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Dear Parent,

As most of you have probably heard from one source or another, students at Grover Cleveland Middle School will be administered the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) during two testing windows that span from March through May in 2015. For this school year, NJ ASK will be phased out except for the Grade 8 NJ ASK Science test.

One of the unique platforms of the PARCC test is it will be online. Students will be taking the test in language arts, math, and Algebra I (grade 8 students enrolled in Algebra I classes) using district issued Chromebooks. There are a total of five testing units for language arts and four testing units for math/Algebra I. The testing time for any given unit ranges between sixty (60) and ninety (90) minutes.

This new format of testing comes with some new challenges, one being the skill sets students need in order to fully take advantage of the computer assisted tools. Below are a series of steps to access the PARCC online tutorial. We encourage you to work with your child to complete this tutorial sometime within the next few weeks. You should be able to complete this tutorial in thirty minutes. With your child's understanding on utilizing this platform to its fullest capacity, it will ensure a more comfortable experience during testing. Please note you do not need a user ID or password to complete this tutorial.

Getting to the PARCC online tutorial:

Log onto and keep in your browser <http://parcc.pearson.com/tutorial/>

- \* Once on the page, scroll down to the green box on the left hand side of the page that reads View TestNav8 Tutorial and you're off and running.

Good Luck. And thank you for your continued support.

Scott Chamberlain