



BUCKINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of Students in Grades 3-6,

For more than twenty years, Pennsylvania has tested the academic abilities of students using the Pennsylvania System of Student Assessment (PSSA). All students are included in this testing, with exclusions for only a very few students in special programs. This assessment provides schools with valuable information about student achievement and program quality.

The following chart outlines the testing window and Groveland’s test dates. Please keep the chart as a reference for all of 2016 PSSA assessments and *make every effort for your child to be at school on those dates*. Testing will take place during the mornings.

PSSA TEST	Grade(s)	PA Testing Window	Buckingham’s Test Dates
ELA (Reading & Language Arts)	3, 4, 5, 6	April 11-15	April 11-14
Mathematics	3, 4, 5, 6	April 18-22	April 18-20
Science	4	April 25-April 28	April 25 & 26

Further information about the PSSA testing process, including [Frequently Asked Questions: Information for Parents and Guardians](#) can be found on the Central Bucks School District website Curriculum Assessment Page →

The annual assessment is an opportunity for your Grade 3-6 child to showcase his/her educational achievements and is an important assessment tool for our school. Parents can help by encouraging students to take these tests seriously and to do their best work. In addition, you can support your child’s achievement by granting a proper amount of sleep and a nutritional breakfast each day.

Should you have any questions about the testing, do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Sincerely,

Karl Funseth
Principal

Please Note: CELL PHONE POLICY -Students are not permitted to have a cell phone or other electronic device (like “connected” watches) in their possession during the assessment. The consequence for using and/or having a cell phone or other electronic device during the test administration may result in the application of a "Do Not Score" label on his/her test booklet, and the student will not receive a score (per Department of PA Requirements). In addition, the phone or electronic device will be confiscated until such a time the parent or guardian can come to the school, and in the presence of the parent or guardian, the cell phone or other electronic device will be viewed to ensure that no information or material regarding the assessment is present.

