

IVEC November Newsletter

Gratitude for Our Families



Thank You Families! ♥

This time of year encourages us to reflect on the things we are thankful for. Please allow us to express our gratitude for trusting us with your little loved ones. They are what keeps us going and bring joy to our days. Thank you for allowing us to be part of their journey and for the love and support you show them.

With gratitude,
-Mr. Portzline and Mr. Zook-

🌿 5th grade PSU Outdoor School 🌿

Outdoor School is a learning opportunity our 5th grade students get to explore. The program is facilitated by Penn State counselors. Students stay a few days and nights at Camp Blue Diamond and participate in a variety of learning experiences that focus around better understanding the Earth's natural systems and the relationships between human lifestyle choices, their affect upon the Earth's natural systems leading to positive changes in values and behavior, as well as building personal confidence and positive self image. This experience is something that students remember for a long time.

Mrs. Herto, Ms. Rados, and Mrs. Walker attended October 1-4

Mrs. Willard and Mrs. Thompson's classes attended October 8-11

Video below courtesy of [PSU Outdoor School website](#). Note - this video does not include our students.





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuqpTrUh7Os>



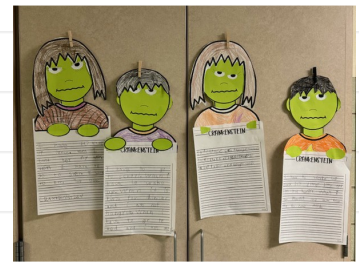
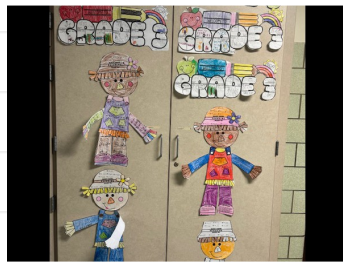
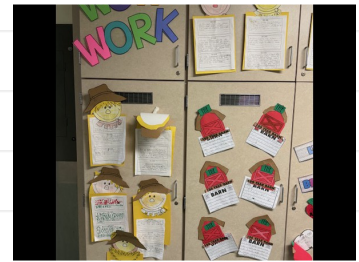
Helping Hand Supply Drive

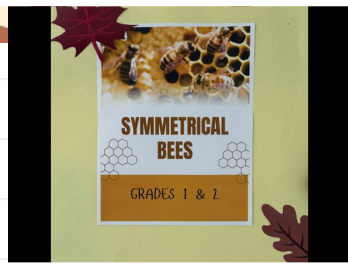
Indian Valley's students, parents, and the community pulled together to donate supplies to support the victims of the Hurricane Helene flooding. IV was able to collect a trailer full of cleaning supplies, baby supplies, paper products, hygiene items, and school supplies to help those in need. A huge thank you goes out to all those that supported our Helping Hand Supply Drive.



Class Fall Projects

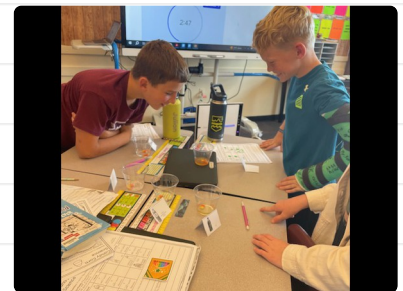
Check out some of the cool class activities and projects students have been working on this month.





Candy Corn Science

Mrs. Walker's 5th grade class used a favorite fall candy, Candy Corn, to observe some cool science phenomena. How is candy corn affected by various liquids?



Halloween Parade



Read-A-Thon

Indian Valley Elementary is having our first ever Read-A-Thon starting November 12 and ending December 3. Details for the event will be coming home with students this week and will be posted

**Indian Valley is having
our first ever...**



The Read-A-Thon starts on Tuesday, November 12
and ends Tuesday, December 3.

Prizes will be awarded throughout
the Read-A-Thon!
The top reader from each grade
level will receive a \$25 Amazon card.



Important dates

Information on Parent/Teacher conferences should be available in the near future - If you have questions about your time, please reach out to your child's teacher.

*November 25th - 27th - Report cards will go home at conferences. If you are unable to attend conference, report cards will be sent on Tuesday, December 3rd.

*Monday, November 11th - Veteran's Day, No School

*November 27th - December 2nd - No School. School resumes Tuesday, December 3rd.



We Appreciate Our Parent Volunteers!

👏 We Couldn't Do it Without YOU! 👏

Home and School

If you are looking for another way to support IV Home & School, check out their Amazon Wish List for the upcoming Christmas craft in December. Items range in price from \$5-\$22.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/B84K4WQDBEC5?ref=wl_share

To have items shipped directly to the Christmas craft coordinator (preferred method), please select "Lisa Rheam's Gift Registry" as the shipping address. If you choose to have items shipped to you, the items can be sent to school with your child, and clearly labeled "Home & School Christmas Craft."

Thank you for your continued support of IV Home & School!

Our next meeting is coming up on November 19 @ 6:00 in the school library. We hope to see you there!

Homeless Awareness Week

Schools and communities across the nation set aside the week before Thanksgiving to recognize the challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness. Under federal law, children are

considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, or adequate

nighttime residence. Many people associate being homeless with living on the street, but homelessness is often hidden, especially in rural communities.

An average of 100 students are identified as homeless in Mifflin County School District each year. To assist those in need, MCSD staff will be raising money for the district's student homelessness fund. In exchange for a \$5 donation, staff will be able to dress down on Friday, November 15th and are encouraged to wear a red shirt to spread awareness.

If you are experiencing homelessness, please know that help is available. Please reach out to your child's teacher, principal, nurse, or counselor. They will connect you with one of the district's social workers, who can assist you with securing necessary resources.



Homelessness Awareness Month - November 2024

Pennsylvania Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Week recognizes and brings awareness to the importance of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the education needed to provide stability and consistency to students experiencing homelessness across Pennsylvania. Under federal law, children are considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence. Many people associate being homeless with living on the street, but homelessness is often hidden, especially in rural communities.

To date for the 2024 school year, Mifflin County School District has identified 127 students that are doubled up living with other families, living at the homeless shelter or living in camps/RV's.

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If you are experiencing homelessness, please know that help is available. Please reach out to either of our district's homeless liaisons:

Nicole Frasier, LSW
717-250-0414; nfr5@mcstdistrict.org

Kaitlin Marshall, LSW
717-250-2633; kmar77@mcstdistrict.org



Attendance Updates

One of the biggest indicators of student success is student attendance. Research also has shown that the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. For that reason we have placed an emphasis on increasing student attendance. The first marking period ended on October 25th and our attendance here at IV was great! Our students, parents, and teachers are a huge part of this success - we appreciate your effort. Our school-wide attendance for the first marking period was 96%! We had a total of 189 students with perfect attendance. Great job! A Certificate of Perfect Attendance is hanging in our school for each student who earned perfect attendance.

We will continue our perfect attendance initiative during the second marking period. Student attendance will restart with the second marking period. So, if a student didn't achieve perfect attendance for the first marking period, they can still earn it each marking period throughout the year.



Attendance Magic Numbers

- 1 Number of weeks **ADVANCE** notice for Educational Trips.
- 3 Number of days you have to turn in an excuse after an absence.
- 3 Number of unexcused days before First Offense is Filed. (1st letter - warning)
- 4 Number of unexcused days resulting in a School Improvement Plan meeting. (2nd letter - schedule meeting)
- 6 Number of unexcused days resulting in a meeting with parent/guardian/administration/CYS/Raystown Developmental Services
- 7 Citation filed with District Magistrate
- 10 Number of excuses a parent/guardian can write for their child in a school year. (Hand written, emailed, or submitted on Skyward)

Attendance
Secretary:
Mrs. Ishler
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Mark Your Calendars

- November 11 - Veterans' Day - **No School for Students**
- November 19 - Home and School Meeting 6:00PM IVES library
- November 25 - Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 26 - Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 27 - Morning Parent-Teacher Conferences - **No School for Students**
- November 28 - December 2 - Thanksgiving Vacation
- December 2 - **Designated Make-Up Day #1**
- December 11 - Elementary Band Christmas Concert, MCMS @ 7:00PM
- December 13 - Winter Choral Concert 9:00AM (Grades K, 1, 5)
- December 23-January 1 - Christmas Vacation **No School for Students**
- January 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - **No School for Students - Make-Up Day #2**
- January 31 - Act 80 Day - **No School for Students**
- February 14 - Act 80 Day - **No School for Students**
- February 17 - President's Day - **No School for Students - Make-up Day #3**
- March 14 - Act 80 Day
- April 18 - Good Friday - **No school for Students**



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