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Dear Parents/Guardians of Valley View Students:

Our third through fifth grade students will be taking the Forward Exam again this year. This Forward Exam will take place over a two-week period **starting on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 through Friday, April 11, 2025**. Each grade level has designated times during the testing window to take the assessment. This exam measures students' cumulative progress from the past school year. The Forward Exam is administered in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics for grades 3-5. Students in grade 4 also take assessments in the area of Social Studies and Science. The assessment for each subject area will consist of two parts: a computer academic test, and a performance task that will also be taken on a computer but will require students to apply their knowledge.

During the testing window listed above, a few changes will be made in the daily schedule to accommodate the length of time suggested for these assessments. If possible, please do not schedule trips, dental/medical appointments, or late arrivals/early pickups during the above testing window. All students must complete the tests, so make-up tests need to be given when a child is absent. Make-up tests will be held after the previously mentioned window.

An informational brochure for families can be found by typing this link into your web browser: https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/Forward_Brochure_for_Families.pdf. This brochure gives additional information about the assessment including its purpose, what scores will be provided, and how the scores will be used. Please feel free to practice with your child at home if you have internet access. Students will practice at school as well.

Parents can assist by: encouraging your child to do his/her best on the test; preparing your child by making sure he/she has a good night's sleep before the test; providing a light, healthy breakfast on test days; having your child dress comfortably; ensuring your child arrives at school on time; suggesting that your child breathe deeply to relax before and during tests; reminding your child to read directions carefully and look at all the answers before choosing one; telling your child to check over answers before submitting; and sending him/her off to school with confidence-building words of praise and support. And finally, reassure him or her that the test is one way to determine what he/she knows in the various academic areas in comparison to other students in the same grade in Wisconsin and surrounding states. Students should try their best, but do not need to worry about the test.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Doug Pieschek
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