

# Troy Elementary School

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Dear Families,

Troy Elementary will begin administering state testing sessions Monday, April 16, 2018. The Idaho State Achievement Test (ISAT) will begin next week for grades three through six. Grades kindergarten through third grade will take the Spring Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) assessment.

The ISAT assessment is an opportunity for students to demonstrate mastery and growth of the Idaho Core Standards in mathematics and English Language Arts. In high school grades, these assessments will ultimately be used to determine how ready students are for education after high school and the workforce.

The ISAT will include different question types – such open-ended response, technology-enhanced items, and performance tasks – to better measure what a student truly knows and is able to do at the end of each grade level. In addition, the test will adapt to your child's ability so your local school can better measure how much academic growth your child has demonstrated in a given school year.

Be on the lookout for a copy of the assessment schedule this week. Please note, it is subject to change if necessary.

#### **A few important test-taking tips we encourage are:**

- **Eat a healthy breakfast**
- **Get lots of rest**
- **Wear glasses (if needed)**
- **Attendance is very important**
- **Do encourage your child to do their best**
- **Take their time**

Please note, if your child is in 5th, 7th, or 10th grade, he or she will still be required to take the statewide ISAT in science this spring.

If you have any questions about the assessments aligned to the Idaho Core Standards or the other information provided in this letter, please contact your school principal or district superintendent at 208-835-4261.

*Sincerely,*

*Klaire Vogt*

*The mission of Troy Elementary, in partnership with family and community, is to provide a student-centered environment that encourages lifelong learning.*

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