April 11, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Students at Palms Middle School and other public school students throughout California will participate in the Common Core Field Test in the next three weeks. The Field Test is not considered a high stakes assessment. It will be utilized, however, as a practice test to prepare students for the actual Common Core assessment to be administered next year. Neither the students nor the school will receive individual test results.

Students in the 8th grade will also participate in the California Standards Test (CST) science assessment.

The school will operate on a testing schedule from Monday, April 28, 2014 through Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Please note the Minimum Day Schedule from 4/30 to 5/7. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, April 28: Classroom Activity during normal classes 3:00 dismissal
- Tuesday, April 29: 8th Grade – CST science 1:30 dismissal
- 6th Grade ELA Activity Test
- Wednesday, April 30: 8th Grade ELA Activity Test 12:20 dismissal
- Thursday, May 1: 7th Grade Math Activity Test 12:20 dismissal
- Friday, May 2: 6th Grade ELA Test 12:20 dismissal
- Monday, May 5: 7th Grade ELA Test 12:20 dismissal
- Tuesday, May 6: 8th Grade ELA Test 12:20 dismissal
- Wednesday, May 7: 6th Grade Math Test 12:20 dismissal
- Monday, May 12: 7th Grade Math Test 3:00 dismissal
- Tuesday, May 13: 8th Grade Math Test 1:30 dismissal

On early dismissal days (at 12:20), the library will be closed after school. All students remaining over ½ hour after dismissal will be escorted to the PE side for pick up.

Sincerely,

Derek Moriuchi, Ed.D.
Principal