

# Turkey Hill School

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To the Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades 3 – 6,

Earlier this month, Dr. Russo, the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Personnel, sent home a letter regarding the upcoming standardized testing in grades three through six. Students in grades three through six will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment in math and language arts. Additionally, as you may be aware, the Connecticut Mastery Test has been replaced by the NGSS Assessment for grade five only in the area of science.

As we begin testing, we are looking to partner with our Turkey Hill families as we have done so many times in the past. Working together, we can help our students persevere and be successful as they take the Smarter Balanced Assessments. Here are some ways you can assist us in doing what is best for our kids:

- Take note of the dates for testing on a calendar at home (see attached). Try to tailor activities so that children get a good night's sleep prior to testing.
- Be sure that your child has a good breakfast and/or a fulfilling lunch as testing sessions will vary between morning and afternoon.
- Be on time to school. Tardy students cannot be admitted into classes once testing has started and have to make-up tests during class time.
- Speak to your child about the upcoming tests. Prepare your child with realistic expectations by reminding them that this test is challenging. Reinforce daily that all anyone is looking for is their "best effort."
- Anticipate that some children will naturally be a little nervous or stressed but should you see signs of extreme stress or anxiety, please contact the classroom teacher so that we can reassure your child.
- Encourage your child to work slowly and carefully, read everything on the screen, and avoid the urge to just "click" their way through the computerized questions.

We know that our children will continue on their "Quest to be their best". By doing that, they have already accomplished a great deal and made us proud!

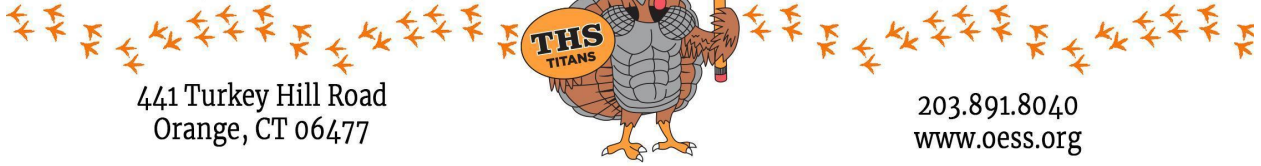
Sincerely,

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## Testing Schedule

Date	Test Type	Grades Testing	Session Time
4/20/23	English/language arts	3-6	AM
4/21/23	English/ language arts	3-6	AM
4/24/23	Science	5	AM
4/27/23	Mathematics	4 and 5	AM and PM
4/28/23	Mathematics	3 and 6	AM and PM
5/4/23	Mathematics	3-6	AM
5/5/23	Mathematics	3-6	AM