

STRODES MILLS ELEMENTARY

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≡ Coming Up ≡

- 11/1- Halloween Parties & PBIS Celebration Parade @12:45
- 11/6- Picture Retakes
- 11/11- No School (Veteran's Day)
- 11/21- 2nd Grade Field Trip (Nutcracker Ballet)
- 11/25-11/27- Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/27- No School for Students
- 11/28-12/2- No School for Students (Thanksgiving Vacation)



≡ Nurse Reminders ≡

If your student presents with any of the symptoms below, they should NOT come to school:

- Fever of 100 ° or higher & fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- Rash- persistent itching over the body
 - Severe earache
- Eyes- red, itchy, or with drainage
 - Persistent cough
 - Thick nasal drainage

≡ Conferences ≡

Teachers will be reaching out soon to schedule parent teacher conferences to meet with you and provide an update on your child's academic progress as well as their first report card.. Conferences will be taking place over the course of three days- 11/25, 11/26, 11/27.

Please be punctual so that teachers may maintain the integrity of their schedule.

≡ Christmas Events ≡

- 12/3- PSA Christmas Craft
- 12/10- Christmas Concert
To help with overcrowding, we are going to try a different schedule. **Please only attend the time in which your child is performing.** There will be 15 minutes between each group to allow one group of parents to leave and the next to find a seat.
 - Kindergarten 8:45-9:00
 - 1st grade 9:15-9:30
 - 2nd grade 9:45-10:00
 - 3rd grade 10:15-10:30
- 12/17- MCHS Cantare Performance
- 12/19- Santa's Workshop
- 12/20- Schoolwide Christmas Movie & Class Parties
- 12/23-1/1- Christmas Break
- 1/2-School in Session



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!

Winter Weather

As it becomes colder outside, please be sure to send your student with appropriate outerwear for outdoor recess- winter coats, hats, and gloves.

If you are in need any of these items for your student, reach out to our school counselor, Miss Marker.

Lost & Found

We always see an increase of items in lost and found as the temperatures drop. Remind your child to check the lost and found for anything they may be missing.

We encourage you to write your child's name in their coats and sweatshirts so we can return it to them.



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 campers/RVs.

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 either of our district's homeless liaisons:



Nicole Frazier, LSW

717-250-0414; nrf56@mcsdk12.org

Kaitlin Marshall, LSW

717-250-2423; kjm07@mcsdk12.org



≡ PSA ≡



The next PSA meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11/12 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.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

On December 3rd, Harshbarger's Sub & Malt will host a fundraiser night benefitting SMES PSA. Just let your server know and a percentage of your total will be donated.



PSA members are in the process of planning a spirit sale. More information to come!

≡ Subaru Loves Learning ≡

Thank you to Jason Renno and his team at Blaise Alexander Subaru of Lewistown for supporting our school.

SMES received a donation of \$5,000 for teachers to purchase additional supplies and resources to support their students and classrooms!

Absences
Add up!

#SCHOOLEVERYDAY
Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year.

≡ fire Prevention Assembly ≡

Students enjoyed a fire prevention assembly from West Granville and McVeytown fire companies during Fire Safety Week. Students learned about fire prevention, saw a firefighter in full gear, and got to see firetrucks up close!



≡ PBIS Sponsors ≡

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

- The Academy
- At the Barnyard
- Class 1 Transportation
- Harshbarger's Sub & Malt
- Lewistown Lanes
- MCHS School Store



≡ fall fest ≡



Students earned their first PBIS Celebration by being Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe. We celebrated in fall fashion with a day full of games, crafts, and fun! Students loved seeing some of their favorite blowup characters race to the finish line! A big thank you to The Academy and parent volunteers for helping make it a fun day for all!

