Parents and Guardians,

Shrek The Musical will be presented March 24, 25, and 26, at 7 p.m. There will be a matinee show on Sunday, March 27, at 2 p.m. All shows will be in the High School Auditorium. Tickets went on sale March 1. General Admission only, students’ tickets are $6.00 and $12 for adults.

Good luck and congratulations to all the seniors, who presented their Senior Project today. You have less than 60 days before graduation.

Individual Score Reports have been mailed home to students who took the PSSA test this fall. The ISR provides parents an understanding of the grade-level content and skills students are expected to achieve in a typical school year. An explanation from the Pennsylvania Department of Education will accompany this update on the website.

Thank you to all the staff members for their efforts in celebrating Read Across America this week. Also, thank you to all the community members who took the time to come in and read to the students.

Masks are optional in all buildings. During a meeting with the Health Department yesterday it was asked if any guidance was in place for social distancing, contact tracing, or quarantining in relation to their updated guidance. At this time there is no guidance on these topics. We encourage everyone to continue being diligent in monitoring their child’s health to keep students and staff healthy and safe.

Thank you and have a great weekend.
INDIVIDUAL SCORE REPORT

Thank you for supporting your student’s participation in the 2021 administration of the PSSA. The PSSA provides educators with information about students’ attainment of grade-level content in English language arts, mathematics, and science. This information is used by districts and schools to identify strengths and gaps in instructional programs, which is especially important in these unprecedented times.

The purpose of this communication is to highlight points for you to keep in mind as you review your student’s individual score report (ISR).

WHAT DOES A STUDENT’S REPORT TELL ME?

Your student’s ISR provides information about the degree to which your student demonstrated understanding of the grade-level content and skills expected at the end of a typical school year.

- The information included in the ISR to describe your student’s performance is consistent with that provided in previous years.
- The design of the PSSA did not change; the length, item types, and content and skills targeted for assessment were identical.

While 2020-2021 was by no means typical, the score resulting from the 2020-2021 PSSA can still be used to understand your student’s overall performance at the time of testing.

- However, the test score cannot tell you why the results look the way they do; especially if your student’s performance differed from that expected or observed in previous years.

THE TEST IS ONE PIECE OF A BIGGER PICTURE

A single test score does not provide a complete or precise measure of student achievement.

- It represents a snapshot of student performance at the time of testing.

It is important to consider other relevant measures of student achievement when interpreting test results.

- Course grades, homework, teacher feedback, performance on classroom assessments, and other measures can provide additional insight on your student’s academic performance and growth.
It is also important to consider how conditions for learning, which were likely disrupted by the pandemic, may have influenced performance including changes in student’s
- learning environment - how and where instruction occurred
- opportunity to learn grade-level content (i.e., due to attendance, time spent receiving instruction)
- motivation to test

Sincerely,

Jeffrey T. Soles, Superintendent