



September 23, 2021

## Parent Update

Parents and Families,

**Fall SOL Testing:** In order to determine the current instructional strengths and needs of your child, VA Legislation was passed in the 2021 General Assembly (HB2027 and SB1357) requiring the implementation of a state growth assessment. In 2021-2022, the legislation calls for the additional administration of a fall growth assessment. During the fall administration students in grades 3-8 will be required to take a reading and mathematics test. This test is shorter than the spring SOL, and serves dual purposes for our students. First, it will provide information about students' strengths and identify instructional needs. Second, the assessment will provide a baseline for the identification of growth when compared to the spring SOL test in May of 2022.

At Larchmont, the students in grades 3-5 will complete the **Reading** Fall Growth Assessment in the morning **on Monday, September 27**, and the **Math** Fall Growth Assessment on **Thursday, September 30**. Students that receive accommodations will be scheduled to test throughout the week of September 27- October 1.

**Lockdown Drills:** Each school year, we are required to conduct Lockdown drills. One lockdown drill is conducted in the first 20 days of the school year. Parents are notified at least 24 hours in advance of a drill. We will be conducting a drill in the next several days. This is a scheduled drill and is not related to recent events or messages.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students do not participate in the first two Lock down drills of the year. There are no scenarios or staged events for the drills. An announcement is made that we are conducting a Lock down drill. Teachers will continue to review procedures with students.

Information will continued to be shared via ClassDojo, school webpage, PTA Facebook, and robo calls. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at [jspeters@nps.k12.va.us](mailto:jspeters@nps.k12.va.us)

Please continue to be safe and have a wonderful week.

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