



STRODES MILLS ELEMENTARY

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≡ Coming Up ≡

- 1/2 - School in Session
- 1/20 - No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Designated Make-Up Day
- 1/15 - Last day of 3rd grade's 2nd marking period
- 1/27 - 3rd grade report cards issued
- 1/31 - No School (Act 80 Day)
- 2/11 - 3rd grade field trip to Eisenhower Auditorium
- 2/14 - No School (Act 80 Day)

≡ Reminders ≡

Absent- excuses must be submitted within 3 days of returning from an absence. You can send a written note or submit electronically via Family Access. If your child saw a doctor for their absence, you can send the doctor's excuse to school with your child or ask the doctor's office to fax the excuse to 717-248-5839.

Arriving late- sign the student in at the office. Depending on the time they arrive, their lunch choice may be limited.

Leaving early- send a note to school with your student. Include their first and last name, time they are leaving, and reason.

Parent pickup at dismissal- send a note to school with your student. Include their first and last name, dates they are a pickup, and who will be picking them up. (if an every day, or scheduled days of the week, you can send one note for the whole year)

≡ Weather Alerts ≡

A few importation reminders from Mr. Varner's 11/8/24 Skylert regarding weather, cancellations, delays, and early dismissals:

- MCSD does not always run on the same schedule as neighboring school districts since road and weather conditions can vary.
- Delays, early dismissals, and cancellations will be based on current road, weather, or forecasted conditions.
- Updates will be provided on the district website, SKYLERT messaging system, and local radio stations.
- MCSD tries to make weather related decisions the night before whenever possible. Since we cannot control the weather systems, MCSD tries to make all weather related decisions no later than 5:30 am on the morning of school.
- Please do **NOT** call the school to determine delays, early dismissals, and cancellations.

When there is a 2 or 3 hour delay, lunch will be served, but breakfast will NOT. Additionally, boxed salads will not be an option when there is a delay. Students can choose between the regular meal or craveable.

To stay completely informed of all delays, early dismissals, and cancellations, please be sure you have updated phone numbers and email addresses in Family Access.

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!

AM Dropoff

A few reminders to help morning parent dropoff to be safe and smooth:

Morning parent dropoff begins at 7:30 am when a staff member is outside on duty. Please do not drop students off before this. We've had a few instances where students were dropped off early and were waiting at the door prior to 7:30 am.

With temperatures dropping, it is especially important that students wait in the car until 7:30 am and when staff are outside.

Please do not use the bus lane. It must be reserved for buses. Many of our buses have other runs that they have to do after ours, so it's important to keep the bus lane open for them.

Please pull to the very end of the parent dropoff sidewalk. This helps to allow enough space for many cars to line up and prevents backups onto Chestnut Ridge Road.

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before 9/1/2025, please fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter and submit to Mrs. Peterson in the office.

New this year, SMES is piloting an online version of this form! Simply scan the QR code and complete the form. We hope families find this a convenient option to the paper form.



Please spread the new and share with any friends or family who have a child who may attend kindergarten next school year.

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

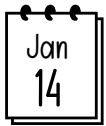
MCHS School Store

Urban Air





≡ PSA ≡



The next PSA meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1/14 at 6pm in the SMES cafe. Meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday of each month.

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

Spirit Wear orders were delivered before Christmas break. If you are missing any items or received a wrong item, please reach out right away for it to be looked into.

≡ field Trip fun ≡



Kindergarten and first grade had a great time on their field trip to East Broadtop Railroad where they enjoyed a train ride and cup of hot cocoa!

≡ Bus Behaviors ≡

Please talk with your students about safe bus behaviors in order for the bus ride to be a safe one:

- Stay seated at all times No standing, laying/crawling on the floor, or being in the aisle.
- Keep hands & feet to self. No hitting, kicking, or spitting.
- Talk QUIETLY and with kind words.
- Do not damage the bus.



≡ PBIS Reminders ≡

As we prepare to return to school from Christmas Vacation, review with your students the PBIS expectations- Respectful. Responsible. Ready, and Safe.

RESPECTFUL

- Use kind words and quiet voices
- Share playground equipment at recess
- Put trash & paper towels in the trash can

RESPONSIBLE

- Hand notes (pickup, absences, etc) in to your teacher
 - Dress for the weather
 - Listen carefully to announcements

READY

- Active listening to teachers- eyes on teacher, ears on, voices off
 - Line up quickly and quietly
- Be packed up with all of your belongings before leaving for your bus

SAFE

- Walk in the halls with hands at your side
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Stay behind the yellow line at buses

≡ Trout ≡

We are excited to be partnering with the PA Fish & Wildlife Commission again this year to hatch trout eggs. Mr. Conner has the tank setup and ready for the eggs to arrive soon!



Dear Parent:

The Mifflin County School District is conducting registration for children who will be eligible for enrollment in a kindergarten class for the 2025-2026 school year. A child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2025. There are no exceptions or provisions made for early entrance to kindergarten.

Information gathered from this form will enable the district to properly plan for its new enrollees and will provide an opportunity for school officials to communicate directly with parents and guardians concerning enrollment requirements.

Proper enrollment for school includes: a physical examination performed within one year of the start of the 2025-2026 school year, verification of birth date, proper immunization, proof of residence, and custody agreements/court orders (if applicable). Once enrolled, a kindergarten assessment will be administered to each child to determine learning potential. While this assessment has no bearing on eligibility for enrollment, it does aid the school in structuring meaningful and appropriate educational programs for new students. Once your child is registered you will receive more information about the assessment program.

Please complete the form below and return it to your child's school :

East Derry Elementary School - Mrs. Gina Snyder - (717) 543-5615, gms36@mcsdk12.org

Indian Valley Elementary School - Ms. Koleen Nickel - (717) 667-2123, kjn28@mcsdk12.org

Lewistown Elementary School - Mrs. Kaitlin Lorson - (717) 242-5823, kml29@mcsdk12.org

Strodes Mills Elementary School - Mrs. Amber Peterson - (717) 248-7154, alp35@mcsdk12.org

Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ SEX: *Male or Female*
Last First Middle Month / Date / Year

Father's Name _____ Home Phone _____
Last First Middle

Mother's Name _____ Home Phone _____
Last First Middle

Guardian's Name _____ Home Phone _____
(if applicable) Last First Middle

Child Resides with: _____
Father/Mother/Guardian

Address where Child Resides _____
Street / Box No. City

Name of a local friend or relative to contact if parents are not available.

Name	Address	Telephone	Relationship
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