

Kane Area Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The state mandated assessments (PSSAs) will be administered at Kane Elementary using the following schedule:

- April 21, 22, and 23 – ELA PSSA sections 1-3 for grades 3, 4, and 5
- April 28 and April 29 – Math PSSA sections 1-2 for grades 3, 4, and 5
- April 30 – Science PSSA sections 1-2 for grade 5 only

Please take time to review the documents in this mailing in order to support our efforts to have test days run smoothly and efficiently. Enclosed is a Code of Conduct for Test Takers, Information for Parents or Guardians, a memo regarding electronic devices during state testing, and the Pennsylvania Calculator Policy. If your child has a cell phone or other electronic device, including watches that can be used to make calls, send messages, and/or take pictures, please have him/her leave the device at home during the testing windows. The PA Dept. of Education has strict guidelines that the District must follow, and these devices are forbidden in the testing areas.

There are several other ways you can help your child be test ready:

- Make an effort to ensure that your child attends school during the testing schedule. Try not to plan any appointments on test dates. Make-up sessions can be scheduled, but students will miss ongoing classroom instruction while make-up testing.
- A good night of sleep prior to testing can increase your child's ability to focus and maintain attention.
- Eating breakfast the morning of a test will also help improve focus and attention.
- Wearing comfortable clothes can minimize distractions during testing. Planning wardrobe selections the night before can help reduce confusion the morning of the test.
- A morning check will ensure that your child has the things needed to be prepared. Pencils, calculators, and paper will be provided, but be sure your child has his or her glasses, hearing aids, etc.
- Making sure that your child is on time for school will help him or her to maintain a calm state of mind.
- Model a positive attitude and enthusiasm for the testing process. Remind your child that these tests are part of the normal school routine and are only used to show us what they have learned.

If you have unanswered questions regarding the PSSA exams after reviewing the enclosed materials, please feel free to contact me. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this process.

Sincerely,

Shannon Olson, Principal of Kane Area Elementary School