



# Team Lone Tree

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This is an exciting time for everyone at ***Lone Tree School and Wheatland Charter Academy***.

As you may already know, we, along with thousands of schools across California, are participating in a modern assessment system designed to help shape teaching and learning in the classroom. This test, known as the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) or Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), is designed to test student understanding of Common Core Standards in math and ELA.

Common Core State Standards for English and math, which California adopted in 2010, describe what knowledge and skills students need to be well prepared for college and careers, no matter where they come from or where they live. Students will be tested on all grade level standards covered from the start of the school year through the start of our testing window.

This assessment is defined as a Computer Adaptive Test which means that the assessment will modify itself through correct and incorrect answers to find the true level of all students. This modification allows for all students, regardless of academic strength and weakness, to take an exam that will limit their frustration/anxiety in an effort to get a true measure of student ability and understanding of Common Core standards.

We will be administering the CAASPP or SBAC to all students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> starting the week of April 27<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup> and completing the assessment with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. We ask that all students arrive on time to school on these days and that they receive as much rest as possible to help maximize their preparedness for the assessment. If you want to see what types of questions students will be asked or how the test will be presented, there is a practice test available online at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>.

If you would like more information, please visit the California Department of Education Smarter Balanced Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/smarterfieldtest.asp>. If you have any questions regarding your child's participation, please contact **Justin Guzman** at **530-788-0248**.

Sincerely,

**Justin A. Guzman**

Principal

***\*\*A California Distinguished School and Title 1 Academic Achievement Award\*\****

