



Coach's Corner

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Introductions:

Welcome back to school!

Brandi Maitland and Jessica Foor are the PSSA coaches and will team with teachers in grades 3-6 to help them prepare for the 2009 PSSA tests.

Devon McCarter and Andrea Sweeney are the Technology Coaches and will team with teachers to integrate technology.

We will be at the following schools:

Brandi: Baker, Ebner, JGap, PV, and Wright

Andrea: Baker, Ebner, JGap, PV, and Irving

Devon: Juniata, Logan, Penn Lincoln, WJ, and Wright

Jessica: Juniata, Logan, Penn Lincoln, WJ, and Irving

We look forward to working with you this year!

Tech Tip:

Follow these steps to make a **laptop** computer read aloud to a student:

1. Click the blue apple in the upper left-hand corner of the computer.
2. Choose "System Preferences" and click on "Speech".
3. Click "Text to Speech".
4. Adjust the System Voice and Speaking Rate, if desired.
5. Click the box in front of "Speak selected text when the key is pressed". Click "Set Key...".
6. Press the option key and the letter "T" at the same time and click ok.
7. Highlight any text on the computer. Press option and "T" to have it read aloud.

Coming Soon!

A Coaches website called "Coach's Connection"

It will be a K-6 resource for classroom teachers and principals in our district.

It will include:

- ❖ Important PDE updates
- ❖ Newsletters/Resources/Website Links
- ❖ Important Forms/Materials

PSSA Testing Dates:

Grade 5 Writing: February 9th-20th

Grades 3-6 Reading/Math: March 16th-27th

Grade 4 Science: April 27th-May 8th

PSSA Info: www.pde.state.pa.us

*Click on Pre K-12 Schools, then Assessment. Choose from any of the topics on the left hand side of the screen.

