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2022 PSSA Testing

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Dear Families of Third, Fourth, and Fifth Graders:

Each spring, school districts across Pennsylvania are required to administer the PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) to our students in the areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. Our school along with the other public schools in our State will be judged on how well students perform on the test. The PSSAs rely on the measurement of individual achievement. Our students start preparing on day one of school by learning the PA core standards through daily instruction by our highly qualified educators. I am confident that we are prepared at BAEC for this challenge. Our students and teachers have worked diligently and are ready to put forth their best effort. We also know that parents/guardians want their community school to be successful; more importantly, every family wishes for their own children to thrive, do well, and achieve.

As parents/guardians, you play a major role in improving your children's PSSA results. Please make every attempt to encourage your child to try his/her best on the PSSA. We ask you to make certain that your children get plenty of rest and come to school prepared for learning. **Attendance is certainly a key component. Please have your child at BAEC on time by 9:00 am as the assessment process will begin at 9:01 am to ensure that our students have ample time to work through the morning hours.** We ask for your cooperation in scheduling appointments for your children in the afternoon hours since we will be testing each morning. Students do best when they work within their own group. A make-up test session cannot simulate the same testing environment. Please make every effort to have your child here, on time, every day. With your help, support, and positive encouragement our students will do well. Please review all of the attached PSSA information that was sent with this letter. Thank you.

Also, as mandated by the Department of Education, students are not permitted to have cell phones or any type of electronic device including smartwatches that take pictures and record during testing. Please keep all student electronics including cell phones/recording watches at home during the PSSA assessment days. Thank you.

At BAEC, we will test English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science on the following dates:

PSSA Pep Assembly: Blue & White Spirit Day

Friday, April 22, 2022: Grades 3, 4, and 5 at 2:30 pm.

English Language Arts PSSA: Grades 3 – 5

Monday, April 25, 2022: Section I

Tuesday, April 26, 2022: Section II

Wednesday, April 27, 2022: Section III

***ELA Make-Ups: Starting April 28th and April 29th

Mathematics PSSA: Grades 3 - 5

Monday, May 2, 2022: Section I

Tuesday, May 3, 2022: Section II

***Mathematics Make-Ups: May 4th and May 5th

Science PSSA: Grade 4 Only

Wednesday, May 4, 2022: Section I

Thursday, May 5, 2022: Section II

***Science Make-Ups: May 6th

Final PSSA Make-Up Testing Window for all Subjects: May 9th - May 13th