Fossil Ridge Students, Parents, Guardians, and Families;

It's almost that time again – state end-of-level testing is right around the corner. Students at Fossil Ridge will be taking RISE tests in Math, Science, and Language Arts.

The RISE testing dates are as follows: Language Arts 7: April 15th - 19th Language Arts 6: April 22nd - 26th Science 6 and Science 7: April 29th - May 3rd Math 6 and Math 7: May 6th - 10th Additional "Make-Up" Days: May 13th - May 17th

You play an important part in helping students give their best performance on this important test. As you know, our teachers have been busy preparing and reinforcing the skills necessary for students to demonstrate their learning. Even though this end-of-level assessment is a snapshot of student learning— one single perspective – it is important that our students have every advantage to do their very best. Test results are not only used to determine individual student learning, but data from the test results is also used as a reflection tool for teachers, teams, and schools. Data is used to determine the overall effectiveness and impact of the curriculum, ongoing assessments, intervention strategies, and instructional practice on student learning. Our teachers and students have worked extraordinarily hard this year, and this is just one way for us to demonstrate that the students at Fossil Ridge are engaged in high levels of learning. Please encourage your child to participate in the end of level RISE testing to the best of their abilities. We don't want to cause test anxiety, rather we want our students to be as prepared as possible. There are many ways in which you can help your child put his/her best foot forward.

The following guidelines can help set our students up for success:

1. Make sure your child goes to bed on time so he or she is well-rested.

2. Be positive and confident with your child.

3. Plan ahead to avoid conflicts on the morning of the test.

4. Get up a few minutes early to avoid rushing and make sure your child arrives at school on time.

5. Have your child eat a nutritious breakfast. There is a strong correlation between eating breakfast and memory and cognitive functioning.

Thank You for your continued support of Fossil Ridge Intermediate School. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Main Office.

Sincerely, Jonathan Howell

Jonathan Howell Principal Fossil Ridge Intermediate School