

Middle School Guidance



Revised P.S.S.A. Schedule

February 2014

On February 5, 2014, Dr. Carol Dumaresq of P.D.E. released a message to school districts across the Commonwealth asking for feedback regarding the interest in pushing the P.S.S.A. Mathematics and Reading Assessment and the P.S.S.A. Writing Assessment windows back one week due to the amount of instructional time being lost from the unusual winter that we have had since the middle of January. School districts were to respond to P.D.E. and then a determination would be made and passed on the school districts. On February 7, 2014, the

Pennsylvania Department of Education responded with a notification stating "due to the number of school closings and delayed starts, P.D.E. recognizes the challenges faced with any change to the 2014 testing window. We have decided that there is no perfect solution, so our compromise will be an extension of the P.S.S.A. Math/Reading and P.S.S.A. Writing testing window." P.D.E. will extend the P.S.S.A. Math/Reading window to March 17, 2014 through April 4, 2014. The same logic applies to the P.S.S.A. Writing test, which is

March 31, 2014 through April 11, 2014. The P.S.S.A. Science and Keystone Exam windows will not change and will remain the same. B.B.M.S. has adjusted the original testing window for Math/Reading and Writing. Those dates can be viewed below.

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Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher lesson plans by logging into PowerSchool 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>

Quote of the month

"When passion meets inspiration an obsession is born."



Happy Valentine's Day

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Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

February 2, 2014 - Ground Hog Day.

February 3, 2014 through February 7, 2014 - P.S.S.A. E.L.A. Writing Field Test (Grades 6, 7 and 8).

February 21, 2014 - Middle

of the third nine-week grading period.

March 7, 2014 - ACT 80 day.

March 27, 2014 through March 28, 2014 - P.S.S.A. Mathematics and Reading Assessment (Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8).

March 25, 2014 - End of the third nine-week grading pe-

riod.

April 7, 2014 through April 9, 2014 - P.S.S.A. Writing Assessment (Grades 5 and 8).

April 28, 2014 through April 29, 2014 - P.S.S.A. Science Assessment (Grade 8).

