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Hello Hornet Families!!

This is a reminder that the Georgia Milestones is coming after Spring Break. We will begin testing April 12th-April 24th. In celebration of our student's upcoming victory on the Georgia Milestones, they have been given a "Smash the GMAS" tee shirt that they will be able to wear tomorrow with uniform bottoms and shoes.

Throughout the year, Fulton students participate in standardized testing as part of the statewide testing program. Spring, however, is an especially important testing season due to the GA Milestones for elementary and middle school students.

Beginning Thursday, April 12th, students in third through eighth grade will take the Georgia Milestones test. The purpose of the GA Milestones is to provide information on academic achievement at the student, class, school, system and state levels. Middle and high school students also face high-stakes testing. End-of-grade tests, given in identified subjects, will begin on Thursday, April 12th- Tuesday, April 24th every other day. This information is used to identify individual student strengths and weaknesses and to gauge the quality of education throughout Fulton County and the state.

We encourage you to help your children do their best on these tests by making sure they are in school every day, and especially on testing days. Tests reflect the overall achievement of a child and time spent in learning situations increases the likelihood of doing well.

Other helpful testing tips include:

- * Give your child encouragement. Praise him/her for the things done well throughout the year. A child who is afraid of failing is more likely to make a mistake.
- * Ensure that your child has a well-rounded diet. A healthy body leads to a healthy, active mind. Make sure your child has a good breakfast on testing days and every day.
- * Make sure your child is well rested on school days. Tired children are less likely to pay attention in class or to handle the demands of class work and tests.
- * Follow normal routines. Interruptions of normal routines may affect your child's performance.
- * Don't forget eyeglasses or hearing aids. If your child wears an assistive device, such as glasses or hearing aids, be sure he/she remembers to bring it and wear it during all testing sessions.

Plan ahead for medical appointments. Avoid scheduling doctor's or dentist's appointments during testing times. (approximately 7:45-12:45 pm)

Leave all electronic devices at home, as they are not allowed in the testing environment!! Confiscated phones will be held until April 25th

Over the break, you can practice the online test at home on

www.gaexperienceonline.com and there's a parent resource practice guide as well available online at

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-andAssessment/Assessment/Pages/EOG-Study-Resource-Guides.asp>

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