



## SOUTHERN FULTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:

It is that time of year when school districts across Pennsylvania begin giving the PSSA exams in compliance with the regulations set forth by the Department of Education. The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Southern Fulton Elementary School will be tested this year in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Southern Fulton Elementary School will be tested this year in the areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.

Your student will be taking the English Language Arts PSSAs beginning on Tuesday, April 23. The testing will begin at 8:30 a.m. and students will be required to complete only one section per day. There are three total sections; therefore, we will be testing every morning beginning with Tuesday, April 23 and finishing the testing on Thursday, April 25.

The PSSA Mathematics Exam will be conducted in two days as there are only two sections. Those testing days will be Monday, April 29 and Tuesday, April 30. The PSSA Science Exam for 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be administrated in one day, scheduled on Wednesday, May 1.

It is vital for students to do their best on these assessments and that means getting a good night's sleep and eating a healthy breakfast to fuel their minds and bodies. During this time, it is also important for students to attend school in order to participate in the assessments. Any absences require the student to participate in a make-up exam, which will be given on May 1 – 2 for all PSSA assessments.

In addition to the individual and school pride that students experience with success on these exams, they also are given an extra incentive to do well. Students that are working hard and taking their time on the exam are given a fun afternoon of outdoor recess and fun activities on a date designated by their teachers. In addition, the teachers will not be giving any homework during the weeks of the exams.

Two important documents relating to the upcoming assessments are included on the website: (1) A letter from PDE explaining the NO cell phone/electronics policy regarding the PSSA exams and (2) Information for Parents or Guardians FAQs pertaining to the PSSAs. Please if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number above or via email at [kcutchall@sfsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:kcutchall@sfsd.k12.pa.us).

Thank you for all of your cooperation and assistance during this time. It is greatly appreciated!

Truly,

Kathy Cutchall  
Principal