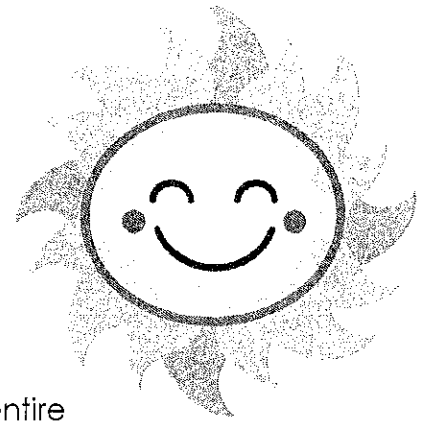


# English Language Arts PSSA's Begin Monday!



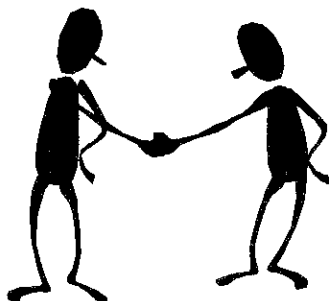
I am writing to remind you that English Language Arts PSSA's will begin on *Monday, April 9* for students in Grades 3, 4, and 5. The entire schedule is listed on the back. PSSA's represent an important opportunity to demonstrate that students are learning and that our school community is meeting yearly progress goals.

With regard to these tests and in the hopes of sharing their very best, please remind your child to:

- *Get plenty of rest!* We don't think well when we're tired. ☺
- Eat a strong, healthy breakfast. Energy is good for our brains.
- Bring a snack. A little something healthy during a break goes a long way to rejuvenate and ensure a new beginning.
- Be prepared. Two No. 2 pencils with good erasers would be helpful.

Lastly, I ask that you consider discussing with your child the value of perseverance. Defined on our Character Counts pillar, someone who perseveres "*Gets things done and does them well. This is someone who has goals and stays focused. Persevering means never giving up, no matter how hard it gets.*" With regard to testing, we describe perseverance as taking one's time, being thorough, reading completely, and exercising strong, deliberate thinking. Critical to success is checking one's answers for completeness and accuracy. These tests are relatively untimed and, therefore, students should feel as if they can take the time needed to do well. Thank you in advance for your efforts as we help our students do their very best.

Parents, students, and teachers work so hard to promote learning. Now is our opportunity to show our greatest potential and exceed expectations. Thanks for your perpetual support as we work together to achieve our goals.



kindest regards,

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Principal, Salford Hills

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## 2017 PSSA Assessment Schedule



### **Grades 3, 4, 5, English Language Arts**

Monday	April 9
Tuesday	April 10
Wednesday	April 11

### **Grade 3, 4, 5, Math**

Tuesday	April 17
Wednesday	April 18

### **Grade 4, Science**

Monday	April 23
Tuesday	April 24

**\* Make-ups for ELA, Math, and Science on non-testing days through May 4**