

# Middle School Guidance



April 2005

## P.S.S.A. Testing Information

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With the arrival of Spring just around the corner, school districts across the commonwealth are gearing up for the annual state assessment.

The (P.S.S.A.) Pennsylvania System of School Assessment has been scheduled to be administered to the students in the Berlin Brothersvalley Middle School between the dates of **April 4, 2005 through April 15, 2005**.

The testing format has a new look to it for the 2004 - 2005 school year. In past years, grades five and eight were the only grade levels that were required to take the assessment which focused on the content areas of Mathematics and Reading. New to this year's P.S.S.A. testing format, is the addition of grades six and seven. Students in these grades will be taking either the Mathematics or Reading assessment. Districts across the

state were notified in January of the current year which assessment students would be taking in grades six and seven. Berlin Brothersvalley Middle School students (grades six and seven) will be taking the Mathematics field test. This test will be administered to sixth and seventh grade on **April 6, 2005**.

**Testing Tips for Students**  
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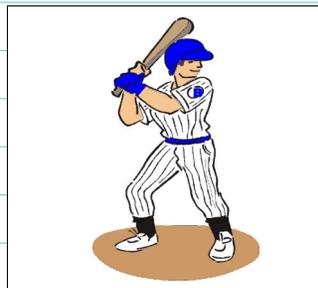
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The results of the P.S.S.A. provide information about the quality of our curriculum to parents, educators and general public.

### Quote of the month

"Efficiency is doing things right. Effectiveness is doing the right things. Success is doing the right things right, right now."

(Nisandeh Neta)



**Good Luck Berlin Mountaineers!**

### Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher lesson plans by logging in to 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, 2005** - Fifth six week grading period mid-term.

**April 3, 2005** - Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour before going to bed.

**April 4 through April 7, 2005** - P.S.S.A. testing for grades 5 and 8 in Mathematics and

Reading.

**April 6, 2005** - P.S.S.A. field test (Mathematics) for grade 6 students.

**April 6, 2005** - P.S.S.A. field test (Mathematics) for grade 7 students.

**April 6, 2005** - Eighth grade Career Fair at Seven Springs Mountain Resort.

**April 11 through April 14, 2005** - P.S.S.A. testing make-ups for grades 5, 6, 7, and 8.

**April 22, 2005** - End of the fifth sixth week grading period.