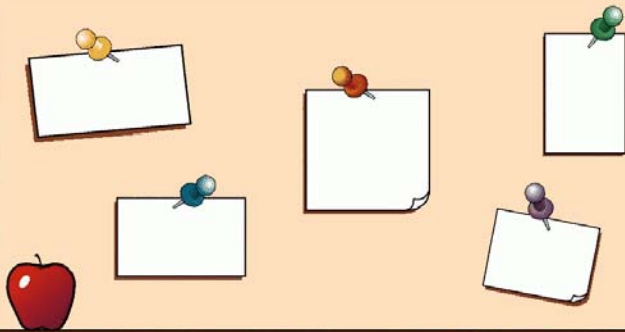


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PBIS CELEBRATION!! EVERYONE HAD SO MUCH FUN!



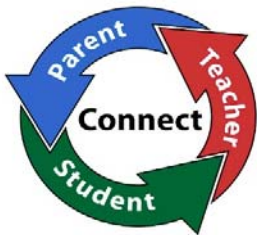
The students had fun doing: a Movie, Making a Snack, Bowling, Spike ball, Can Jam, Corn Hole Toss, a Craft, Football Toss, Field Goal Kick, Ladderball, and Hula Hoops!



As we near our Thanksgiving holiday, we would like to share some things that we are thankful for at Strodes Mills Elementary School:

- We are thankful for students who eagerly come to school to learn as much as possible each day.*
- We are thankful for a beautiful school where students can learn and grow.*
- We are thankful for teachers and staff who give many hours of their day to provide students with quality instruction and guidance to help students succeed.*
- We are thankful for parents who support the efforts of our school.*

Thanks for all that you do to help Strodes Mills be the best school it can be.



Parent Conferences

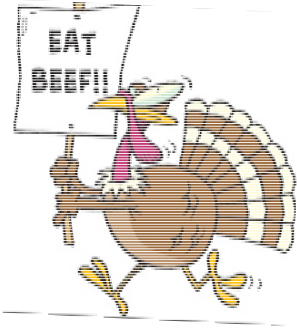
November 13, 2017 from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

- Conferences will be scheduled into 15 minute blocks of time and will be followed closely. Issues or concerns requiring more time can be scheduled for another date and time.
- Please be punctual so that teachers may maintain the integrity of their Parent Conference schedule.

Winter Toyland

Some 2nd graders from SMES will have art work on display at the **Ice Festival**. The work will be featured inside the old Glick’s Shoe Store. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy!!

“Thank you” to the Barnyard for donating pumpkins for a PBIS reward!



PSA Officers

President Tenesha DeArment
Vice Pres. Julie Hartsock
Treasurer Wendy Smith
Secretary Leah Noerr

The PSA meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the library. Please plan to come and become involved in your child's school. **Together we can make positive things happen for our children. You may contact the PSA by emailing them at SMES.PSA@gmail.com.**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent, an excuse must be sent in to school within **3 days** or they will be marked as unexcused. After three unexcused absences a referral to Children and Youth can be made. **Good attendance is so important for learning.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

11/1 Picture Retakes
11-1 – 11/9 Santa's Bookbag Collections
11/5 PSA meeting at 6:30
11/6 Humphrey Family Night 5:30 – 7:00
11/12 ACT 80 Day – No school for students
11/13 Parent Conferences – No School for Students
 Report cards will be issued at the Conferences.
11/21 Students dismissed at 1:15 PM
11/22 – 11/27 Thanksgiving Vacation – No school for Students
11/30 Kindergarten to the Ice Festival
11/30 Sadecky's Puppet show – 1:45
12/14 Santa's Workshop
12/18 Christmas Concert at 9:00 for Grades K and 3rd
 10:00 for Grades 1st and 2nd – Family and Friends are
 welcome to attend.
12/22 thru 1/2 – Christmas Vacation



REMINDER TO PARENTS:

Children **MAY NOT** be dropped off at school before **7:45** in the morning and **9:45** on Two Hour Delays. We **do not** have a teacher on duty until that time.

Breakfast is not served on 2 or 3 hour Delay days.

HOMEWORK

If your child is ill and you would like to pick up their homework, either email the teacher or call the office **before** 11:00 AM if you want to pick it up that afternoon at 3:00 – 3:30 PM



A big **“THANK YOU”** to all of the SMES families for reading Humphrey to/with your child. We hope your family had fun reading together!

Plan to join us for the **Humphrey Parent Night** on Tuesday, November 6th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Students that come dressed as a pirate will earn an extra raffle ticket. Parents show your “I Voted” sticker to earn your child an extra raffle ticket. Raffle ticket numbers for a Humphrey stuffed animal and books will be called every 30 minutes! Snacks will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Remember to take your Humphrey card to Harshbarger’s Sub N’ Malt (McVeytown location) between Monday, October 29th and Saturday, November 3rd. Answer a trivia question to earn a free scoop of ice cream!!



Strodes Mills will be having Kindergarten registration for the 2019 – 2020 school year on March 6th and 7th. Registration forms will be made available in the next few months. 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:

- 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.

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!!!



SHOULD I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?

Keep your child home if they have any of these symptoms:

- Temperature of 100 degrees or higher. Temperature should be normal without medication for 24 hours before child returns to school.
- Vomiting and diarrhea
- Persistent Cough or Thick Nasal Discharge
- Eyes: Red, Itchy or with a discharge
- Earache
- Persistent Itching of the Scalp: If you suspect your child may have head lice, call your school's nurse to have your child checked before he/she goes to the classroom. ***If positive for head lice, the child must be cleared by the school nurse before riding the bus or re-entering school.
- Rash: Persistent Itching over the body. Your child should remain at home until these symptoms are resolved or medically treated.

SIMPLE TIPS TO HELP KEEP YOUR CHILDREN HEALTHY:

- Remind your child to cover their mouth when sneezing or coughing
- Encourage your children to keep their hands away from eyes, nose, and mouth
- Don't share water bottles or food
- WASH HANDS or use hand sanitizer!
- Encourage play. Exercise helps to keep the body healthy.
- Eat healthy
- Get plenty of sleep. Encourage an early bed time routine.

CLEARANCES

If you want to help with classroom parties, field trips, read a story to the class, help with the Book Fair, Field Day, celebrations, etc., you must have your Child Abuse Clearance Act 151, Criminal History Clearance Act 34 and Federal Criminal History and Fingerprinting Act 114 or if you have been a resident of Pennsylvania for ***ten consecutive years***, you may fill out the affidavit. These clearances will be good for ***five years***.

You **must read and sign** the Volunteer Acknowledgement Form, Reportable Offense Obligation Form and the Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement form **each year**. These forms were sent home with your child earlier this year.

Volunteer information and Volunteer forms can be found on the Home page of the Mifflin County School District.

Child Abuse Clearance Act 151 can be obtained by going to <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home> You will be able to print out your Child Abuse Clearance when you complete the information online.

Pennsylvania Criminal History Clearance Act 34 can be obtained by going to: <https://epatch.state.pa.us> You will be able to print out your Criminal History Clearance when you complete the information online.

Act 151 and Act 34 will be “free” to all Volunteers. If you have to get the FBI Fingerprinting Clearance Act 114, you will pay a fee for that.

Please note: If you have more than one child in the district, in more than one building, you will only be required to submit your clearances to one school office. The Office staff will be storing your information in a shared file, so all offices will have access to your clearance expiration dates (they only have access to the expiration dates, not personal information).

Visit these sites!

Federal Program website: go to mcsdk12.org select Students/Parents, click on federal Programs, click on Schoolwide Plan, select Strodes Mills.

Parent Engagement web page: go to mcsdk12.org, select schools – Strodes, click on the Parent Involvement icon and see what is happening at Strodes!