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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a part of your child's P.E. program, Henry County Schools is preparing to participate in the state mandated FITNESSGRAM physical fitness assessment. The FITNESSGRAM assessment will be administered to all students in grades 1-12, beginning in the Fall of 2011.

FITNESSGRAM is a comprehensive fitness assessment for youth. It is designed to assess cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility and body composition.

Henry County Schools considers FITNESSGRAM a quality fitness assessment for the following reasons:

1. FITNESSGRAM assessments use criterion-referenced standards. This means that a student can compare his/her scores with standards that have been identified for good health. This type of system prevents students from being compared to other students participating in the assessment.
2. FITNESSGRAM assesses the current fitness level of students and promotes individual goal setting to allow students to take ownership of their health.
3. FITNESSGRAM does not assess skill or athletic ability.

FITNESSGRAM will be used by all students that are enrolled in a P.E. class regardless of age, gender, or ability. Students are encouraged to be self-aware of their health related fitness and to take responsibility by setting personal fitness goals. When students focus on continually improving their fitness level, a positive lifelong impact can be achieved.

Please make sure that your child is appropriately dressed on fitness assessment day. This includes the proper footwear. For the safety of your child it is important, if possible, for your child to wear tennis shoes and socks.

You will receive a confidential report of your child's FITNESSGRAM assessment at the end of the school year. Henry County Schools believes that by providing you and your child this health related information, you can guide and support your child in his/her efforts to lead a healthy lifestyle. A healthy student is better prepared to learn and perform in all aspects of life.

For more information regarding the FITNESSGRAM assessment, please refer to www.FITNESSGRAM.net/faqparents. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your school's physical education teacher.

Sincerely,

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