8th grade students who were testing today was approximately 90%. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in having your child(ren) take the test. Please let your children know that we greatly appreciate their cooperation, and we encourage them to do their best. We look forward to the opportunity to gather useful information for teaching and learning from these tests. Thank you again for your continuing support.

Sincerely,



Nick Markarian