

Middle School Guidance



P.S.S.A./Keystone Exam Info.

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Last month we saw Punxsutawney Phil predict an early spring. As our thoughts turn to more pleasant weather, students and staff at B.B.M.S. are starting to sense that the P.S.S.A. and Keystone Exams are right around the immediate corner. Yes, the weather is becoming more enjoyable, and we are busy preparing for the annual state assessments. The Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (P.S.S.A.) will be administered in April. Students in grades three through eight will be given the English Language Arts (E.L.A.) P.S.S.A. on the following dates (April 11 through April 14) with April 15 reserved as the a make-up day. The following week, students in grades three through eight will again be tested on the Mathematics P.S.S.A. Testing will take place on April

18 through April 20 with April 21 through April 22 reserved as make-up days. Finally, students in grades four and eight will be administered the Science P.S.S.A. the last week in April. Testing is scheduled for April 25 and April 26 with April 27, April 28 and April 29 reserved as make-up days. As the month of May rolls around, eighth graders who are enrolled in the Algebra 1 class will be required to take the Keystone Exam for Algebra 1. The dates that will be used for testing are May 16 and May 17 with May 18, May 19 and May 20 reserved for make-ups. Students are required to take these assessments and it is imperative that they are in attendance on the days of testing. Students that miss the regularly scheduled days of testing will be missing

regular classroom instruction as well as making up any missed material while performing assessment make-ups.

Quote of the month

“1 year
12 months
365 days
8,760 hours
525,600 minutes
31,536,000 seconds
How much time are you willing to sacrifice to achieve success?”



March Madness

Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher-lesson plans by logging into PowerSchool parent portal.
- ✓ - Excuses are due the day students return to school. A grace period of three days is allowed before becoming illegal.
- ✓ - Bullying information can be found at:
www.bbsd.com/Page/16088

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Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

March 4, 2016 - ACT 80 Day! No School!

March 23, 2016 - Early Dismissal at 1:00.

March 25, 2016 - Good Friday.

March 27, 2016 - Happy Easter.

March 31, 2016 - End of the third nine week grading period.

April 11, 2016 through April 15, 2016 - (E.L.A.) English Language Arts P.S.S.A. (grades 3 through 8).

April 18, 2016 through April 22, 2016 - Mathematics P.S.S.A. (grades 3 through 8).

April 25, 2016 through April 29, 2016 - Science P.S.S.A. (grades 4 and 8 only)

May 2, 2016 - Middle of the fourth nine-week.

May 8, 2016 - Happy Mother's Day. I love you mom!

May 16, 2016 through May 20, 2016 - Algebra 1 Keystone Exams (grade 8 Algebra 1



Go 'Heels!