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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Beginning the week of October 17, all District 96 students in first through eighth grade will be participating in the Cognitive Abilities Test (CoGAT). The CoGAT appraises the level and pattern of cognitive development of students in the grades tested. The test measures the general reasoning abilities that reflect the overall efficiency of cognitive processes and strategies that enable an individual to learn new tasks or solve problems.

The CoGAT measures developed abilities which begin at birth and continue through early adulthood. The development of cognitive abilities is influenced by both in-school and out-of-school experiences. Scores can be used to adapt instruction in ways that enhance the student's success in learning.

Your child can not study for this test. Please ensure that your child is in attendance during the testing days, if he/she is not ill. It will be beneficial if your child is well rested and has eaten a nourishing breakfast.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher, principal, or me with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Mary Polk".

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