



Indian Valley Elementary Center

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Dates to Remember

- February 1 – Ski club trip
- February 4-8 – Book Fair
- February 7 – STEAM Fair. 6:00 PM
- February 8 – Ski club
- February 15 – Act 80 Day. No school for students.
- February 18 – School is in session. Designated make-up day #3.
- March 14 – Spring Pictures. No make-up day.
- March 15 – Act 80 Day. No school for students.
- March 19-20 – Kindergarten Registration.
- March 22 – Talent Show.
- April 15-26 – PSSA Testing Window for grades 3, 4, 5.
- April 18 – School is in session. Make-up Day #4.
- April 26 – 4th Grade Field Trip.
- April 29 – May 3 – PSSA Science Test for Grade 4.
- May 7 – 2nd Grade Field Trip.
- May 8 – 3rd Grade Field Trip.

Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe - Pawsitive Happenings



Indian Valley students continue to earn Paws for respectful, responsible, ready, and safe behaviors. Blue Ticket lunches happen monthly for those students who are consistently showing Pawsitive behaviors. Check out our Facebook page to see those students and other exciting moments at IVEC!

IVEC STEAM Fair

You are not going to want to miss this year's STEAM Fair. Students are hard at work on some amazing projects! We will also have hands on activities for all ages including: Lego Building Challenges, Keva Planks, Codapillars with Mrs. Bell, Ozobots with Ms. O'Donnell, Children's Literature Engineering Challenges, Constructables with MCHS Technology Ed. Students, Underwater Robotics with MCHS Technology Ed students, and much more!

Join us on Thursday, February 7th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the IVEC gymnasium. Should it snow, the event will be held at the same time and place on February 21st.

Cold Weather and Recess

Children will go outside for recess as long as the Real Feel temperature is 28 degrees or above. Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for outside recess. If you are in need of appropriate outerwear for your child, please reach out to Miss Rebling, our school guidance counselor.

Kindergarten Readiness Workshop

If you have a child entering kindergarten in 2019-2020, please join us for our FREE Kindergarten Readiness Workshop. The workshop will offer both a math and a literacy session.

The literacy session will cover topics in which you will learn how to develop an awareness of sounds and how oral language and letter sounds affect reading. The math session will teach you how to help your child develop an awareness of number recognition.

Parents and incoming kindergarten children are invited to attend one session. The sessions will occur at each elementary building and you do not need to attend the one where your child will go to school. Please call 717-248-0148 ext. 2546 to register, or if you prefer to email, send a note to mrf33@mcsdk12.org.

The session dates still to come are at East Derry – February 9th and Lewistown Elementary – February 23rd.

Home and School News

Our next meeting is February 20th in the cafeteria. We begin at 6:00 PM. We would love to see you there!

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.

2019 PSSA Testing Dates

The Math and Reading PSSA tests will be given to the 3rd – 5th 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. (4th 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.**

PBIS Tier II Support

Our PBIS program has supports in place to assist our students who struggle in following the Pawsitive Behavior – Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe. We have a team of professionals who meet regularly to look at data concerning student behaviors. If a student is struggling, we make sure that student receives extra support. That support may be in the form of a Social Skills Group with Mr. Hall, our school psychologist, Mrs. Rowe from Second Step, Ms. Frazier the MCSD social worker, or Miss Rebling, our guidance counselor.

Another support in place is called Check-in/Check-out. Mrs. Knode and Mrs. Quigley-Jones run that program and work with individual students daily. Both programs have been highly successful with the students.

Some students go through times when they struggle with coming to school. This would be more than, "I'm tired and don't want to go to school today." These students truly have some concern about leaving a parent or guardian. We can assist with that as well. Mrs. Traxler and Mrs. Bubb are our teachers who coordinate our Attendance Check-in/Check-out support.

While we do use data to drive our decisions about which students to include and what program to use, we also respect parent requests for assistance. If you believe your child would benefit from Tier II support, you can download the form on the Indian Valley Elementary School website (located under Forms and Flyers) and send it to school with your child. You can also request the form from the office. However, if you prefer, you may reach out to Mrs. Stewart, assistant principal, to discuss your concerns.

Help for the Homeless

If you know of a family who has school-aged children and is currently homeless, please let them know that there is help available. Each school in the Mifflin County School District has a guidance counselor who can direct the family in the right direction.

There are many reasons that families may become homeless. Our concern is for the health and well-being of the family unit and the education of the children. With that in mind, the Mifflin County School District has received countless boxes of donations of clothing, toiletries, school supplies, and other items. Our guidance counselors have access to those items.

Homelessness is a sensitive subject; therefore, we are asking that those who may need assistance reach out to Miss Rebling, our guidance counselor. She can make sure the needs of the students and family are met. She also may know of other resources through the community that would be of help to the family. If you know someone who is homeless but does not attend Indian Valley, please encourage him or her to reach out to the guidance counselor at their child's school. Our goal is to make an unfortunate situation tolerable for the family.

