

# MONTEREY RIDGE ELEMENTARY

**DATE:** March 6, 2009  
**TO:** MRES Parents  
**FROM:** Rich Newman, Ed. D., Principal  
**SUBJECT: PARENT INFORMATION LETTER**

## PARENT LETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This spring, your child, along with all public school students throughout California, will participate in California's Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program. Students at our school will take tests on the following dates:

Test Name	Who Takes It	Testing Date
California Standards Test (CST)	Grades 2-8	April 20 – May 1
California Alternative Performance Assessment (CAPA)	Grade 2 - 8 students with CAPA specified on IEP	April 20 – May 1
California Modified Assessment (CMA)	Grade 3 - 8 students with CMA specified on IEP	April 20 – May 1
Standards-based Test in Spanish (STS)	Spanish speaking students not yet fluent in English enrolled in California public school less than 12 months – Grades 2-8	April 20 – May 1

Most students will take the California Standards Tests (CST). Students with significant cognitive disabilities, who are unable to take the CST will take the CAPA. Students that fall in between the CAPA and CST have an opportunity to take the California Modified Assessment (CMA) and it must be stated in the students' IEP. Spanish-speaking English Learners, who are enrolled in California public schools less than 12 months, will also take the Standards-based Test in Spanish (STS) in grades 2-8.

Test results will be sent to the student's home in a STAR Student Report in late August. Individual results are confidential and will be shared only with parents/guardians, the students, and the student's teacher.

STAR Program reports provide valuable information about your child's academic achievement. The results are also used to compute our school's Academic Performance Index (API) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status and rankings. We expect all students to participate. Non-participation requires a written request from the student's parent/guardian.