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Dear Parent/Guardian

The annual B.C. Foundations Skills Assessment (FSA) for all grade 7 students is set to begin on January 16th, 2012, at Springvalley Middle School. Our expectation is that all grade 7 students, with the exception of the few who meet the Ministry exemption requirements, will write the FSA tests. A Springvalley administrator will be contacting the parents of those students who meet the specific criteria of exemption from writing the FSA tests. An administrator may also excuse a student from participating in the event of a family emergency, a lengthy illness or other extenuating circumstances. If any of these factors may apply to your child, contact either Mrs. Jill Voros, vice-principal, or Mr. Troy White, principal, so we may discuss the possibility of an exemption. Please refer to the attached letter from Hugh Gloster, Superintendent of School District #23 for more specific information about students who are typically exempt from participating in this process.

In addition, due to the fact that teacher job action continues, principals and vice-principals will administer all the FSA sessions. These sessions will take place between January 16 and February 3. Please see reverse side of this page for the Springvalley Middle School FSA schedule.

Students and parents that are interested in sample type FSA questions can access them by going to the following link.

https://www.awinfosys.com/eassessment/fsa_sample.htm

For further information on this topic, including access to a Parent Information Brochure, please refer to the Ministry website:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/> or contact the school office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. White', with a small flourish at the end.

Mr. T. White
Principal

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1. To increase the number of students meeting or exceeding expectations in Reading and Writing.
2. To improve the number of students meeting or exceeding expectations in Numeracy.
3. To positively affect our school culture.

2012 FSA Schedule

Date	Block Rotation	Blocks Written	Teacher	PART	Time	Location
January 16 th	5671	7 & 1	Lye Ackersberg	Reading Comprehension - PART I	60 min	Library
				Reading Comprehension - PART II	30 min	
January 17 th	2345	2 & 3	Roberts Aviani	Reading Comprehension - PART I	60 min	Library
				Reading Comprehension - PART II	30 min	Library
January 18 th	6712	7 & 1	Lye Ackersberg	Short Essay – Writing – Part III	30 min	Library
				Long Essay – Writing – Part IV	60 min	
January 19 th	3456	3 & 4	Lye Ackersberg	Numeracy – MC – Part V	60 min	Library
				Numeracy – Written - Part VI	30 min	
January 20 th	7123	7 & 1	Begley Ohashi	Reading Comprehension - PART I	60 min	Library
				Reading Comprehension - PART II	30 min	
January 20 th	7123	2 & 3	Roberts Aviani	Short Essay – Writing – Part III	30 min	Library
				Long Essay – Writing – Part IV	60 min	
January 23 rd	4567	4 & 5	Roberts Aviani	Numeracy – MC – Part V	60 min	Library
				Numeracy – Written - Part VI	30 min	
January 24 th	1234	ALL SEMESTERED – EXLPORATION CHANGE – NO FSA				
January 25 th	5671	ALL 2 nd Semester Clubs Begin – NO FSA				
January 30 th	3456	4 & 5	Begley Ohashi	Short Essay – Writing – Part III	30 min	Library
				Long Essay – Writing – Part IV	60 min	
January 31 st	7123	7 & 1	Begley Ohashi	Numeracy – MC – Part V	60 min	Library
				Numeracy – Written - Part VI	30 min	
February 1 st	4567	4& 5	Roberts Aviani	CATCH UP		Library
February 2 nd	1234	1234	Lye Ackersberg Begley Ohashi	CATCH UP		Library
February 3 rd	5671	5671	CATCH UP			Library

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