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SMES MONTHLY NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Strodes Mills Elementary School is Now a Schoolwide Title I School!

Strodes Mills Elementary School is proud to be able to serve students this year as a schoolwide Title I school. Schoolwide Title I programs are a strategy for implementing comprehensive school change. A schoolwide program permits high poverty schools(40% or more) to use funds from Title I, Part A and other federal funds along with district and state resources to upgrade the entire educational program of the school in order to raise academic achievement for all students. Research has shown that for the lowest achieving students in high poverty schools to meet high standards of performance, their entire instructional program, not just a separate Title I program, must be substantially improved. To prepare for this process, Strodes Mills Elementary School completed a Getting Results document to identify the areas of focus for our school this year. You can review our school's schoolwide plan by visiting the Federal Programs link at www.mcsdk12.org or by requesting a copy at the school office.

We invite you to join a team of parents, teachers and school administrators to be part of the Strodes Mills Elementary Schoolwide Title I committee and to attend an informational meeting, scheduled on September 14, 2009 following the PSA meeting (approximately 7:30) to learn more about schoolwide Title I programming. Please contact Terry Styers at 248-5488 for more information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

First Marking

Period:

Sept. 2—Nov. 5

Sept. 14

PSA Meeting @
6:30 PM, Room 101

Sept. 22

Third Grade Ag Tour

Oct. 9

Individual Student
Pictures. Gr. K-5

Oct. 12

Teacher Inservice Day—
No school for Students

Oct. 13-16

Fifth Grade to Outdoor
School

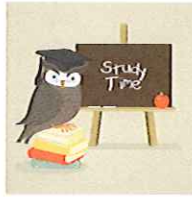
Nov. 16

Open House,
6:00—7:30 PM

Nov. 26—Dec. 1

Thanksgiving Vacation





SAFE HOMES DIRECTORY – Pledges are Available

This is the 3rd year that Communities That Care (CTC) has partnered with the Mifflin County School District to provide parents with a Safe Homes Directory. This Directory has a listing of contact information for parents who agree with the Safe Homes pledge and who complete this pledge and return it to their school and/or the CTC office.

The goal of the Safe Homes Directory is to help parents contact each other and network so we know where our kids are, who they are with, and what they are doing.

Please read the attached Safe Homes pledge. It says that you will provide adult supervision when kids visit your home, that you will make sure that children do not have access to tobacco or alcohol, and you will call other parents before your child goes to visit their home.

If you complete the attached Safe Homes pledge, you will be included in this year's directory. All parents who sign the pledge and return it will receive a free copy of the Directory.

If you have returned pledges in past years, you will need to complete a new pledge to receive the 2009-2010 directory. Questions can be directed to the CTC office 248-3994.

From the school nurse:

One of my goals this school year is to help your child be healthy. Some suggestions:

- **Get a good nights rest.**
- **Eat breakfast.**
- **Wash your face and hands and brush your teeth morning and night.**
- **Drink water daily.**
- **Get lots of exercise.**
- **Have a positive attitude.**

