



## FRANKLIN TOWNE CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**Welcome Back from Spring Break! We hope all of our families were able to relax, recharge and enjoy the sunshine that has returned.**



**PSSA Testing** – PSSA Testing is approaching in April! As you know, the PSSA is mandated by the PA Department of Education and is used to determine the success of our school. Historically, Franklin Towne has performed well and we anticipate even greater results and scores this year! After all the amazing efforts our students and teachers have put forth so far this year, the time will arrive soon and we could not be more confident or proud of them! Read on for the PSSA schedule, items of importance in relation to testing, and other upcoming calendar events. Please note – dismissal times are different throughout the testing weeks; we appreciate your flexibility as we are as supportive as possible for our students' success.

- Rest: Please make sure that your child gets to bed as early as possible. Rest is a huge factor in a child's ability to perform well. The more rest they get, the better they will do.
- Nourishment: The kind of food eaten for breakfast makes a big difference in how long the meal will keep your child energetic, alert and successful on the test. A balanced breakfast, consisting of complex carbohydrates, protein and fat gives energy and prevents a drop in blood sugar for several hours, until snack or lunch time.
- Be Punctual: If you drop your child off in the morning, please make sure your child is here on time. Since we start this test first thing in the morning, it is critical that your child arrives with enough time to get settled and ready to do well! Students that are present and are on time each morning for all testing days each week will be rewarded with a Towne Dress Down Day on Friday of that week.
- Uniform (Grades 3-8): Students in Grades 3-8 should report in their regular uniform on testing days.
- Relax and Be Confident: Please encourage your child that they have done what they needed to do all year long and that they are ready! Pressure will only make them nervous. Your words of encouragement go a very long way. We will be doing similarly with a rally on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> as Franklin Towne Superheroes vs. Supervillains for our Super Test-takers!

## Upcoming Calendar items:

Fri	Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	\$1 Towne Dress Down Day 3-v-3 Basketball Tournament
Mon	Apr 1 <sup>st</sup>	Towne PSSA (yellow shirt) Dress Down
Tues	Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Graduation Pictures – gr K & 8
Fri	Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Sweetheart VIP Dance – gr K-4; 6-8pm
Mon	Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>	Towne PSSA (yellow shirt) Dress Down
Tues	Apr 9 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> MP Report Cards Issued
Mon	Apr 15 <sup>th</sup>	Towne PSSA (yellow shirt) Dress Down
Wed	Apr 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pep Rally – Superheroes vs. Supervillains
Fri	Apr 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed
Mon	Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Closed
Tues	Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PSSA English Language Arts Testing – regular dismissal time
Wed	Apr 24 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA English Language Arts Testing Grades 1-8 dismissal at 1:30PM Kindergarten dismissal at 1:45PM
Thurs	Apr 25 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA English Language Arts Testing Grades 1-8 dismissal at 1:30PM Kindergarten dismissal at 1:45PM
Fri	Apr 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>**Change to Dismissal time**</b> Grades 1-8 dismissal at 3:15PM Kindergarten dismissal at 2:45PM
Mon	Apr 29 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Mathematics Testing Grades 1-8 dismissal at 1:30PM Kindergarten dismissal at 1:45PM
Tues	Apr 30 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Mathematics Testing Grades 1-8 dismissal at 1:30PM Kindergarten dismissal at 1:45PM
Thurs	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PSSA Science Testing (gr 4 & 8 only) – regular dismissal time

All the best,



Eugenia Koo, Head of School