

# DANIEL J. FLOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"Catch the Flood Fever"

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TO: Parents/Guardians of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
FROM: Mr. Khalife  
DATE: March 27, 2025  
RE: PSSA Testing Reminder

The students at Daniel J. Flood Elementary School will be participating in the Pennsylvania State Assessment. The test window for this assessment for grades 3, 4, and 5 in ELA will be Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. The test window for this assessment for grades 3, 4, and 5 in MATH will be Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The test window for the assessment for grade 5 in SCIENCE will be Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. 5th grade students will need their chromebooks fully charged for both days of the SCIENCE test.

The first Pennsylvania State Assessment will assess student knowledge in ELA in grades 3-5. There will be 3 sections in this PSSA. The second Pennsylvania State Assessment will assess student knowledge in Math in grades 3-5. There will be 2 sections in this PSSA. There will be a total of 5 testing days in grades 3-5. Students will only take one section per day until all 5 parts are completed. Each part takes approximately 90 minutes to complete. The rest of the day will be spent following our regular schedule.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Assessment will address 4 major categories: The Nature of Science, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Earth and Space Sciences. There will be 2 sections on the Science Assessment containing both multiple choice and open ended items.

Parents/Guardians are urged to stress the importance of these tests to their children. All students are required to participate and encouraged to do their best. Please make sure your child receives plenty of sleep during the testing window. In addition to this, we encourage all students to receive a healthy breakfast to start their day off properly.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to avoid any vacation time during the above listed testing window. Our school is seeking 100% participation from all students.

Attached to this letter are various pages of information about the test. If you have any questions or concerns about the PSSA, please contact Mr. Khalife at the school.

We would like to thank you, in advance, for your assistance in helping your children do their best on the PSSA!

Mr. Khalife  
Principal