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Dear I.S. Families,

This letter is to inform you that all Mifflinburg Intermediate School students will soon take the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) tests. These assessments will be administered during the morning of the following days:

English Lang. Arts	April 21, 22, and 23	Grades 3, 4, & 5
Math	April 28 and 29	Grades 3, 4, & 5
Science	April 30 and May 1	Grade 5

This year the PSSAs will be taken digitally on the students' Chromebooks through the State's PSSA testing platform DRC. This is the same platform the students use when taking the CDTs.

To ensure student success and accuracy on the assessments, we ask for your help with the following:

- Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep on the nights before testing.
- Provide a nutritious breakfast for your child. Breakfast is served in our café daily free of charge. An additional juice and snack will be available to all students in homeroom prior to the start of testing.
- Be sure your child arrives at school on time. Children who arrive to school late (after 9:00 a.m.), will not be permitted to join the testing in progress. They will be cared for in the library until the test is over and will have to make up the missed session later.
- Be mindful of your child's stress levels and reassure her/him that she/he can do this. The tests are not timed. We want students to feel confident that they are test-ready as they have worked hard and learned much this year.
- Make-up sessions may occur during the afternoon. So, if your child needs to leave early for an appointment, please notify us before the start of the school day. If a child begins a test session, and leaves, she/he may not finish it later. Also, please try to schedule appointments for your child on non-testing days.
- It is permissible for parents to preview test material. If you wish to do so, please contact the school before March 31, 2026.

Please review the attached documents from the PA Department of Education:

- Parent letter about electronic devices
- PSSA FAQs

Contact us at 570-966-8270 if you have any questions or concerns about the assessment process. Thank you for making Mifflinburg Intermediate School a great place to learn.

Sincerely,

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