



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

*Manoa Elementary School
201 South Manoa Road
Havertown, PA 19083*

February 10, 2012

Dear Parents:

Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be taking the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) beginning on Wednesday, March 14, 2012. The information obtained from these mandatory assessments will help plan future school programs, developing curriculum, plan in-service trainings, and inform the public about our performance.

Attendance and punctuality are crucial as testing must be completed by every student. Testing will begin at 9:00 AM each morning. If possible, please do not schedule appointments during testing dates. If you must schedule an appointment, then doing so for after 1:00 PM would help us tremendously. Our testing dates are:

5th Grade PSSA **March 14th through March 24th** **Reading and Math**
Six assessments, ranging in length from 65 to 100 minutes, are scheduled for six separate days.
April 16th through April 19th **Writing**
Four assessments, ranging in length from 60 to 85 minutes, are scheduled for four separate days.

4th Grade PSSA **March 14th through March 24th** **Reading and Math**
Six assessments, ranging in length from 65 to 105 minutes, are scheduled for six separate days.
April 25th and April 26th **Science**
Two assessments, ranging in length from 60 to 75 minutes, are scheduled for two separate days.

3rd Grade PSSA **March 14th through March 24th** **Reading and Math**
Six assessments, ranging in length from 60 to 100 minutes, are scheduled for six separate days.

Parents may help their children prepare for the assessment by encouraging them to get plenty of sleep the night before and providing them with a healthy breakfast the morning of an assessment. Also, parents can reassure children that the assessment gives them an opportunity to demonstrate their learning.

More information about the PSSA will be coming home soon. If you have any questions regarding the assessment or its administration of the PSSA, then please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Horan