

March 31, 2017

Important Testing Notice to Parents!

As you have been made aware through calendars, form letters, and the school website, our third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students will be administered the PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) tests starting Monday, April 3rd and running through Friday, May 5th.

These tests are mandated by the state and require that your child/children be in attendance to complete them. It is imperative you keep this in mind when making any doctor, dentist, or other type appointments for the next few weeks. It is very important that absenteeism is kept to an absolute minimum, so that the students complete the testing. It is also very important students arrive at school ON TIME during this testing period. Any tardiness will disrupt the testing schedule for your child.

REMINDER!

- During PSSA testing dates the month of April and May, some of our recess times and specials schedules have been changed. Kindergarten has been switched with third grade as to not interfere with testing.
- **REMINDER TO ALL ELEMENTARY PARENTS!** AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, DURING THE TESTING DATES, PARENTS AND GUESTS WILL **NOT** BE PERMITTED TO HAVE LUNCH IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING IN THIS MATTER.

WE ASK PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE ATTACHED PACKET THOROUGHLY FOR VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TESTS.

- *Thank you for helping us to prepare our students to give their very best effort on these tests!*

The following is the Code of Conduct for Test Takers taken from the state handbook. Parents play an important role in getting students ready for tests. Please take the time to read it and review it with your child/children.

DO...

- Get a good night's sleep.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Listen to, read, and follow all directions given.
- Ask questions if you do not understand the directions.
- Read each question carefully, especially multiple-choice items that ask for the "best answer." Also, be sure to read any open-ended items and writing prompts carefully before responding.
- Be careful when marking your answers so that you do not skip spaces or fill in the wrong sections.
- Make sure to completely fill in the bubble for the answer you select and erase completely any answers you change.
- Keep your eyes on your own test.
- Try to answer each test item.
- Check that you have completed all the test items in the test section before closing your test booklet or submitting your final responses online.
- Report any suspected cheating to your teacher or principal.

DO NOT...

- Bring notes with you to the test.
- Bring any electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, smart phones, etc.) other than an approved calculator, if applicable, to the test. ***If a student is caught with a cell phone, their test will be taken.***
- Share a calculator with others.
- Use the bubbles in the answer booklet to either eliminate possible incorrect answers or possible correct answers. ***DO mark only the bubble for the one correct answer you have chosen.***
- Talk with others about questions on the test during or after the test.
- Take notes about the test to share with others.