



Strodes Mills Elementary School

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READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

DR. SEUSS SPIRIT WEEK: February 26th - March – 2nd

Monday – *I Am Not Going to Get Up Today* – Wear school appropriate sleeping attire.

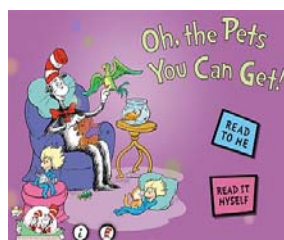
Tuesday – *The Grinch that Stole Christmas* – Dress like a Who or wear Grinchy Green.

Wednesday – *Wacky Wednesday* – Wear your wackiest mixed up clothes.

Thursday – *The Cat in the Hat* – Wear white, red, black and a hat.

Friday – *Oh, The Pets You Will Get* – Bring a stuffed animal and wear a shirt with an animal or animal print on it.

DEAR Time – **D**rop **E**verything **A**nd **R**ead - Students can bring their favorite book from home and each day they will have a designated time where they just drop everything and read that book for 10 minutes. Parents can practice this at home as a “fun” way to get your child to read for a short period of time.



Strodes Mills Students raised \$6,161.52 for **Jump Rope for Heart!** Mr. Miller and Mrs. Banks were each “pied” in the face and Mr. McClure had his head shaved because they went over their goal of \$4,000.00! Great job SMES! **Prizes will be sent home the end of March.**

PSSA TESTING – 3RD GRADE – April 9 - 13 - Language Arts and April 16 – 20 - Math

Parents play a vital role in helping their child succeed; whether it is in school, on the PSSA'S or in life in general, **a parent's involvement in their child's education is essential**. The following are some helpful tips that you can implement now:

1. Encourage your child to complete all homework.
2. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and exercise.
3. Stress the importance of always trying your best.
4. Access the MCSD website for general PSSA information and practice.
5. Maintain contact with your child's teacher.
6. Participate in Home and School functions, Parent Involvement activities and Schoolwide meetings when your schedule allows.

Discount Cards are on sale for \$10.00.

Please contact the office to buy them.

ATTENDANCE – ACT 134

It is very important that you send an excuse in with your child within **three (3) days** after they are absent. If an excuse is not received within three (3) days, it will be marked as unexcused. At three (3) unexcused absences, a truancy referral will be filed with Children and Youth **and** Raystown Development Services.

LATE BUSSES

Starting Monday, February 19th, if **your child's bus is running late** (AM or PM) we will post a notice on the MCSD home web page informing you of this information.

Notices will be placed on the home web page in the same location where delays and cancellations are posted.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2/26 – 3/2	Read Across America Week
3/2	Ace, the service dog will visit classrooms
3/7 & 8	Kindergarten Registration
3/13	Home and School meeting at 6:30 PM
3/16	ACT 80 Day – No School
3/30	Good Friday – No School
4/2	ACT 80 Day - No School
4/9 – 13	PSSA Language Arts testing - 3 rd grade
4/17	2 nd Grade to the Dutch Apple Theatre
4/16 - 20	PSSA Math testing – 3 rd grade only
4/18 – 23	Book Fair
4/27	1 st Grade to Lake Tobias
4/30	Mobile Ed. Day – Sky Dome theme
5/4	3 rd Grade to PA State Museum
5/11	Kindergarten Farm Field Trip - Youth Park
5/22	Field Day
5/23	Field Day Rain Date
5/31	Last day of school!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for 2017 – 2018 school year will be held at **Strodes Mills Elementary School** on March 7th and 8th. If you have a child that will be starting kindergarten or know of a child that will be starting kindergarten (neighbor, relative, etc.) in the fall, please make sure that they are registered. Please call the school office at 248-7154 for information, if you have not registered them yet.