





Good afternoon,

It was a busy week here at Tinicum! From lots of learning activities in our classrooms, to a fossil and dinosaur assembly, to weeding and planting, our students sure were busy! Everyone is excited for the springlike weather and for the opportunities to get outside.

Next week, our students in grades 3 - 5 will participate in the state testing (PSSA). We begin on Tuesday with the English/Language Arts exam. There are three sections, so we will take one section per day, each morning. We know our boys and girls are ready and we simply ask that everyone *does their best on the test!* For students in those grade levels, please ensure that everyone is prompt and on time each morning so we can begin the testing window on time. Thank you!

Until Monday, enjoy the beautiful and sun-filled weekend!

NOTES FOR FAMILIES

1. Our annual K - 8 art show is back! Check out [this flier](#) for additional information and save the date! **April 28 at 6 PM at PALMS.**
2. On your way to the art show on April 28, stop by Munchie's Eatery (across from Turkey Hill on 611). Mention Tinicum Elementary when you place your order and 10% of the order will be donated to our amazing PTA / school! Mini fliers will be shared in next Friday's folder! (You can also pull up the image on your phone)
3. The Palisades School District contracts with a local organization for substitute teachers. In an effort to increase the substitute pool, check out these incentive fliers! [Announcement One](#). [Announcement Two](#).
4. Our students in grades 3 - 5 will participate in the PSSA exams in late April / early May. English/Language Arts exams will be on April 26, 27, and 28. Math exams will be on May 3 and 4. Our fourth grade students will also have science exams on May 5. Additional information will be shared, but these dates are being shared now for planning purposes. [Here is some additional information](#) about this year's testing.
5. **Calling all families with incoming Kindergarten students!** Did you remember to register? If not, please contact Donna Holmes at 610.847.5131, ext 2401 ASAP! We will be conducting kindergarten readiness screenings in late May. Stay tuned for additional information to be shared before that time.

6. A special congratulations to Mrs. Gilbert (Kindergarten IA) and Mrs. Reed (music teacher) on their upcoming retirements! We thank them both for their many years of service to our students here at Tinicum.

A PEEK INTO NEXT WEEK

Monday, April 25	Day 4	Nature Club at 3:45 PM Italian Club at 3:45 PM
Tuesday, April 26	Day 5	Before School Orchestra at 8:00 AM PSSA : English/Language Arts (Grades 3 - 5) Mindfulness Club at 3:45 PM
Wednesday, April 27	Day 6	Before School Band at 7:50 AM PSSA : English/Language Arts (Grades 3 - 5)
Thursday, April 28	Day 1	PSSA : English/Language Arts (Grades 3 - 5) Munchies Dinner Fundraiser from 4 - 8 PM Art Show at PALMS from 6 - 8 PM
Friday, April 29	Day 2	SPIRIT DAY: Western Gear (cowboys/cowgirls) Before School Chorus at 8 AM

Specials Rotation at Tinicum:

Days 1 and 2 - Art or Music

Days 3 and 4 - Library or Spanish

Days 5 and 6 - Health or Physical Education

SAVE THE DATE(S)!

May 3 and 4	Math PSSA testing for grades 3, 4, and 5
May 5	Science PSSA testing for grade 4

My best,

Dr. Michael W. Donnelly