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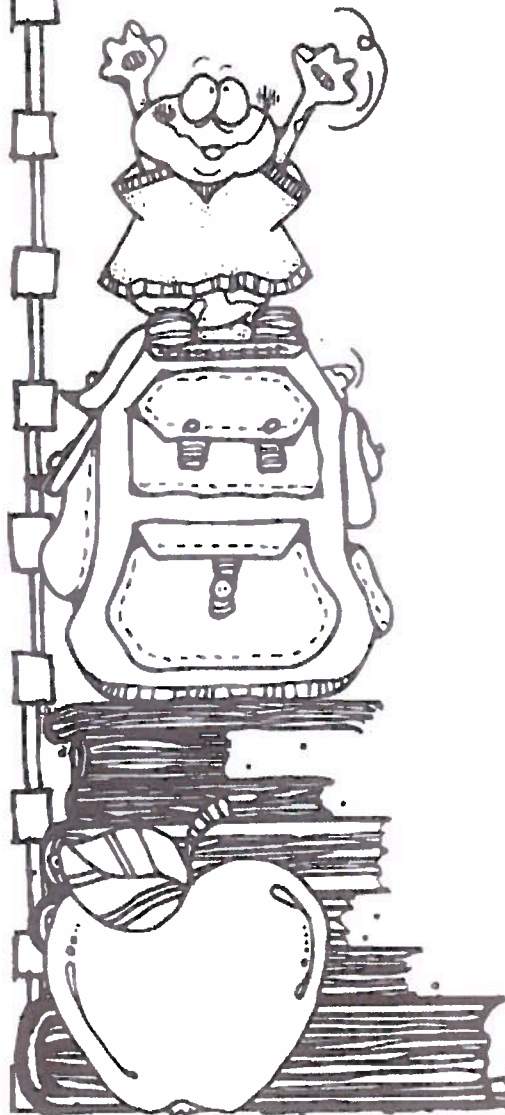
Dear Parents and Guardians,

**WE NEED YOUR HELP AND ASSISTANCE!**

Starting from January 4<sup>th</sup> up until May 10<sup>th</sup>, your child will be taking the online Hawaii State Assessment (H.S.A.).

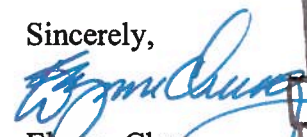
The purpose of the assessment is to provide the school with information that impacts teaching and learning in the classroom. Data from the test will inform you on how well your child is performing in the areas of reading, mathematics, and science, depending on your child's grade level. Additionally, test results identify school strengths and concerns regarding our teaching that will lead to curriculum improvement and staff development activities.

We are depending on each parent, that's you, to join us in getting our students off to an optimal testing experience. You can help in the following ways:



- Encourage your child to do his/her best.
- Mark down test days on your calendar so that you and your child are aware of the testing dates. (These dates were sent home in early November with the *HSA Online Parent Information Booklets*.)
- See that your child gets to bed at a reasonable time. Students should get a minimum of 8 hours of sleep.
- Ensure that your child eats a healthy breakfast and avoid food that may make him/her groggy during testing. Avoid high sugar types of food. Hunger can detract from a good test performance.
- Wake your child early enough to avoid the rush of the morning. Insure that your child arrives to school on time and attends school daily during the testing week.
- Visit <https://hsapt.tds.airast.org/student/> and have your child take the grade appropriate Training Test and practice through the Interactive Item Tutorial.

Sincerely,

  
Elyne Chung  
Principal