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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s)

Wisconsin Students in Grades 3 through 5 will be participating in the Wisconsin Forward Exam assessment during the weeks of April 8-April 22nd.

Students in 3rd and 5th grade are tested in English Language Arts and Mathematics, and students in 4th grade are tested in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, Social Studies and Science.

One or more subtests may be administered daily during the identified time frame. It is very important that your son or daughter be in school during this time. Students not in school on the scheduled testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window. This is not an ideal testing situation since make-up testing is outside of their classroom setting.

Enclosed is an *Informational Brochure for Families* which gives more information about the assessment including its purpose, what scores will be provided, and how the scores will be used.

The Forward Exam measures the knowledge and skills your student(s) should have acquired by the time they reach each grade level. Performance on these assessments will not affect classroom grades, but will be used in conjunction with other data to determine academic services needed and provided. Please encourage your son or daughter to take the test seriously and do the best they can. We will be offering your student a free hot breakfast on the days they test.

The results of these assessments are also used to grade our school's academic effectiveness on the school report card. This past year, Tomahawk Elementary reached Exceptionally Exceeds Expectations. We'd like to continue along this path showing what an awesome school we have here in Tomahawk.

If you have any questions, please contact Guy Steckbauer at 715-453-2126 x104.

Thank you,

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