



PTA Meeting  
Tuesday, March 3, 2009

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County and State Testing  
Information



# mCLASS

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- Monitors progress in reading and writing
- Given to students in Kindergarten – Grade 2 in the fall, winter, and spring
- Provides teachers formative data to monitor student progress and guide instructional decisions
- Students are assessed on foundational reading skills along with oral and written comprehension skills
- Results show how students are meeting the county established benchmarks for reading proficiency at each grade level in K-2



# Terra Nova/2

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- Assesses skills in reading, language arts, language mechanics, mathematics concepts, and mathematics computation
- Given to all students in MCPS Grade 2
- Test dates for 2009 - April 27<sup>th</sup> – April 29<sup>th</sup>; make-ups April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Multiple – choice test
- Norm-Referenced – provides information that compares a student's achievement with that of a national norm sample of students



# Maryland School Assessment

## MSA

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- MSA is an annual state test of reading and math in grades 3 and 4 and reading, math and science in grade 5.
- These tests meet the federal mandates under the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) that all schools will show continuous improvement in these content areas (as outlined in the Maryland Content Standards) each year with the goal of 100% proficiency by 2014.
- Website: <http://www.mdk12.org/parents/index.html>



# MSA

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- Each assessment has:
  - Selected Response (multiple-choice)
  - Constructed Response – also called Brief Constructed Response (BCR)
- Each content assessment is given over a 2-day period



# MSA Testing Calendar

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- March 16 & 17 – MSA Reading – grades 3 & 4
- March 18 & 19 – MSA Reading – grade 5
- March 20 & 23 – MSA Mathematics – grades 3 & 4
- March 24 & 25 – MSA Mathematics - grade 5
- March 26 – 31 – make-ups
- May 6 & 7 – MSA Science – grade 5



# LAS Links – ESOL Assessment

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- Assessment for students in K - grade 12 enrolled in the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Program
- Responds to *No Child Left Behind Act*'s adequate yearly progress in English Language proficiency requirements
- Testing Window – April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>



# MAP-R

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- **Mea**sures of **Aca**demic **Pro**gress in **Rea**dng for students in grades 3-5
- Completely individualized according to how the student performs
- Multiple choice items
- Students take the test on the computer
- Given 3 times each year – Fall, Winter, Spring