

STRODES MILLS ELEMENTARY



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≡ Coming Up ≡

- 10/7- Volunteer Clearances Due
- 10/8- Security Drills
- 10/10- Fire Prevention Assembly
- 10/14- No School (Act 80 Day)
- 10/21 & 10/22- Health Screenings
- 10/30- Picture Retakes
- 10/30- 2nd grade field trip to Lincoln Caverns
- 11/1- Halloween Parties & PBIS Celebration
- 11/11- No School (Veteran's Day)

≡ Halloween Activities ≡

Halloween activities will be held on Friday, November 1st. It will be double the fun with class parties and costume parade as well as a spooky Halloween themed PBIS celebration!

Costumes should be school appropriate with NO weapons and be able to be changed into without assistance.

We welcome families to view the parade at 12:45. Students will parade around the bus circle two times. Viewing is available from grassy areas in front of the school. We ask that you not park in the Body & Soul parking lot.

≡ Reminders ≡

- >> Excuses- due within 3 days after an absence
- >> Tardy- arriving between 8:20 & 9:30am
- >> Half Day- arriving after 9:30am or leaving before 2pm
- >> Early Dismissal- leaving after 2pm
- >> Always include your students first AND LAST name on notes



≡ Security Drill ≡

We will be having our security drills on Thursday, 10/8. During this instruction, teachers at SMES will lead students through a series of steps so that they are as prepared as possible in the event of a real-life situation. We have invited PSP and local emergency management to participate in our security drill so that they can provide us with valuable feedback.

If you have any questions or concerns about our school's safety and security, please do not hesitate to contact us.

≡ Spirit Week ≡

We will be celebrating MCHS homecoming with spirit week 9/30-10/4. We are excited to show our spirit and cheer on the homecoming court and football team. GO HUSKIES!!

MONDAY, 9/30
"Neon Day"

TUESDAY, 10/1
"Pajama Day"

WEDNESDAY, 10/2
"Huskies Color War"

THURSDAY, 10/3
"Favorite Sports Team"

FRIDAY, 10/4
"White Out"

KG
purple

1st
white

2nd
black

3rd
gray

Golden Paw Winners



Each month, students who consistently display Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe behaviors can be selected as Golden Paw Ticket winners. Each winner receives a golden coin to use in our book vending machine and a chance to win a Golden Paw t-shirt!

PBIS Sponsors

Please join us in thanking the following businesses for sponsoring our PBIS program through donations for our PBIS program & bucket prizes!

At the Barnyard
Class 1 Transportation
Harshbarger's Sub & Malt
MCHS School Store

Bus Expectations

We are receiving a high number of bus referrals for the short time we have been in school. We expect our SMES students to be respectful, responsible, ready, and SAFE on the bus.

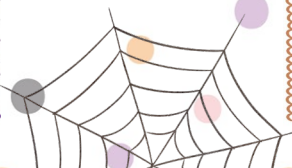
The bus driver can become distracted when students are not following these expectations. It's important that students comply in order for the bus ride to be a safe one.

Misbehavior on the bus will result in consequences that can include loss of recess and loss of riding privileges. If your student is a bus rider, please talk with them about the importance of safe behavior on the bus:

- **Stay seated at all times** with their bottoms on the seat and their backs against the back of the seat. Students should not be getting up, laying/crawling on the floor, or be in the aisle.
- **Keep your hands to yourself.** Students should NEVER hurt another student by pushing, hitting, biting, spitting etc.
- **Do not damage the bus.** Do not draw on, poke holes in, or rip but seats.
- **Be kind.** Use kind words and talk quietly. Students should not call names, swear, yell, or shout.

Book fair

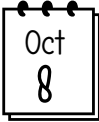
Thank you to all who purchased books and helped make the book fair such a success! Just over \$5,000 in sales earned us \$2,500 in Scholastic Dollars to use for the book vending machine.





≡ PSA ≡

The PSA would like to thank everyone who participated in the Open House raffle and attended the Barnyard Family Night.



The next PSA meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10/8 at 6pm in the SMES cafe. Meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday of each month.

Please know, childcare is not available. Please make alternate arrangements for your children. In the event of an emergency, your child must sit at the table with you and be escorted to/from the restroom.

Current Fundraising Efforts

Register your Weis Rewards card with Weis 4 School to earn money for our school!

After registering your rewards card, Weis will donate a percentage of your purchase to PSA!



Scan here



SMES PSA sold school spirit shoe charms and Country Meats meat sticks at the Goose Day event. If you would like to purchase any that were not sold, they will be available at the PSA meetings and at random "pop-ups".



School Spirit Shoe Charms

Cost:

1- \$5 2- \$8 3- \$12

Country Meats Meat Sticks

Cost: 2 for \$3

Impromptu pop-up sales will be announced when possible.



≡ Educational Trips ≡

Each student is allowed up to five educational trip days per school year. In order to use these days, you must first complete and submit an Education Trip Request Form before going on the trip.

Assignments must be turned in upon the student's return to school. Also, the student is required to submit a 1 page report about the trip experiences. This report should be completed by the student, not the parent. Younger students can draw pictures and write what they can.

≡ PBIS Kickoff ≡



This year's PBIS kickoff assembly featured Ned's Mindset Mission. Our presenter used a yo-yo to demonstrate lessons we teach students each day- the importance of practicing, doing our best, learning from our mistakes, and not giving up.



≡ Volunteers ≡

The deadline to submit clearances and the volunteer packet is Monday, 10/7.

As a reminder, the following is required:

- >> Act 34 PA Criminal History Clearance
- >> Act 151 PA Child Abuse History Clearance
- >> Act 114 Federal Criminal History & Fingerprinting or Volunteer Affidavit in lieu (restrictions apply)
- >> Volunteer Packet (required to be completed each school year)
- >> Your driver's license (or state ID) will need to be scanned into School Gate Guardian.

≡ Health Screenings ≡

Health screenings will be taking place on Monday, 10/21 and Tuesday, 10/22. These screenings will include height, weight, and body mass index as well as hearing and vision screenings.

If your child wears glasses, please make sure they wear their glasses to school that day for their screening.



≡ Absence Excuses ≡

Don't forget, notes are due to the office within 3 days after an absence. Feel free to use the notes below or enter the excuse in Skyward Family Access.

Absence Note


Student: _____

Teacher: _____

Date Absent: _____

Reason: _____

Signed _____



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