



Carlynton School District

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Dear Carnegie Families,

During the months of April and May, the Carlynton School District will be administering the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). Students in grades 3 through 6 will be taking the PSSA which assesses both English/ Language Arts (ELA) and math ability. Students in grade 4 will also be assessed in the area of science following the ELA and math assessments. Please remember that all students are required to participate in the PSSA assessments. The only allowable exclusion per Chapter 4 of the Pa. Code is for religious reasons. If you have any questions regarding participation in PSSA testing please contact Dr. Edward Mantich, Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator phone: 412.429.2500 ext. 1130 or email: edward.mantich@carlynton.k12.pa.us

The PSSA ELA test will be administered on **Monday, April 25- Tuesday, April 26- Wednesday April 27, 2022. Math is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 2 and Tuesday, May 3, 2023**, with make ups occurring the following weeks if needed. Students will take one test each morning beginning around 8:45. **Grade 4 will complete the Science assessment on Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6, 2022.** It is absolutely imperative that students attend all testing sessions throughout their testing windows. Please make every effort to have your child arrive at school on time. School begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Please be reminded that all students in grade K-2 and all students not participating in the PSSA testing will be following the 3 ½ Delayed Start Schedule. A letter outlining this schedule was mailed home to all families on March 16, 2022. A copy of the letter dated March 16, 2022 is located on the back of this correspondence for reference.

The students and teachers at Carnegie Elementary have been thoroughly preparing for this assessment all year long. In addition to the district curriculum, students have been participating in various preparatory classes, learning test taking strategies, and solving sample items. You can also help prepare for the assessment by doing some simple things at home:

- Make sure your child is in school and on time all week.
- Please be sure that your children get a good night's sleep, at least 8 hours.
- Eat a healthy breakfast each morning.
- Encourage them to take this assessment seriously and make their best attempt.
- Please review all attached policies, especially the cell-phone and test takers' conduct policies.

I would like to thank you for your support and encouragement on this assessment. Your child has been working extremely hard all year and now has the opportunity to demonstrate his/her knowledge. We are confident that all students will be successful on these assessments.

Sincerely,

Lauren D. Baughman
Principal
Carnegie Elementary School