MCAs Continue after Spring Break

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) are administered state-wide each spring in grades 3-12. You can learn more about MCAs by reading this Parent Fact Sheet from the Minnesota Department of Education.

MCA Math Schedule:
Grades 5th - 8th: April 12
Grade 3: April 17 & 18
Grade 4: April 19 & 20

MCA Science Schedule (Grades 5 & 8 only): April 24 & 25

There are also upcoming dates for Make Up Assessments for students who did not complete their assessment or were absent.

You can view more schedule details on TCGIS's MCA Assessment Calendar.

On the day students take their MCAs, they should bring:

- Their **fully charged** school Chromebook (7th- & 8th-graders)
- Water bottle
- Comfortable headphones (bluetooth headphones are **not permitted** for this exam)
- 1-2 sharpened pencils
- A book or drawing/coloring materials in case they finish early (note that it must be a paper book, not a Kindle or other electronic device)
- Students are allowed 1 or 2 hard candies during MCAs (Jolly Rancher or LifeSavers, for example). Students are not allowed unlimited candy or snacks during testing.

The data we glean from the MCAs is helpful in informing instructional and curricular decisions. Parents and guardians have the right to refuse participation in MCA testing by filling out this form, which can be submitted in hard copy in the office or by email to dnicholson@tcgis.org. Please submit this form at least 3 days before your child(ren)'s first assessment so we have time to process it.