



Indian Valley Elementary Center

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Dates to Remember

- August 31 – No School. Act 80 Day
- September 3 – No School – Labor Day
- September 11 – Fundraiser Kick-off
- September 18 – 3rd Grade Farm Field Trip
- September 21 – No School. Act 80 Day
- September 25 – Fundraiser orders due.
- September 27 – Individual and Group Pictures.
- October 2-5 – Mrs. Willard/Herbster Outdoor School.
- October 9-12 – Mrs. Walker/Runk Outdoor School.
- October 19 – No School – ACT 80 Day
- October 23 – OPEN House from 5:30 – 7:00
- November 5-9 – Ag Mobile
- November 12 No School – Act 80 Day
- November 13 – No School. Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 21 – Early Dismissal at 1:15 for Elementary Students.
- November 22-27 – No School. Thanksgiving Break.

Welcome Back!

We would like to make note of some staff changes at Indian Valley this year.

- Mr. Matt Reed has joined our 4th grade team of teachers.
- Mr. Scott Gaffey has joined our special education staff at Indian Valley.
- Miss Kaylee Knouse has joined our 2nd grade team of teachers.
- Miss Megan Herbster has joined our 5th grade team of teachers.
- Mrs. Dawn Berrier has joined our special education staff.
- Mrs. Alison Lutz is our speech/language teacher.
- Mrs. Jessica Poorman is the new band instructor.
- Mrs. Rachel Wozniak is our new art teacher.
- Mrs. Amber Peterson is our new administrative secretary.
- Alison Bubb will be joining IV as a para-educator.
- Brittany Shreffler will be joining IV as a para-educator.
- Kathy Krepps will be joining IV as a para-educator.

We are thrilled with our Indian Valley staff who are all looking forward to a stellar year with our students!

Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe



Indian Valley staff and students continue to work on our Positive Behaviors this year! We are **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, READY, and SAFE!** Ask your child to let you know when he or she receive a PAWsitive ticket at school so you can share in that joy!

Home and School News

We are excited to get started planning for the new school year! Please join us for the first H & S meeting on WEDNESDAY, September 19th at 6 pm in the school cafeteria. We would love to see new and old faces there! Meetings are kid friendly and run about 45 min. For those that can't make it, please be sure to visit the Indian Valley Elementary Center website page at www.mcsdk12.org/ivis/ and click on the Home & School Widget to stay informed.

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 or there is a change in court ordered custody.

All visitors must sign-in at the Main Office.

The MCSDK website has the following important pieces of information: All Hazards Plan, Student Handbook, Bullying Policy, Curriculum Links, District Calendar, Lunch Menu, CYCLE Day calendar, and much more! Check it out at www.mcsdk12.org

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.

Accident Insurance for your child can be found at www.BollingersSchool.com/mifflincounty. If your child is uninsured, call 1-800-986-KIDS for CHIP.

2018- 2019 Cafeteria Price List

Regular Lunch - \$2.45

Breakfast - \$1.30



Milk - \$0.55

Reduced Lunch - \$0.40

Reduced Breakfast - \$.030

Right to Know

As a parent of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paraprofessional(s) who instruct your child.

Federal law requires every Title I school district to comply and to provide you with the requested information in a timely manner.

We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additional right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include
 - subject matter tested,
 - purpose of the test,
 - source of the requirement (if applicable),
 - amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
 - time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Kevin O'Donnell at Indian Valley Elementary School at 717-667-2123 or email me at kjo47@mcsdk12.org.

We look forward to the upcoming school year, and together we will make a difference in your child's life.

Sincerely,
Kevin J. O'Donnell

Summer Reading Program

More than 50 students came aboard for pirate adventures during Indian Valley Elementary's Summer Reading Program. Parents and students enjoyed weekly activities such as uncovering hidden treasure and creating their own pirate ship. The students did a fantastic job and were able to log over 300 hours of summer reading!

