

Middle School Guidance



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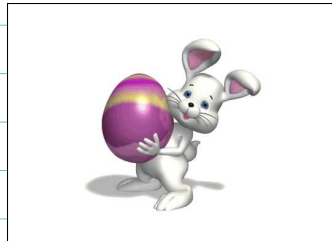
P.S.S.A. Testing Rationale - The P.S.S.A. testing dates have been changed for the 2009 - 2010 school year. Past testing practice with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (P.D.E.) has been that the testing sequence has been spread out over the months of February, March and April. Through feedback from school districts across the commonwealth, P.D.E. moved the testing schedule back to accommodate school districts with more preparation time for the test. Hence, the testing schedule has been grouped for three weeks in the month of April. As a result of this testing change, our school district has worked hard to develop a testing schedule that accommodates the sharing of teachers between buildings and allowing the educational process to continue with the least amount of interruptions to all students' curriculum. By

adopting this schedule, students that are testing will not lose three weeks of classroom instruction, rather the schedule will ensure both AM and PM core classes will continue without educational interruptions. We decided upon running a "double period" schedule for the three weeks of testing. On the following days, students will have double classes of periods #1 and #3: April 12, April 14, April 16, April 20, April 23, April 26 and April 29. On the remaining days, students will have double classes of periods #2 and #4: April 13, April 15, April 19, April 21, April 22, April 27, April 28 and April 30. Students will then operate on a normal schedule after lunch (periods #5, #6, #7 and #8). Keys to success on the test would include the following guidelines: Do you very best! These tests are very

important and they do count toward school performance. Get a good night's sleep the night before each section. Eat a well balanced breakfast each morning of the test. Take your time, the tests are not timed. Review your answer(s). Your response(s) should respond to the question(s). Make sure all sections are completed before turning in answer booklet.

Quote of the month

"Those who participate can only enjoy the fear of losing and those who conquer their fear are the real winners."



Happy Easter

Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher lesson plans by logging into the Logic House 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: <http://www.bbsd.com/bullying>

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Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

April 1, 2010 - April Fools Day.

April 2, 2010 - Good Friday.

April 4, 2010 - Happy Easter!

April 12 through April 16, 2010 - P.S.S.A. Mathematics and Reading Assessments (Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11)

April 19 through April 23, 2010

- P.S.S.A. Writing Assessment (Grades 5, 8 and 11)

April 26, 2010 through April 30, 2010 - P.S.S.A. Science Assessment (Grades 4, 8 and 11)

May 11, 2010 - Eighth Grade Career Fair at Seven Springs.

May 17 through May 20, 2010 - 4Sight Assessments (Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8)

May 21, 2010 - Prom.

May 27, 2010 - Middle School

