

April 13, 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian of Grade 3 and Grade 4 Students:

As your child grows and learns during the school year, we want to determine what he or she knows and how well he or she can perform in core academic skill areas. We are writing to inform you that Narragansett Elementary School will administer the Rhode Island Comprehensive Assessment System (RICAS). These state-required assessments will provide critical insights to your child's academic progress and ability. Detailed results from these assessments help parents understand their child's needs and strengths and work with their school to identify resources to support their child's education. Schools can use the information to better plan instruction, support and enrichment for students in the coming year and strengthen instruction for all students.

In Rhode Island the RICAS assessments are required for students in grades 3 and 4. The assessments will be administered in the following windows:

RICAS ELA April 24 and 25, 2018  
RICAS Math May 15 and 16 2018

We are excited that our students are participating in these high-quality, next generation assessments that will help all of us better understand what our students know and are able to do. You can find a suite of helpful resources at

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/InstructionAssessment/Assessment/RICASAssessments.aspx>

We ask for your assistance in encouraging your child to do his or her best, and in making sure your child is present and on time during the testing windows for both assessment and instruction.

If you have any questions regarding the new assessments, please contact me, and I will be happy to speak with you. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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