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Dear Mill Valley Parent/Guardian,

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, is the standardized academic testing that students across the state take every spring. Along with school-based assessments, CAASPP testing provides valuable information to help monitor student progress every year. It includes online, computer-adaptive Smarter Balanced Assessments in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for 3rd-8th grade students. In addition, the CA Science Test will administered to 5th and 8th grade students starting this year.

District-wide, students will participate in CAASPP testing from April 29 through June 7. You can take a look at the district testing calendar and your child's schedule [here](#). To learn more about CAASPP, you can visit the California Department of Education (CDE) webpage [here](#).

Individual student score reports displaying CAASPP results from the past three years will be sent home to parents in August. Student score reports will include an overall score and a description of the student's achievement level for ELA and Mathematics. Score reports for 5th and 8th grade students will include science results this year.

With CAASPP, the purpose of statewide annual assessments has shifted from producing yearly accountability reports to assisting schools with improving instruction throughout the school year. Results from the CAASPP assessments will be used, along with other assessment data, to determine the impact of our academic programs and to develop instructional goals and plans.

As a parent/guardian, you have the option of excusing your child from CAASPP testing. If you would like to excuse your child from the test, you must submit your request in writing to the school principal [Education Code 60615] prior to the first day of testing. We will grant your request; however, we ask that if your child has started testing, they complete all test sections remaining. We will make alternative arrangements for your child during the assigned testing periods.

If you have any questions regarding CAASPP, feel free to contact your child's school principal.

Sincerely,

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