



Strodes Mills Elementary School

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Dear Strodes Mills Families,

December is a time for reflecting on the year that is ending and for planning for another year. Parent involvement in a child's education is so very important. Your children will achieve better educational outcomes if you are involved. Reading with your children in the evening, making sure there is a time and place for homework, and talking with your child's teachers are some of the ways you can be involved. We want you to know that your involvement is not only appreciated but it makes a tremendous difference in your child's education. We are grateful to you for sharing your children with all of us.

From the Strodes Mills Elementary School staffhave a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends!



We are updating our bulletin board display for the front entrance at Strodes. The bulletin board is entitled, **Strodes Mills Elementary Superhero Families!** We have received some pictures, but as you can see, we need more of you. This will give us a chance to get to know your child and your family better. It is an eye-catching collage of our SMES families.

So, take a “selfie” of your family and bring it in to us. We would love to add your family photo to the collage!

Our goal is to make Strodes Mills Elementary a place where students love to come to each and every day!



“Thank you” to all families who attended Humphrey Family Night! We hope you enjoyed the night as much as we did 😊

FUNDRAISERS

SMES Discount Card order forms have been sent home. They make great Christmas gifts for your Mailman, Newspaper person, Hairdresser, Bus Drivers, etc. Please have your order forms and money returned to the school by December 4th. Orders will be filled the week of December 17th. Cost is \$10.00 per card. Cards are valid for one year.

- 12/6 Students making Christmas ornaments
- 12/11 PSA meeting at 6:30
- 12/18 Christmas Music Program 9:00 AM for Grades K & 3
- 12/18 Christmas Music Program 10:00 AM for Grades 1 & 2
- 12/19 Santa’s Gift Shop
- 12/20 Santa Claus 2
- 12/21 Visit by Santa and Christmas Parties
- 12/22 – 1/2 Christmas Vacation – No school
- 1/3 First day back to school after Christmas Vacation
- 3/6 & 7 SMES Kindergarten Registration for 2018 - 2019

REMINDERS TO PARENTS:

Parents, family and friends may attend the Music Program on Tuesday, December 18th at **9:00 A.M** for students in K and 3rd grade. **Doors will open at 8:30 A.M.** The **10:00 AM** program is for students in 1st and 2nd Grades. This will allow for more seating at each performance.

CLOTHING BORROWED FROM THE NURSE’S OFFICE

Occasionally a student needs to **borrow** some clean dry clothing from the Nurse’s office. Please wash the clothing and return them to school within a few days so if we need them for another student they will be available. **The clothing is not to be kept by the student.** Thanks for your understanding.

ATTENDANCE

Early Dismissals or Two or Three hour Delays are all considered **FULL** days of school. If your child does not attend those days they will be marked absent for a full day of school **not a half day.**

Excuses must be sent in within three days of returning to school after a student has been absent.

HOMEWORK

If your child is ill and you would like to pick up their homework, either email the teacher (email addresses are found on the MCSD website under Schools – Strodes – Faculty) or call the office **before** 11:00 AM if you want to pick it up that afternoon.

gearing up for **Kindergarten**

Strodes Mills will be having Kindergarten registration for the 2019 – 2020 school year on March 6th and 7th. Registration forms will be sent home. Please make sure if you have a child or know of a neighbor, family member or friend who has a child that will be starting Kindergarten in the fall that they register at SMES in March.

Kindergarten Readiness Workshops will be held from 9:00 – 12:00:

- January 12, 2019 at Strodes Mills Elementary
- January 26, 2019 at Indian Valley Elementary
- February 9, 2019 at East Derry Elementary
- February 23, 2019 at Lewistown Elementary

You may choose one of these workshops to attend. They are full of good ideas to prepare your child for Kindergarten. Please call 717-248-0148 Ext. 2546 or email mrf33@mcsdk12.org to register.

Camp on your way to K will be Monday thru Thursday, June 10 – 13, 2019 from

9:00 – 11:30 AM. Children will ride the school bus, meet the kindergarten teachers, make new friends, learn important skills to help make them be successful in kindergarten and have fun!!!

Hour of Code week is December 3 -7. The Hour of Code is a global movement by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries through a one-hour introduction to computer science and computer programming. Students will participate in the Hour of Code during computer class, but are encouraged to continue at home at <https://code.org/learn>

