Dear Parents/Guardians:

Students in Grade 4 at Nokomis will be involved in the annual administration of the New York State Science Assessment Test according to the following schedule:

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<td>May 22, 29, 30 &amp; 31</td>
<td>Elementary Level Science Manipulative Assessment</td>
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These are important tests for the children. Results from these examinations will be reported again next school year as part of our building report card.

You should know that all the material for these tests has been covered. There is no need for cramming and certainly no “midnight reviews”. However, we have a few suggestions for parents that would be helpful to the children in preparation for tests:

1. Your child should have a good night’s sleep.
2. Your child should have a suitable and relaxing breakfast.
3. Your child should be encouraged to do his/her best but not become anxious about the test.
4. Your child should be encouraged to be in attendance on the day of the test. However, make-up exams are offered for those who are ill.

Finally, may I ask for your assistance in supporting your child. New York State has raised expectations for our children. Assessments such as these now have a heightened importance. Please spend time in advance of the tests emphasizing with your child the positive results a good test-taking attitude may provide. It is our belief that attitude plays a very large part in the outcome of such assessments.

I hope this information is helpful to you. Let’s all encourage our children to do their usual fine job.

Very truly yours,

Denise F. Kleinman
Principal

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