

March, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians:

**Re: Upcoming EQAO Assessments**

Between **June 3** and **June 5**, 2014, your child will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1–3) created by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). This assessment is administered to all Grade 3 students in Ontario’s publicly funded school system.

Forest Glen’s Grade 3 students will be writing the EQAO test on the following dates and times. Also, please avoid any appointments for your Grade 3 child during these times.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>
Tuesday June 3, 2014	8:20-12:20 pm (Aprox.)
Wednesday June 4, 2014	8:20-12:20 pm (Aprox.)
Thursday June 5, 2014	8:20-12:20 pm (Aprox.)

This assessment consists of two booklets assessing language and a third booklet assessing mathematics. Each booklet is made up of two sections, for a total of six sections. Each section will take approximately one hour to complete, with extra time and breaks factored into the day.

EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum*, so your child does not need to prepare in any special way. Most students will take the assessment in their regular classrooms with their regular teachers and are simply encouraged to do their best and show what they know.

Your child’s results on this assessment are private and will give you an indication of his or her achievement in relation to the provincial standard. The results do not affect your child’s grades or report card in any way. They will, however, give you information about your child’s learning to add to the overall picture of his or her progress. In September 2014, EQAO will send our school a report on your child’s achievement on the assessment, and we will send it home at that time.

Student results on EQAO assessments are an important source of information about student strengths and areas needing improvement. We can use them as a school community, along with other information, to guide our school improvement initiatives for reading, writing and mathematics. This benefits not only your child but all the students in the school. The results are also used by our school board and the Ministry of Education to direct attention and resources where they are needed.

For more information about EQAO and to view a sample of its assessments, you may visit the Web site [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

Sincerely,

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Principal

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Vice-Principal