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Dear Parents/Guardians of Fifth and Sixth Grade Students,

The state of Pennsylvania is assessing students in all public schools utilizing the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). This assessment measures student understanding in the areas of English Language Arts including Writing, Math and Science based on the Pennsylvania Core Standards. These assessments will be given online to students in Grades 3-8 beginning Tuesday, April 21. Our fifth-grade classes will be assessed in Science.

The PSSA English Language Arts, Math and Science testing will begin promptly at **8:40 AM** each day and conclude at approximately **11:00 AM**.

ELA – 5th and 6th grade – Tuesday, April 21, Wednesday, April 22, & Thursday, April 23, 2026

Math – 5th and 6th grade – Tuesday, April 28 & Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Science-5th grade only – Tuesday, May 5 & Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Participation rate is a determining factor for the school's accountability and lack of participation has a negative impact for the school, district, federal and state accountability measures. The PSSA's provide information to teachers and families on the child's areas of strength and areas of need which is why we encourage students to participate in taking these assessments. If the assessment conflicts with the Parent/Guardian's religious beliefs, Parents/Guardians may opt their child out of the assessment. This is the only reason being accepted as per the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Parents and Guardians are required to review the assessments before opting out. Please contact the Hopewell main office to make an appointment to review the assessments with the administration. Confidentiality agreements must be signed prior to the review.

Attached to this letter for your review is PSSA Information for Parents or Guardians – Frequently Asked Questions and the Pennsylvania Department of Education- PSSA Electronic Device information.

As always, we thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,


Dr. Nicole Addis
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