

LEAVE NO PARENT BEHIND

GET READY! GET SET! TIME TO  
TAKE THE PSSA TEST!



# A BRIEF HISTORY OF PSSA

- THIS TEST STARTED 20 YEARS AGO
- ORIGINALLY ONLY GIVEN TO 3, 5, 8, AND 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS
- ONCE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT WAS IMPLEMENTED PA DECIDED TO TEST ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-8 AND GRADE 11

# WHAT ARE THE DATES OF PSSA?



- THE TEST IS GIVEN ACROSS THE STATE AT THE SAME TIME
- PSSA Reading and Math will be given March 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> (this includes make-ups)
- PSSA Writing Is only given to grades 5 and 8
- PSSA science is only given to grades 4 and 8

# What does the PSSA test ?

## Reading

- Content vocabulary
- Poetry/Figurative
- Language -Similes/Idioms
- Comprehension:  
Non-fiction passages  
Advertisements  
Sustainability
- Assessment anchors

## Math

Computation skills: basic operations no calculators are allowed

Multi-tiered problems

**Trouble spots Geometry and Measurements**

Open-ended constructed response questions

Students are given the rubric

Assessment anchors

# What Can I Do As A Parent?

Be Supportive!



- Make sure students in grades 3-8 are completing their homework and the weekly constructed responses.
- Make sure your child arrives on time and has a great breakfast during testing

# WHEN WILL I RECEIVE THE RESULTS?

- LATE JUNE -RIGHT BEFORE SUMMER VACATION OR EARLY IN SPETEMBER
- \_\_\_\_\_(Principal) USUALLY WILL INFORM THE PARENTS IN HER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WHEN THE RESULTS WILL ARRIVE

AT THE END OF THE DAY:  
LET'S REMEMBER WHAT'S  
IMPORTANT LEARNING AND  
PROGRESS!

