



# Twin Valley School District

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*"A Learning  
Community"*

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Dear Parents,

Once again it is time for the administration of the PSSA. The PSSA, or the Pennsylvania System of Standardized Assessment, is given to all public school students in grades 3 through 8. Students in grades 3rd and 4th will be assessed in the areas of math and reading. Students in grade 4 will also be assessed in science.

**The testing window for reading this year will be from April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, math April 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, and science for 4<sup>th</sup> grade May 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.** If your child is absent during any testing session he/she will make it up upon return or during the make-up week of May 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. Tests are usually given in the morning and a modified special schedule of art, music and physical education is used so test time is not interrupted. Breaks will be taken between individual tests. Below are a few test taking tips to review with your child:

### General Test Taking Tips to Remember

1. Check corrections between test and answer sheets.
2. Fill in all answers.
3. Follow directions carefully.
4. Review answers/check your work.
5. Take your time.
6. Read and follow all directions thoroughly.
7. Rule out the choices that don't make sense.
8. **Get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast.**

Attendance is extremely important during the test weeks. Studies show that students who make up tests usually do not do as well. Please refrain from taking trips or scheduling appointments for your child when school is in session during the testing periods. If after reviewing this, you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or our school office. Thank you in advance for your support as we prepare our students for the PSSA tests!

Sincerely,

Principal