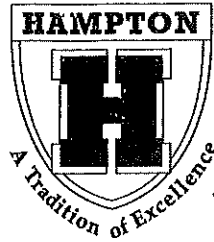


**Hampton Township School District  
Wyland Elementary School**



**Laurie B. Tocci, Ed.D., Principal**

March 2023

Dear Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Parents:

The 2023 Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) for students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 will occur in April and May. Information obtained from the assessment is often valuable for refining curriculum, designing professional development and informing the community about student achievement.

Below you will find the Wyland Elementary PSSA Testing Schedule. Testing will begin at approximately 8:45 a.m. each day. Tests are considered untimed but will take approximately 40-80 minutes depending on the grade and test. Please avoid scheduling any doctor appointments, vacations, etc. during these testing dates. If it is absolutely necessary to schedule an appointment, please make it for the afternoon.

**Grades 3, 4 and 5: English Language Arts (ELA) Testing Schedule**

April 24 Monday	April 25 Tuesday	April 26 Wednesday
ELA	ELA	ELA

**Grade 3, 4, and 5: Math Testing Schedule**

May 1 Monday	May 2 Tuesday
Math	Math

**Grade 4: Science Testing Schedule**

May 4 Thursday	May 5 Friday
Science	Science

The assessments will challenge all students with tasks requiring inferencing, problem-solving and concept identification. Students will write their own responses to items as well as choose from multiple-choice responses.

Parents can help their children prepare for the assessment by encouraging them to get plenty of sleep each night, eat a good breakfast, and be in school on time each morning. Also, parents can reassure children that the assessment gives them an opportunity to show what they have learned in order to help teachers plan the best possible instruction for them.

An informational flyer is attached to help you better understand and answer questions regarding the assessments.

Sincerely,

Laurie B. Tocci, Ed. D.  
Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In an era of cell phones, smartphones and other electronic devices which can easily photograph and instantly share photographs, confidential and secure test materials can be easily compromised. Not only is it expensive to replace a compromised test item, the material contained in the PSSA and Keystone Exams is copyrighted property of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Copying or duplicating the material from the assessment, including the taking of a photograph of secure assessment material, is a violation of the federal Copyright Act. Penalties for violations of the Copyright Act may include the cost of replacing the compromised test item(s) or fines of no less than \$750 up to \$30,000 for a single violation (17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.).

In order to ensure reliable test results and to avoid the cost of replacing test items, the Department of Education requires schools to set rules and take certain steps to protect test materials. Electronic devices such as but not limited to cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, E-readers, Nooks, Kindles, iPods, tablets, camera-ready devices, and any other electronic device which can be used to photograph or duplicate test materials, access the internet and/or communicate with others during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams are not permitted in any testing site. Please speak with your child and let your child know that the possession and/or use of a cell phone or other electronic device during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams will result in consequences.

You will be contacted by the school if your child is discovered using and/or having a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams. Students who ignore this directive will be subject to the school's discipline policy and the Department of Education's requirement that the student's test will not be scored and the student will be required to retake the entire exam. The electronic device will be held by school staff, and the device's stored photographs and other functions will be examined with your permission. You may request to be present when the electronic device is examined. If a photograph of the PSSA or Keystone Exam is discovered or if permission to search other functions of the electronic device is refused, the device will be held by the school staff. The Pennsylvania Department of Education holds the copyright to all material contained within the PSSA and Keystone Exams, the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be contacted and further action may be taken.

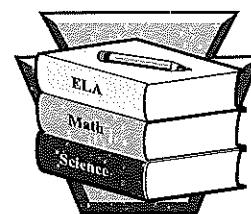
If, after testing is complete and test materials have been returned, it is discovered that a student used and/or had a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device during the administration of the test, the school's discipline policy will be followed and the student's test will not be scored.

## Frequently Asked Questions

# Information for Parents or Guardians

## Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

English Language Arts Assessment, April 24–28, 2023  
Mathematics and Science Assessment, May 1–12, 2023



### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PSSA

#### Which schools participate?

All school districts and charter schools participate in the assessments. Nonpublic and private schools may also participate on a voluntary basis.

#### Which students take the assessments?

Except for a very few students who meet specific criteria for participation in an alternate assessment, all students are included in the assessments as outlined below:

ELA & Mathematics—Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8  
Science—Grades 4 and 8

#### Who decided what the assessments should measure?

Groups of educators from all levels of education in Pennsylvania chose the areas of knowledge and skills upon which the assessments are based. The groups included teachers, supervisors, curriculum directors, and college specialists. They also reviewed, edited, and approved the test items.

#### Who administers the assessments?

Each school chooses the person(s) who will administer the assessments. In most cases, these are teachers in the students' building.

#### How are the results reported?

Two copies of the individual student report for all assessments will be sent to all schools and districts that participate for distribution to parents, teachers, school counselors, and/or principals. The state will not receive any report with individual names included.

School-level reports will be used for curricular and planning purposes. School districts and charter schools may publish the results of PSSA testing for each school. The state will also release school-by-school assessment data.

#### May parents see the assessments?

Yes, under one circumstance. School entities are required to have policies to ensure that parents or guardians have the right to review a state assessment in the school entity during convenient hours for parents or guardians from the time testing materials are received to the end of the make-up schedule in order to determine whether a state assessment conflicts with their religious belief. This is the only reason allowable under regulation.

Confidentiality agreements must be signed, and no copies of the assessments or notes about assessment items will be permitted to leave the school. If after reviewing the test, parents or guardians find the test to be in conflict with their religious belief and wish their student(s) to be excused from the test, the right of the parents or guardians will not be denied upon written request to the applicable school district Superintendent, charter school Chief Executive Officer, or AVTS Director. Parents or guardians should contact their child's school to make arrangements to review the test.

#### Report Testing Irregularities

Parents/guardians who believe that a testing irregularity may have occurred may email [ra-edirregularities@pa.gov](mailto:ra-edirregularities@pa.gov) or call 844-418-1651 to report the incident.

### INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ASSESSMENT (grades 3 through 8)

#### How long does the assessment take?

The entire English Language Arts assessment takes approximately three to four hours to complete. Your school district will inform you about the assessment schedule.

#### What does the assessment include?

Each student completes three sections of questions for the English Language Arts assessment. Some portions will be the same for all students, and some will consist of different groups of questions.

#### What types of questions are on the assessment?

Students respond to multiple-choice, evidence-based selected-response, and constructed-response questions. In a multiple-choice question, the correct answer(s) is chosen from four options. Evidence-based selected-response questions have two parts, and students select one or more answers for each part. Constructed-response questions may include a short-answer (grade 3) or text dependent analysis (grades 4 through 8). Short-answer questions require students to compose a brief response to support their answer. For the text dependent analysis question, students analyze a text and use evidence from the reading passage to compose an essay.

### **How are written responses to constructed-response items scored?**

The written responses for English Language Arts are scored by evaluators trained in applying an ELA-specific scoring guideline. For short-answer questions, scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process. Responses to text dependent analysis questions are scored based on both content and writing skills.

### **What is assessed in English Language Arts?**

The English Language Arts assessment addresses six major reporting categories as well as two text types. Students respond to standalone multiple-choice items assessing language. Additionally, students read a number of passages from literature and informational genres and respond to questions about these passages that indicate both comprehension and reading skills and the students' analysis and interpretation of different types of texts.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT THE MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT (grades 3 through 8)**

#### **How long does the assessment take?**

The entire mathematics assessment takes approximately two to three hours to complete. Your school district will inform you about the assessment schedule.

#### **What does the assessment include?**

Each student completes two sections of questions for the mathematics assessment. Some portions will be the same for all students, and some will consist of different groups of questions.

#### **What types of questions are on the assessment?**

Students respond to two types of questions: multiple-choice and open-ended. In a multiple-choice question, the correct answer is chosen from the four presented options, while open-ended questions require students to compose their responses. Open-ended questions generally require students to provide detail in support of their answers (such as showing or describing the steps performed to complete a calculation).

#### **How are written responses to open-ended items scored?**

The written responses for mathematics open-ended items are scored by evaluators trained in applying a mathematics-specific scoring guideline. In mathematics, scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process.

### **What is assessed in Mathematics?**

The mathematics assessment addresses five major reporting categories across four clusters. The reporting categories assessed and the proportion of questions in each reporting category vary by grade level. As a part of the assessment of Cluster A, Numbers and Operations, students in grades 4 through 8 respond to a set of questions without a calculator. Constructed-response items may require the students to show all of their work (e.g., calculations, graphs, drawings) and/or to explain in writing how they solved the problems.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCIENCE ASSESSMENT (grades 4 and 8)**

#### **How long does the assessment take?**

The entire science assessment takes approximately one to two hours to complete. Your school district will inform you about the assessment schedule.

#### **What does the assessment include?**

Students in grades 4 and 8 complete two sections of questions for the science assessment. Some portions will be the same for all students, and some will consist of different groups of questions.

#### **What types of questions are on the assessment?**

Students respond to two types of questions: multiple-choice and open-ended. In a multiple-choice question, the correct answer is chosen from the four presented options, while open-ended questions require students to compose their responses. At grade 8, the science assessment also includes science scenarios.

#### **What is a science scenario?**

A science scenario contains text, graphics, charts, and/or tables and uses these elements to describe the results of a class project, an experiment, or other similar research. Students use the information found in a science scenario to answer multiple-choice questions.

#### **How are written responses to open-ended items scored?**

The written responses for science open-ended items are scored by evaluators trained in applying a science-specific scoring guideline. In science, scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process.

#### **What is assessed in science?**

The science assessment addresses the four major reporting categories: The Nature of Science, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Earth and Space Sciences. The proportion of items in each reporting category varies by grade level.



**Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

4:45 – 7:00pm

Wyland Kindergarten Hallway

*~CARRYOUT DINNERS~*

Please use the QR code to pre-order. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-ordering is very appreciated.

Delicious bake sale items will be available to purchase. All proceeds go to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class.



**SCAN ME**



# Join Us for the Annual 5th Grade Pasta Dinner Bake Sale

Cakes  
Chocolates  
Cupcakes

Cookies  
Brownies  
Donuts

...and so much more!

**Sign Up to Donate Here!**

We couldn't do it without you! All proceeds benefit the 5th Grade at the end of the year!

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023**  
**Wyland Elementary**

*See you there!*

All desserts will be sold for \$2 each  
Cash or Venmo Accepted  
Dine In or Take Out Available







WYLAND PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD & KEY COMMUNICATOR  
ELECTIONS 2023 - 2024

# NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Nominations are being accepted for open Executive Board & Key Communicators for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

[Submit your nominations here.](#)

## 2 YEAR POSITIONS

CO-PRESIDENT  
VICE PRESIDENT  
RECORDING SECRETARY  
TREASURER

KEY COMMUNICATOR

## 1 YEAR POSITIONS

CO-PRESIDENT  
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



Additional information  
and nomination  
submission can be found  
[here](#) by scanning the QR  
code.

Michael R. Loughhead, Ed.D.,  
Superintendent



Rebecca J. Cunningham, Ed.D.,  
Assistant Superintendent

January 6, 2023

Dear Hampton Elementary School Families:

Please pass the word along to your friends and family – 2023 Kindergarten registration has begun!

Information regarding Kindergarten registration will be published in the local paper and placed on the HTSD Website ([www.ht-sd.org](http://www.ht-sd.org)). In the meantime, please spread the word to neighbors who may be new in the community or to those without children currently enrolled in the Hampton Elementary Schools. Registering on time is important so that the District can plan appropriately for the number of students who will be attending school in the fall.

Registration for Kindergarten and any first-grade students new to Hampton Schools will take place virtually. To register, please access the HTSD website [www.ht-sd.org](http://www.ht-sd.org). Within the District tab, click the "About" Tab. Access the "Moving to Hampton" tab. Once there, families will find instructions for 2023 Kindergarten registrations under "Register My Child." Upload completed packets and documentation to the appropriate elementary school.

*All families are encouraged to complete the online registration process by February 3rd.*

Children ready to enter Kindergarten should be five years old by August 15, 2023. First graders should be six years old by August 15, 2023. A birth certificate or other acceptable evidence of birth and proof of Hampton residency (closing papers, lease agreement, rent receipt or residency form AND utility bill, cable bill, paid wage tax receipt, driver's license, guardianship form, or court order) are necessary before children can be enrolled. Proof of immunization is necessary as well.

Parents of children who do not meet the above-mentioned age requirements must submit a written request for early admission to the building principal by April 15, 2023. This request should state reasons why early admission to school is appropriate for the child, including information and test data from the school(s) he or she may have attended previously. Admission will be based upon the recommendation of the school in which the student seeks enrollment and the authorization of the Principal and Superintendent.

Thank you for sharing this important information with the Hampton Community. If you have any questions, please reach out to Central Elementary Principal, Dr. Amy Kern, at 412-492-6320; Poff Elementary Acting Principal, Dr. Michael Silbaugh, at 412-492-6335; or Wyland Elementary Principal, Dr. Laurie Tocci, at 412-492-6345.

Sincerely,

Rebecca J. Cunningham, Ed.D.  
Assistant Superintendent

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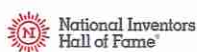
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2284 Wyland Avenue  
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When: June 26 – 20, 8:30 – 3:00

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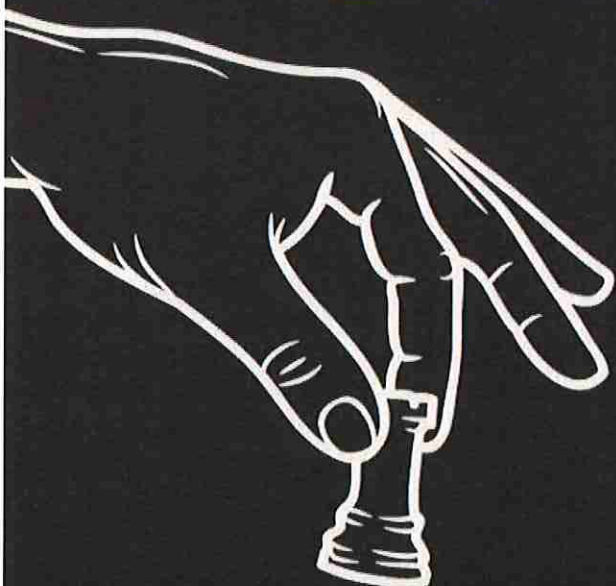
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all levels  
of play  
welcome

# CHECK MATE!

## CHESS CLUB



Wednesdays,  
April 19th & May 17th

6:00-8:00 pm

Hampton Library & Community Center,  
Activity Room 1

Casual, instructive opportunity for children in kindergarten through 12th grade led by 2023 PA State 6th Grade Chess Champion, Benjamin Lin. The emphasis will be on good sportsmanship & building skill level through instruction & play.

"Sometimes you will win, sometimes you will loose,  
but you will always learn."



**NOW  
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# BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

**FALL 2023**

**HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
(Serving Central, Poff, Wyland Elementary Schools)

**Central Elementary**  
4100 Middle Rd. Allison Park, PA 15101

## EMPOWERING STUDENTS

The Y makes the most of your child's after school time by offering active learning opportunities designed to engage and expand young minds. Housed in local schools, YMCA After School Care gives your child the opportunity to participate in active play and collaborate on fun projects.



### AVAILABILITY

#### Before School

Mon-Fri 7:00 AM – 8:45 AM

#### After School

Mon-Fri 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

#### Kindergarten Wrap AM

Mon-Fri 8:45 AM – 12:50PM

#### Kindergarten Wrap PM

Mon-Fri 11:25 AM – 3:30 PM



**ENERGIZE**



**ENRICHMENT**



**EXPLORATION**

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All rates shown are weekly

Program Offerings	1-3 Days Weekly		4-5 Days Weekly	
	Facility Member	Community Member	Facility Member	Community Member
Before School Care	\$ 33	\$ 39	\$ 43	\$ 50
After School Care	\$ 68	\$ 80	\$ 87	\$ 103
Kindergarten Wrap	\$ NA	\$ NA	\$ 111	\$ 131

**ABC**

A minimum number of registrants is required for the program to operate.

#### FACILITY MEMBER RATE

Varies by location

#### COMMUNITY MEMBER RATE

Community Member - \$0/year

Registration Fee - \$30 on or before 7/31 (\$50 from 8/1 and on)

**Youth Development Business Office**

7140 Bennett St. Pittsburgh, PA 15208 | 412 573 4166

YMCA of GREATER PITTSBURGH | Register for Fall 2023 at [pittsburghymca.org/base](https://pittsburghymca.org/base)



# STEEL CITY LAWN EXPRESSIONS

WE DECORATE, SO YOU CAN CELEBRATE



BIRTHDAY ● ANNIVERSARY ● HOLIDAY

Order any yard sign rental from  
<https://www.steelcitylawnexpressions.com/>  
and enter **Wyland Elementary** in the school  
box on the order form. Our PTO will receive  
\$10 from each order placed.



Get Started

PROMOTION RUNS THROUGH JUNE.

# March/April 2023 Elementary School Lunch Menu



Hampton Township School District



**\*MENU IS SUBJECT TO  
CHANGE BASED ON  
PRODUCT  
AVAILABILITY**

**Lunch Prices**  
Lunch \$2.50  
Reduced Lunch \$0.40  
Adult \$3.75  
**ALL ENTREES Include:  
FRUIT + VEGETABLES + MILK**

## Daily Alternative Entrees

- #2 Peanut Butter and Jelly  
with a Cheese Stick
- #3 Talbot Salad with Dinner  
Roll (Ham & Cheese Cups)
- #4 Chicken Tenders with a  
Dinner Roll

## Daily Fruit & Vegetable Choices

Choices May Include:  
(Local Choices Available in Season)  
Apples, Bananas, Grapes, Oranges, Apple  
Sauce, Cinnamon Apple Sauce, Mixed Fruit,  
Mandarin Oranges, Peaches  
Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Cauliflower,  
Cucumbers, Celery, Spring Salad  
100% Fruit Juice Also Available Daily

## rBST Hormone Free Milk

1% White  
Fat Free Choices May Include:  
White, Chocolate, Vanilla & Strawberry  
Lactaid White Milk Available Upon  
Request

Menu is subject to change.



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

20

Chicken Patty on a Bun  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Baked Beans

21

Chicken Soft Taco  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Steamed Corn

22

Pasta with Meat Sauce and  
a Breadstick  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Steamed Green Beans

23

Meatball Hoagie  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Steamed Broccoli

24

Big Daddy's Pizza  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Steamed Broccoli

27

Cheeseburger on a Bun  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Steamed Broccoli

28

Nacho Grande  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Steamed Corn

29

Toasted Cheese  
Or  
Alternate Entrée  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Tomato Soup

30

Macaroni and Cheese  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Steamed Peas

31

Homemade Cheese Pizza  
Or  
Alternate Entrée  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Steamed Green Beans

3

Mini Cheese Ravioli w/Sauce  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Steamed Green Beans

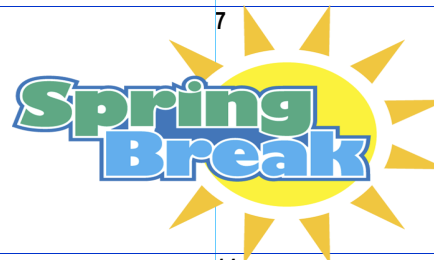
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Pierogi Meal  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Side Garden Salad

5

Corn Dogs  
Or  
Alternate Entrée  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Baked Beans

6



7

Personal Cheese Pizza  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Cheesy Cauliflower

10

Spring Break

11

French Toast Sticks/Sausage  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Potato Triangles

12

Chicken Mashed Potato  
Bowl  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Steamed Corn

13

Hot Dog on a Bun  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Baked Beans

14

Personal Cheese Pizza  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Cheesy Cauliflower

17

Breaded Mozzarella Sticks  
With Sauce  
Or  
Alternate Entrée  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Smiley Fries

18

Beefaroni/Garlic Bread  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Steamed Peas

19

Yogurt Parfait with Cheese  
Stick and Belly Bears  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Red Pepper Strips

20

General Tso's Chicken  
with Rice  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Steamed Broccoli

21

Big Daddy's Pizza  
Or  
Alternate Entree  
  
Choice of Milk  
  
Steamed Broccoli



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## To the Families of Hampton Township School District

### Free Breakfast

The PA. Department of Education has announced that **free breakfast** will be available for every student attending school beginning October 3, 2022. The breakfast must be consumed at school and is not available for pickup based on the guidelines established by the PA. Department of Education.

Please encourage your student(s) to take advantage of the free breakfast program that will be in effect through the remainder of this school year.

**Please note that lunch falls under the current guidelines regarding payment based on your eligibility.**

Please feel free to contact the Food Service Department at 412-492-6390 or the school office if you have any questions.



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