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Fallsington Families of Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Students:

Students in grades three, four, and five will be taking the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Students who are enrolled in grade four will also be taking the PSSA in Science.

The ELA Assessment will be administered at Fallsington on Monday, April 22nd, Wednesday, April 24th, and Friday, April 26th. All students in grades three, four, and five will be taking the ELA assessment.

The Mathematics Assessment will be administered at Fallsington on Monday, April 29th, and Tuesday, April 30th. All students in grades three, four, and five will be taking the Math assessment.

The Science Assessment will be administered on Thursday, May 2nd, and Friday, May 3rd. The Science assessment will be administered to students in grade four only.

Although make-up sessions will be offered, our testing window is limited. Your support with encouraging attendance on the above dates is greatly appreciated.

The PSSA ELA is a combination of multiple-choice, selected-response, and constructed-response items, which include short answer questions at all levels as well as text dependent analysis questions at levels four and five. The PSSA Math and Science are a combination of multiple-choice and open-ended questions. The PSSA is an untimed assessment. Each testing session varies in length. The PSSA is designed to measure student proficiency in the identified content areas.

Please assist us with preparing your child(ren) for the assessment by reinforcing the importance of this assessment and by encouraging your child(ren) to do their best. Please also remind your child(ren) to follow test directions and to ask questions to clarify any misunderstanding. As always, a restful night and a healthy breakfast will help our students to perform at their highest potential. Please <u>click here</u> to review the parent/guardian information from the Pennsylvania DePartment of Education. <u>Click here</u> for helpful tips on how you can help your child(ren) be prepared on the assessment days.

Student performance data will be shared with families upon receipt. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Sincerely, Vinny DePaola Principal

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Recognizing our proud traditions and diverse community, the Pennsbury School District prepares all students to become creative, ethical, and critical thinkers for lifelong success in a global society.