April 14, 2025

Dear Bullock 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Families;

Today, students completed an infrastructure trial in their classroom for the NJSLA mandated New Jersey assessment to assess growth and progress. Students tried out the testing platform to ensure that they could access the sign-in page platform (Test Nav) and all technology was functioning properly on their laptops. Additionally, students got the opportunity to try out some of the practice assessments during the trial run to get students acclimated to the Test Nav platform.

NJSLA testing at Bullock School will occur on May 5th and conclude May 13th. Some make-ups occur after this timeframe. NJSLA consists of three units of math and two units of ELA. Students in grade 5, will also have four science assessments to complete as well. Testing will begin promptly at 9:15am each day. We will be following all NJ Department of Education school policies and procedures. These protocols have been reviewed with your child and ensure a safe and fair testing environment for all students. Listed below are a few important reminders. We ask that you please review and help support us in making NJSLA run smoothly.

1. **Arrival time**-Students must arrive by 9:00am as testing will being promptly at 9:15am. If students arrive late, they will not be permitted in the testing environment and will have to make-up the missed testing unit.
2. **Restful sleep**-Students should get a good night’s sleep so they are able to concentrate and perform their best on the tests. We would suggest limiting electronics before bed to give their minds a break from the blue light stimulation from screens.
3. **Nutritious breakfast**-Students should have a nutritious breakfast to fill their bellies and their brains so they are ready to show what they know.
4. **Electronics**-Students are NOT permitted to have any electronics in the testing site so we ask that all tablets, watches, and phones remain home.
5. **Book from home**-Students can bring a book in from home to read after they finish testing. This can be a recreational text that they can enjoy.
6. **Breath and Go**-Please remind your child that this test is just a brain check and there is no need to worry. Just take a deep breath and try their best.

We have such bright and wonderful students here at Bullock School. We know they will all rock the NJSLA test to demonstrate their learnings throughout this school year. We appreciate your ongoing support and if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to us.

Take care,

Katie Evans and Mike Sharkey

 Bullock School Test Coordinators