

# MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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April 8, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am writing this letter to inform you that your child will be taking the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth grades will be taking the **PSSA English/Language Arts Assessments** beginning on **May 4, 5, & 6**. The **Math Assessment** will be administered from **May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**. Fourth grade will take the **Science Assessment** on **May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**. The assessments will begin each day promptly at 8:15 a.m. and be finished at approximately 11:30 a.m. **It is extremely important that your child be in school on these days. Please do not schedule appointments during these times. Requests for educational journeys will not be approved.** Each student in these grades across the state of Pennsylvania will be participating in these assessments.

The annual Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) is a standards-based, criterion-referenced assessment used to measure a student's attainment of the academic standards while also determining the degree to which school programs enable students to attain proficiency of the standards. Every Pennsylvania student in grades 3 through 8 is assessed in English/Language Arts and Math. Every Pennsylvania student in grades 4 and 8 is assessed in Science.

Individual student scores, provided only to their respective schools, can be used to assist teachers in identifying students who may be in need of additional educational opportunities, and school scores provide information to schools and districts for curriculum and instruction improvement discussions and planning.

In compliance with §4.51(b)(4) of the PA School Code the State Board of Education approved, "specific criteria for advanced, proficient, basic and below basic levels of performance." Provisions for opting out of testing are addressed on the attached FAQ sheet.

Our students and teachers have been working very hard to prepare for these exams and we hope that you speak to your child about doing his or her best. Studies show that students who get proper rest and eat a nutritious breakfast tend to perform better on assessments such as these. We greatly appreciate your continued support as our school strives for excellence.

Enclosed, please find some information for parents or guardians and a letter discussing test security. Please read the enclosed information and discuss it with your student(s). Also, note that your child should be reminded that cell phones are not authorized to be brought into the testing site. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the Elementary office at 458-5538 option 1. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward T. Sanders, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

Edward T. Sanders, Jr.  
Principal  
Millville Elementary School