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2021 PSSA Testing

April 14, 2021

Dear Families of Third, Fourth, and Fifth Graders:

Each spring, school districts across Pennsylvania are required to administer the PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) to our students in the areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. Our school along with the other public schools in our state will be taking the assessment. The PSSAs rely on the measurement of individual achievement. Our students start preparing on day one of school by learning the PA core standards through daily instruction by our highly qualified educators. I am confident that we are prepared at BAEC for this challenge. Our students and teachers have worked diligently and are ready to put forth their best effort. We also know that parents/guardians want their community school to be successful; more importantly, every family wishes for their own children to thrive, do well, and achieve.

As parents/guardians, you play a major role in improving your children's PSSA results. Please make every attempt to encourage your child to try his/her best on the PSSA. We ask you to make certain that your children get plenty of rest and come to school prepared for learning. **Attendance is certainly a key component. Please have your child at BAEC on time by 9:00 am as the assessment process will begin at 9:01 am to ensure that our students have ample time to work through the morning hours. Remote families, please have your child arrive at school by 8:30 am if you are driving your child to school.** We ask for your cooperation in scheduling appointments for your children in the afternoon hours since we will be testing each morning. Students do best when they work within their own group. A make-up test session cannot simulate the same testing environment. Please make every effort to have your child here, on time, every day. BAEC will be providing a FREE breakfast to all students. With your help, support, and positive encouragement our students will do well. Please review the PSSA FAQ Sheet sent with this letter, the Code of Conduct for test-takers, the Cell Phone Policy during testing, and the Parent Review Letter sent to you from Mrs. Figlioli. Attached there is also a specific letter for the parents/guardians of our remote learners.

Please note, as mandated by the Department of Education, students are not permitted during testing to have cell phones or any type of electronic device including Smartwatches that take pictures and record. Please keep all student electronics including cell phones/Smartwatches at home during the PSSA assessment days. Thank you.

At BAEC, we will test English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science on the following dates:

English Language Arts PSSA: Grades 3 – 5

Tuesday, April 27, 2021: Section I: AM

Wednesday, April 28, 2021: Section II: AM

Thursday, April 29, 2021: Section III: AM

***ELA Make-Ups begin: Friday, April 30, 2021

Mathematics PSSA: Grades 3 - 5

Monday, May 3, 2021: Section I: AM

Tuesday, May 4, 2021: Section II: AM

***Mathematics Make-Ups begin: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 - Friday, May 7, 2021

Science PSSA: Grade 4

Wednesday, May 5, 2021: Section I: AM

Thursday, May 6, 2021: Section II: AM

***Science Make-Ups begin: Friday, May 7, 2021

Final PSSA Make-Up Testing Window for all Subjects: May 10, 2021 - May 14, 2021

Sincerely,

Melissa M. Mankey

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