

# Hotchkiss K-8 School

“Opening doors for endless possibilities”

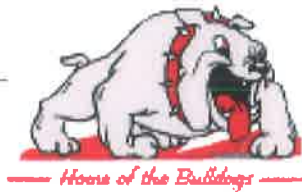
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Beginning March 26th we will be conducting our annual CMAS state tests. Grades 3-8 will be taking these tests. These are Computer Based Tests. The students have been doing sample tests to help them learn how to navigate the test and how to answer questions using the tools available on the computer. This will be the following schedule:

March 26-28 All 7th-8th Graders will be taking Math & ELA tests in the morning and afternoon

April 2-4 All 6th Graders will be taking Math & ELA tests in the morning and afternoon

All 5th and 8th Graders will be taking the Science test in the morning

April 9-11 All 3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders will be taking Math & ELA tests in the morning and afternoon

\*ELA stands for English Language Arts, which includes reading and writing.

Your child has spent all year preparing and working hard in their classwork. We want all of our students to take the test and demonstrate what they have learned. It is extremely important that your son or daughter attends school on these dates. **It is also important that when your child attends that day he or she stays for the whole day. Please do not check your child out early on test days. Students can not begin a test one day and finish it the next day.** This will affect their score and not give an accurate account of your child's knowledge or skills.

One of the questions that parents ask themselves is “How can I help my child do better on tests?” Here are some tips parents can use:

**Right before the test:**

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep. Provide a good breakfast.
- Have your child dress in layers- kids do better on tests if they don't have to think about how hot or cold they are.
- Don't be too anxious. Say, “This test is important. I know you will try hard and do your best.” “Your teacher has prepared you to succeed.” Your confidence will be contagious.
- Relax and Do your Best!

This information came from **The Parent Institute** [www.parent-institute.com](http://www.parent-institute.com)

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at Hotchkiss K-8 School. My phone number is 872-3325, or you can email me at [bryan.hollembeak@deltaschools.com](mailto:bryan.hollembeak@deltaschools.com) Thank you for the opportunity to help in the education of your child.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan Hollembeak".

Bryan Hollembeak

Hotchkiss K-8 Principal