

# Bedford Elementary Newsletter



APRIL 2023

## FIRST PLACE! CONGRAT'S



BE Reading Competition Team placed first for elementary level at the Bedford County Reading Competition on March 30, 2023 : Team members are:

Alice Miller, Shelly Bailey, Eden Becker, Mason Bullington, Graci Clark, Sophia DeHaven,, Mckinley Feaster, Liam Friedline, Hayley Hershberger, Lily Keel, Lennon Kauffman, Mara Kozielec, Shree Patel, Emeline Steele, Grace Yinkey



## Warm Weather Clothing



As warmer weather arrives, students are once again starting to wear spring and summer attire to school. For your child's safety, sandals worn to school need to have a strap around the ankle. **Flip-Flops and sandals without an ankle strap are not permitted.** This is a safety hazard in the stairways and at recess.

Please be mindful of student attire. Excerpt from the Bedford Elementary Student Handbook: Short shorts, biker shorts, spandex pants, tank tops, and fishnet shirts are not permitted for 3rd, 4th, 5th grade students. Shirts with unsuitable slogans are not permitted. Midriifs must be covered.



## 2022-23 Class Assignments

If your **K-2nd grade** child has a special circumstance, please write your child's name, the circumstance or concern, and parent's name(s) on a letter. Letters requesting a specific teacher will not be accepted. Send the letter to your child's teacher by Friday, April 21, 2023.

Due to the scheduling of our grade 3 through 5 curriculums, students will have multiple teachers throughout the day. Special requests will not be accepted for these grade levels.

## PSSA Assessments

PSSA English Language Arts Assessments are scheduled for April 25-27 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM for Grades 3-5. PSSA Assessments for Math (Gr. 3-5) are held the mornings of May 2-5; Science Assessments (Gr. 4) will be given the mornings of May 5.

If possible, please refrain from making AM appointments during the Assessment period and students should avoid being tardy so as not to miss assessment times.

## Kindergarten Registration

Bedford Elementary kindergarten registration for the 2023-24 school year will take place on June 6 & 7, 2023. Parents should call to make an appointment for a specific day/time for registration. (814-623-4221 or 814-623-4285). You may also email [dibertm@bedfordasd.org](mailto:dibertm@bedfordasd.org) or [schruma@bedfordasd.org](mailto:schruma@bedfordasd.org). If you email please supply your child's full name, birthdate, parent's names and addresses and phone numbers.

### April Events

April 6	No School, Act 80 Day
April 7	No School, Good Friday
April 10-11	No School, Easter Break
April 12	Community Reading Day
	First Grade Field Trip
April 14-21	Scholastic Book Fair (See attached schedule)
April 20	Gr 3 & 4 Touch A Truck
April 21	Family Fun Night
April 25-27	PSSA ELA Grades 3-4
May 2-5	PSSA Math Assessments Gr 3-5
May 2-5	PSSA Science Assessments Gr 4

# BEDFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

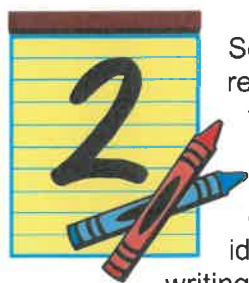
Bedford Elementary kindergarten registration for the 2023-24 school year will take place on June 6 and 7, 2023.

Bedford Elementary is requesting parents pre-register their child for



Kindergarten. Please call 814-623-4285 or 814-623-4221 between 8AM and 3:30 PM OR email [dibertm@bedfordasd.org](mailto:dibertm@bedfordasd.org); [schruma@bedfordasd.org](mailto:schruma@bedfordasd.org). You may ask for a preferred day and/or time for registration on the above days. A registration packet will be mailed to you in May, with an appointment time (as close to your request as possible). Please allow 30 minutes for the appointment. A parent/guardian, child and completed registration packet must be present for kindergarten registration.

A kindergarten screening assessment will be completed during registration in June. Following the screening event, parents will have an opportunity to meet with a school representative to discuss his/her child's readiness for kindergarten.



Some items you may wish to review with your child prior to the screening include: color names, number identification, counting, drawing basic shapes, identifying body parts, and writing his/her first and last name.

Some additional items children will be asked about include personal information such as name, age, phone number, and address.

**We look forward to meeting our future students during kindergarten registration! If you have any questions or concerns, please call so we may help you in any way.**

## Health Requirements:

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health Regulations, children must be immunized with the following **BEFORE** being admitted to kindergarten:



- Diphtheria and tetanus (four doses, including a dose after the child's fourth birthday)
- Polio - OPV or IPV (three doses)
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella on or after the child's first birthday (two doses)
- Hepatitis B (three doses)
- Varicella (Chicken Pox) immunity - either from vaccination (two doses), history of disease (written statement from physician indicating year and month of disease), or laboratory testing.

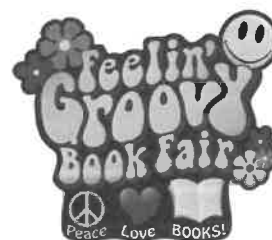
A Birth Certificate and an up-to-date immunization record from your physician is required for entry into school. Please submit an immunization record and birth certificate (or proof of ordering one) when you are submitting your registration materials at your screening appointment.

Persons having medical, religious, or philosophical objections to these immunizations can speak to the school nurse during your appointment.

Children entering kindergarten are required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health to have a physical and dental examination. These exams may be done through the school or through the child's personal physician and dentist, no sooner than one year prior to kindergarten entrance



# Bedford Elementary Scholastic Book Fair Schedule April 14 – 21, 2023



Dear Student and Parents/Guardians,

The **Bedford Elementary School Scholastic Book Fair** will be held **Friday, April 14 – Friday, April 21, 2023**. The book fair will also be open Friday, April 21 during Family Fun Night. Students may shop and purchase books in a bookstore-type setting. A large selection of books will be available at the fair to fit all reader's tastes.

## Important information:

1. Students will visit the book fair in the school library on their library day. Students who are absent on their Book Fair date may visit the fair during the next school day.
2. If you would like to accompany your child while they are shopping, *you may come in during their scheduled class time*. Please make sure to bring identification when visiting the school. It will be scanned at the visitor's entrance prior to entering the school building. If a relative other than a parent/guardian is coming to shop with a child, they need to be listed as a contact for your child.
3. Prices on books vary. Students may pay for their purchases with **cash or check made payable to Bedford Elementary School**. Parents may also use credit card/Scholastic eWallet at the fair. **PA sales tax** will be added to all purchases.
4. Thank you to our PTO who will be providing each student in K-5 with a \$6 certificate to use at the Book Fair.

	Friday, April 14 Day 4	Monday, April 17 Day 5	Tuesday, April 18 Day 6	Wednesday, April 19 Day 1	Thursday, April 20 Day 2	Friday, April 21 Day 3
8:30 – 9:10	4 Eberhart	4 D. Ickes	4 Lafferty	4 Twigg	4 Sharbaugh	4 Miller
9:15 – 9:55	5 Weyant	5 Decker	5 Holler	5 Huxta	5 B. May	5 Mrs. A. Arnold
10:00 – 10:40	3 Anderson	3 Mr. Arnold	3 Emerick	3 King	3 Windows	3 Leibfreid
12:20 – 1:00	K Berkey	K Murphy	K Hillegass	K Holberg	K Toner	K Waugerman
1:15 – 1:55	1 Farnan (Straub)	1 C. May	1 Stoudnour	1 Steele	1 Zimmerman	1 Carroll
1:55 – 2:35	2 Cottle	2 Gerber	2 Kegg	2 Hershey	2 Wingard	2 O. Ickes

**Can't come to the fair? Visit the Book Fair ONLINE!**

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/bedfordelemsch>

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.

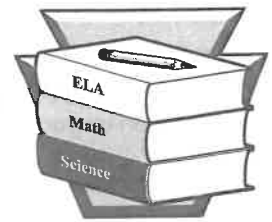
You will be contacted by the school if your child is discovered using and/or having a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams. Students who ignore this directive will be subject to the school's discipline policy and the Department of Education's 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.

# 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Specials Day 5	4 Specials Day 6	5 Specials Day 1	6 No School - Act 80 Day	7 No School - Easter	8
9 Easter Sunday	10 No School - Easter Break -possible make up day Easter Monday	11 Community Reading Day Gr 1 Field Trip Specials Day 2	12 Scholastic Book Fair Specials Day 4	13	14	15
16	17 Scholastic Book Fair Specials Day 5 Tax Day	18 Specials Day 1 Specials Day 2 Specials Day 3 Specials Day 4	19	20	21	22
23	24 Specials Day 4 PSSA ELA Assessments Gr 3-5 Specials Day 5	25 Specials Day 6 BHS at Enviro Ctr Specials Day 1	26 Specials Day 2	27	28	29
30	1 First Day of Asian Pacific Specials Day 3	2 PSSA Math Assessments Gr 3-5 & Science Gr 4 Specials Day 4	3 Cinco de Mayo Gr 2 Enviro Day Specials Day 1	4	5	6

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