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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to inform you that the Provincial Screening Assessments for literacy and numeracy will begin this week and continue until September 27th across Alberta. These assessments, selected by the Government of Alberta, are designed to help teachers identify students who may need additional support and to track learning progress throughout the school year.

For the 2024-25 school year, there will be three assessment periods: September, January, and May for students in Grades 1 through 3. Kindergarten students will be assessed only in January. This change from the previous schedule, which included assessments in September and June, aims to provide a more comprehensive view of student progress.

Literacy Assessments:

1. **PAST** (Phonological Awareness Screening Test) – Assesses students' ability to manipulate basic syllables, initial phonemes/onset rimes, and basic phonemes using spoken words.
2. **RAN** (Rapid Automatized Naming) – Evaluates students' speed and automaticity in identifying digits on presented cards.
3. **LeNS** (Letter Naming and Sound) – Measures students' ability to identify letter names and their corresponding sounds on presented cards.
4. **CC3** (Castles & Coltheart) – Involves reading words on cards, including regular words, irregular words, and non-words.

Numeracy Assessment:

- **Provincial Numeracy Assessment** – Includes tasks such as rote counting, counting sets, identifying the next number, naming numbers, comparing numbers, writing numbers, placing numbers on a number line, number facts, equations, ordering numbers, and calculations.

We appreciate your support as we conduct these assessments, which are crucial for understanding and supporting your child's educational journey. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to connect with the school.

Sincerely,

The Curriculum & Instruction Department

On behalf of Lethbridge School Division