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Dear Bellmawr Families,

This spring, your child will participate in New Jersey's statewide assessments: the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments-Adaptive (**NJSLA-A**) and the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments-Science (**NJSLA-S**). These state-required tests provide valuable insight into how well students are mastering grade-level skills and help us ensure all students have access to strong, effective instruction. This year's testing dates for all students in Grades 3-8 are outlined below:

Date	Unit/Content	Grades
Monday, May 11	Math, Unit 1 Algebra, Unit 1	Grades 3-8 Gr8 ALG Students
Tuesday, May 12	Math, Unit 2 Algebra, Unit 2	Grades 3-8 Gr8 ALG Students
Wednesday, May 13	Writing	Grades 3-8
Thursday May 14	ELA, Unit 1	Grades 3-8
Friday, May 15	ELA, Unit 2	Grades 3-8
Monday, May 18	Science, Units 1 and 2	Grades 5 and 8
Tuesday, May 19	Science, Units 3 and 4	Grade 5 and 8

What's New? Computer-Adaptive Testing

For the first time this year, ELA and Math tests will be computer adaptive. As your child answers questions, the test adjusts in real time, providing slightly more challenging questions for correct answers or less difficult questions if they struggle. This "zeroes in" on your child's understanding more precisely without changing the high standards they are expected to know. The Science assessment remains a fixed-form test, consistent with previous years for Grade 5 and Grade 8.

Preparation and Requirements

To help your child feel confident and prepared, please keep the following in mind:

- **Wired Headphones Required:** All students must bring **wired headphones**; the testing system does not permit wireless or Bluetooth models.
- **Tech Readiness:** Ensure laptops are fully charged each morning.
- **Student Wellness:** A good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast are essential for focus.
- **Attendance:** Research shows students perform better during the regular administration than on make-up days, so please ensure your child is on time.

Most importantly, remind your child to relax. They are prepared, and these results are simply one way we help support their growth. For more details on the new adaptive format, feel free to visit nj.gov/education/assessment/adaptive or reach out to me with any questions.

Fondly,

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