

Dear Families, Staff, and Friends

In December, the PARCC data for the High School was released for you to review (it is still available on our website [HERE](#)). I am happy now to share the data on our Elementary and Middle School Students.

Twin Peaks has to compete with every school in the District because of our unique K-12 approach to learning.

At all levels, Twin Peaks shined in both participation and performance. (see full analysis [HERE](#))

Twin Peaks participation rate at the elementary level was 99.7%, third highest in the District. Twin Peaks elementary school repeatedly *ranked in the top 20% of elementary schools* when comparing the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations on the PARCC test.

Twin Peaks participation rate at the middle school level was 98.75%, second highest in the District. Twin Peaks middle school repeatedly ranked in the *top five middle schools in the District* when comparing the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations on the PARCC test.

You will find a summary analysis below.

Great Schools Never Rest

Based on our detailed analysis of the PARCC data, our strategy is to use the PARCC test results as a baseline to further guide our improvement. We are the only K-12 public school in St. Vrain, and have the unique ability to implement root analysis of a content area across all grade levels. We can then direct supports and focus across all levels and grades. Our unique structure allows us to raise academic excellence from start to finish of our students career.

Board Focus

The Board Focus remains on our Mission and Vision for Academic Excellence. These test scores are testament to the Academic Programs and Curriculum we offer and the integrity with which we teach.

Thank you for being a part of the Twin Peaks Community!

On Behalf of your Board,

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Summary of PARCC Data

In looking at last year's PARCC test;

Last year's 3rd graders scored in the top 20% of all schools in % met/exceeded expectations in Language Arts. In Math they did even better.

Last year's 4th graders did better than approximately half of all elementary schools in the district in terms of % met/exceeded expectations. This was below our expectations. We have made internal changes, put supports in place and are laser focused on this issue. We are pushing for the gains needed to get back to our usual high levels of excellence.

Last year's 5th graders scored in the top third of all schools in % met/exceeded expectations in both Language Arts and Mathematics.

Last year's 6th graders scored in the top third of all schools in % met/exceeded expectations in both Language Arts and Mathematics.

Last year's 7th graders scored in the top quarter of all schools in % met/exceeded expectations in both Language Arts and Mathematics.

Last year's 8th graders scored in the top quarter of all schools in % met/exceeded expectations in Language Arts and in the top third in Mathematics, which was an excellent showing in both Language Arts and Mathematics, but there is more to the story than that.

In 8th grade, we see that 95 students took the language arts test, but only 40 took the mathematics test. In 8th grade and higher, students don't take the math test for the grade they are in, instead they take the math test for the level they are in.

Almost 60% of our 8th graders are already taking high school level math classes (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II). That is a unique benefit that Twin Peaks allows; your advanced student (5th-8th) does not have to be physically driven to a different school to take an advanced class. We have established that almost 60% of our 8th graders were so advanced that they were tested at the high school level

The other 40% of our 8th graders performed better than two-thirds of the middle schools in the district. We'll say it another way. Our top 8th graders were so good, they competed at the high school level. Our on-level 8th graders were so good they placed with the best middle schools in the district. What this highlights is not a simple story, but one of the many things that makes Twin Peaks Great.

