



# Indian Valley Elementary Center

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## Dates to Remember

- April 3 - After-school band practice.
- April 10 – Maker's Club after school.
- April 10 – After-school band practice.
- April 15-26 – PSSA Testing Window for grades 3, 4, 5.
- April 17 – Home and School Meeting. 6:00 in the cafeteria.
- April 18 – School is in session. Make-up Day #4.
- April 19 – No School. Good Friday.
- April 22 – ACT 80 Day. No school for students.
- April 26 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip.
- April 29 – May 3 – PSSA Science Test for Grade 4.
- May 1 – Spring Choral Concert.
- May 1 – After-school band practice.
- May 3 – Spring Festival
- May 6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip.
- May 8<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip.

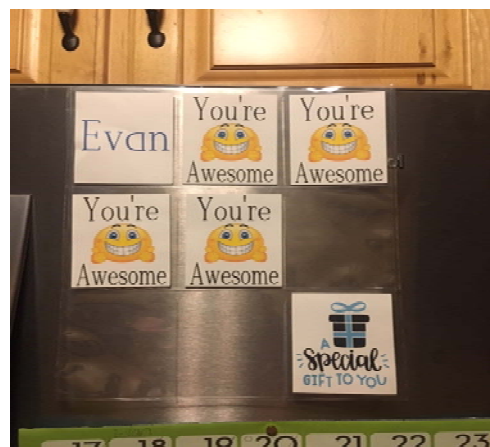
## Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe - Pawsitive Happenings



PBIS is making an impact in the homes of our IVES families. We recently had parents share with us how they are using the PBIS system in their home to

help reward positive behaviors.

"Our son had a positive reaction to the PAW system at school, so we decided to try it at home. Our visual system encourages him to keep making good decisions and working to go above and beyond at home in order to enjoy his reward once he gets all his paws. Some things we have seen him do to earn paws are pitching in to help us clean up the house or even taking the time to read to his sister. The paws, and the visual attainment of the reward keep him working to achieve his goal."



## Home and School News

Take a look at all the important information and events coming up:

**Spring Festival -Fun for the whole family mark your calendars for May 3rd!**

Be on the lookout for **forms to return**. There are many ways to volunteer or make donations. If you are signing up for food, only send ONE form per family.

**Box Tops-** The next competition will be for a **Popsicle Party...keep clipping!**

**April 17th-** The next Home and School meeting, we will nominate new officers.

**Field Day -** A fun day to celebrate the end of the year is **May 22nd**. We will need volunteers so make sure you have your clearances so you can join us as a volunteer!

## 2019 PSSA Testing Dates

The Math and Reading PSSA tests will be given to the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders this year.

- The English Language Arts testing window is April 15 - 18.
- The Math testing window is April 23 -26.
- The Science Testing window is April 29 - May 3. (4<sup>th</sup> Grade only.)

It is important for students to be in school during this time. Please try not to **schedule appointments or vacations during these dates**.

## Schoolwide Planning

If you have a child in grades K-3 and would like to be a part of our Federal Programs School Wide Planning team, please contact Dr. O'Donnell.

## Important Information

Remember to update your Skylert information. It is critical that all emergency contact information is up to date. Please contact the office if phone numbers change.

All visitors must sign-in at the Main Office.

Special Reminder: All kindergarten students must have an adult at the bus stop to pick them up after school.

Be sure to submit a "Permission to Give Medication" form for students who need to take meds/inhalers at school.

Students are able to take up to 5 Educational Trip days per school year. Be sure to fill out the form and have it signed PRIOR to taking the educational trip. A report is due to the office within 3 days of returning from the trip for it to be considered a lawful absence.

Clearances: If you would like to volunteer in the school, you will need to have all clearances completed. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

Be sure to follow "Indian Valley Elementary Center" on Facebook to see our latest news.

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### From the Nurse

A school dental examination form was sent home with the students in the middle of March. **All students entering 3rd grade need to have a dental examination.** This form should be returned to the school nurse when completed. All students entering sixth grade need to have a physical exam submitted prior to the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

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### Elementary Band News

Attention parents of third grade students. Does your child seem to have musical abilities and a love for music? If so, Band might be an exciting opportunity for your child to pursue in fourth grade! Mrs. Poorman is the Band Director at Lewistown Intermediate School and Indian Valley Elementary Center. She will visit each elementary school before the end of the year to meet the third grade students and to distribute details pertaining to Elementary Band. Band permission slips will not be distributed until next year, but the summer is a great time to consider the following:

- **Your child may choose one of the following instruments:** Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, French Horn, Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Oboe, Drums, or Bells.
- **Pursue a realistic yet exciting instrument.** Each instrument has unique qualities that need to be properly matched to the unique characteristics of each child. The internet is a great way to research which instruments are the most realistic and appealing. I recommend paying attention to the size of the instrument in comparison to your child's size, how to hold the instrument, and how to create a sound on the instrument.
- **Can they create a sound on the instrument?** Find a way to try out the instrument before making a commitment. Mrs. Poorman will have several instruments available in her office for potential band students to try out at the beginning of the school year.
- **Find an instrument.** Our school district is not able to provide instruments. My recommendation, if you do not have a decent instrument readily available, is to contact Robert M. Sides. They have a very affordable program and make weekly trips to each school. *I do not recommend purchasing instruments online as they are often irreparable.*
- **Be supportive.** If your child pursues band, you can encourage them by helping them to remember their band schedule, finding a good place/time to practice, letting them perform for you, and by attending their concerts.

If you would like to get a glimpse of what to anticipate for Band next year, consider attending one of the following concerts. We hope to see you there!

**IV Elementary Band**  
**IVEC Auditorium**  
**May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

**LIS Elementary Band**  
**MCMS Auditorium**  
**May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm**

