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Dear Parents and Guardians of Students in Grades 3-5:

The Pennsylvania State System of Assessments (**PSSA**) for ELA (English and Language Arts) and Math is fast approaching. **Third, fourth, and fifth grade** students will **begin ELA PSSA testing on Tuesday, April 10 and will continue through Thursday, April 12, 2018. The Math test days will be Tuesday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 18, 2018.** The fourth grade students will be taking the **Science PSSA on Tuesday, April 24th and Wednesday, 25th.** Make up testing will take place April 13, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30, May 1, 2, 3, 2018.

We ask that students arrive on time, get plenty of sleep, and eat a good breakfast. Once the testing session has started, students will not be permitted to enter the classroom. Students will have to make-up any test missed. Also, we ask that you do not make any appointments for your child during the morning hours.

As always, we appreciate your support. On the reverse of this letter are reminders about how you can support your child's best performance on the PSSA.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Masgai, Ed.D.
Principal

Michelle Scharf
School Counselor

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How can parents and guardians help their children prepare for the assessment?

- Encourage your child to get plenty of sleep the night before the assessment. "Cramming" won't help.
- Encourage your child to eat a good breakfast on the morning of the assessment.
- Inform your child that the assessment is an opportunity to show what he or she knows about a subject and that the result will be used to help the teacher plan appropriate instruction.
- Reassure your child about this assessment experience. Students who are calm do better on the assessment, as do those who tackle questions one at a time rather than thinking about the whole assessment at once.
- Urge your child to listen carefully to the directions for the assessment and follow them exactly. If the directions are not clear, encourage your child to ask the teacher to repeat them or to explain them more fully.
- Encourage your child to do his or her best. If a few questions seem hard, advise your child to carefully read ALL of the answer choices. Eliminating some of the choices as wrong answers increases chances of selecting the correct answer.



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Dear Parents/Guardians of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Afton students,

Student council will be providing soft pretzels for all students PSSA testing on April 11th.

The PTO will be providing snacks/treats on the following testing days:

- 4/10-pencil, gum and (soft pretzel)
- 4/11-lifesavers
- 4/12-starburst
- 4/17-smarties
- 4/18-goldfish

This information is being provided to you so that you have the opportunity to provide an alternate treat for your child if he/she is allergic to any of the treats being provided.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle R. Scharf".

Michelle Scharf
Afton Guidance

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