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is Coming!

PSSA Time Draws Near So...

## Show What You Know!

During the period of March 24 to April 29, 2014, the Brentwood Borough School District will administer the Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) as required under state regulations.

Students who approach PSSA with confidence and a sense of the importance tend to perform much better. The teachers spend a great deal of time discussing with students how their performance on standardized tests should reflect the effort they put into their school work every day.

*Please help us impress upon your child the importance of doing his/her very best on these tests. The results of the PSSA will become an important part of your child's educational profile.*

Indeed, student performance on these assessments impacts their education in a variety of important ways. Proficiency on the Keystone Exams (high school versions of the PSSA) will be required for graduation from the Brentwood Borough School District when your child reaches high school age. In the more immediate future, instructional placements are determined by the results of the PSSA. In sixth grade, students are grouped by how they perform on this test. The results of the PSSA are also used to plan supplemental instruction and place students in remedial programs, such as summer school or prep courses.

*The tests are designed to be given in a specific order. Please make every effort to have your child in school throughout the entire testing period.*

We often find that students begin with a great deal of energy and a good attitude early in the testing window. Unfortunately, they begin to run out of steam as the testing period progresses. Make sure you encourage your child to do his/her very best each and every day during the testing period.

Students will be given breakfast and/or snacks on testing days.

Assessment	Dates	Grade(s)
PSSA Reading / Math	March 24-April 1, 2014	Grades 3, 4, and 5
PSSA Writing	April 7-9, 2014	Grade 5
PSSA Science	April 28-29, 2014	Grade 4

## Breakfast and the PSSA

As you know we will be completing the PSSA tests for Reading and Math in grades 3, 4, and 5 beginning on Monday, March 24. In previous years, we provided breakfast to the students at no cost to the families. We will continue this tradition. The manner in which we serve breakfast will change slightly on testing days.

On the following days we will serve breakfast to 3rd, 4th, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in their classroom:

Monday, March 24  
Tuesday, March 25  
Wednesday March 26  
Thursday, March 27  
Monday, March 31  
Tuesday, April 1

*Please note that you will see a charge for breakfast in Skyward for each of these days. We must do this to demonstrate to the State that breakfast was served. Shortly after the testing is completed you will then notice that your child's account has been credited for each breakfast.*

Again, no 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade families will pay for breakfast on testing days. We will follow a similar procedure on PSSA Writing and Science assessments days. If you have any questions about this please call, Judy Bourne at 412-881-2227 ext 2500.

# Safety is Our First Concern

*Parking troubles are something most folks who visit Moore School around 3:00 PM know something about.*



*Narrow streets, lots of cars, and 220 students leaving the building at one time are the ingredients for a parking nightmare. By adding patience and planning to this recipe, the experience will be safer for students and more tolerable for motorists.*

- Remember, you cannot stop your vehicle between the cone and the crossing guard to pick up students after school. Please find a parking space on Dalewood or Elton.
- Children are required to use the crosswalk where the crossing guard is stationed if crossing the street is necessary. Students are not permitted to “jay walk” across Dalewood or Elton.
- Children visit the playground area both during the school day and after dismissal. For your child’s safety, we cannot permit vehicles access to the playground.
- Parking in the teachers’ lot before or after school is not permitted for the same reason. You place the safety of your child and others at risk by using the parking lot as a pick-up area. For some special occasions, such as the Holiday Program, Open House, and the Nov. 12 Parent-Teacher Conference Day, the playground will be available for parking. We will announce these occasions well in advance.
- Have a meeting place arranged with your child ahead of time. In the event you cannot be at that prearranged spot, have a back-up plan ready. Circle the block until a space to park is available. Make sure your child knows what to do and where to go if your original plan for dismissal goes awry.
- If your child is picked up at school or waits for an older sibling on a routine basis, please make sure the child knows to wait at school if his way home does not arrive on time.

*Please remember that these procedures are in place to help us protect your child from injury.*

# Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration for the 2014-2015 school year will be held April 7-11, 2014. Registration packets may be completed from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM during the registration period.

A child must be five years of age on or before September 1, 2014 to be eligible for Kindergarten enrollment during the 2014-15 school year.

Details about Kindergarten registration may be found on the Moore School page of the District web site:

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# Calendar

March 24-April 3	PSSA Reading and Math Tests: Gr. 3-5
March 28	K-5 Walks to HS for a preview of Wizard of Oz (Weather Permitting)
March 28	Early Dismissal: 11:10 AM
April 2	PTA Meeting: 2:00 PM
April 4	Term 3 Report Cards Issued
April 7-9	PSSA Writing Test: Grade 5
April 7-11	Kindergarten Registration
April 8-10	In View Testing: Grade 2 and 4
April 16	Early Dismissal: 11:10 AM
April 17-21	Spring Break
April 28-30	PSSA Science Test: Grade 4
May 5	Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal
May 6	Elementary Spring Music Concert: 7:00 PM, HS Aud.
May 7	PTA Meeting: 2:00 PM
May 9	No School
May 12-16	DIBELS and Study Island Benchmarks
May 16	Moore Science Olympiad
May 19	PTA Book Giveaway
May 20	Election Day: No School
May 26	Memorial Day: No School
June 6	Early Dismissal: 11:10 AM
June 9	Early Dismissal: 11:10 AM Last Day of School