

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last week I received awards recognizing students in grades 3, 5, and 8 who had scored in the top 10 percent of the nation on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. This test was administered in October and results were sent to the school in November. When I went through the tests I was amazed at the number of our students who had scored in the top ten percent of the nation.

Grade	Number Tested	Number of Students Scoring in top ten percent of the nation	Percent of Class
3	52	18	35%
5	63	19	30%
8	78	33	35%

The recognition awards will be handed out at our last assembly of the year. Parents of students receiving this award will be notified so they can plan on attending the assembly.

Next year we will be welcoming some new faces to our staffs at both OPA and MOPA. At OPA, Mr. Garcia will be leaving us. In his place, Mrs. Scalise and Mrs. Thayne will be teaching the incoming kindergarten students. Mrs. Scalise will teach the AM class and Mrs. Thayne will teach the PM class. They both are really excited about the upcoming opportunity!

In second grade, we will be joined by Ms. Clisante's sister from the Dominican Republic. The second grade Ms. Clisante has taught for 5 years and has also practiced law in her country. When I asked our