



BLAIRSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

106 School Lane, Blairsville, PA 15717

Mr. Richard Munsell, Principal



Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the months of April & May, all students in grades 3 through 5 are required to take the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). The results of these assessments provide valuable data used for program planning and drive instruction to bridge gaps in student achievement.

Students in grades 3-5 will take the English Language Arts and Math PSSAs. In addition, 5th grade students will take the Science PSSA as well. Each PSSA subject area is made up of multiple-choice, selected response, and constructed response questions written to align with Pennsylvania's Academic Standards. These standards serve as benchmarks for what students should be able to understand at varying grade levels.

Blairsville Elementary School students will be participating in the state assessments as outlined below:

PSSA Test	Test Dates	Grade Levels
English Language Arts	April 21, 22, 23	3, 4, 5
Math	April 27, 28	3, 4, 5
Science	April 29, 30	5

In addition to this letter, important information pertaining to electronic devices, a FAQ sheet for parents/guardians, Calculator Policy, and a Code of Conduct for Test Takers is available to review from our school's webpage. Please review this information with your child prior to the testing window.

Finally, please refrain from scheduling any appointments during our testing window. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. We are committed to supporting our BES students and their families in every way we can. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Schillow or myself with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Richard Munsell

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Principal, Blairsville Elementary School

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