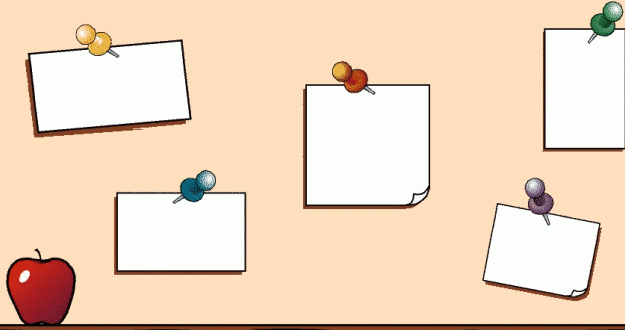


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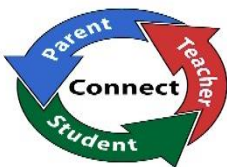
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One School, One Book



Our school will be participating in One School, One Book this year for parent and family engagement efforts. The goal of One School, One Book is to encourage literacy involvement at home. This year's book, Adventure According to Humphrey, was chosen by our students and their families. On October 8th all SMES students will be bringing home their very own copy of Adventure According to Humphrey! Along with the book, you will receive a letter, reading calendar, Humphrey card, and a copy of trivia questions. Students will have the opportunity to answer trivia question at school the next day about the chapter you read the night before. Students can also take their Humphrey card to Harshbarger's Sub N' Malt (McVeytown location) to get a free scoop of ice cream, if they answer a trivia question correctly!!

During school, each grade level will be working on activities that coordinate with the book. Upon completion of the book, we will host a school wide celebration of reading for families on Tuesday, November 6th. Watch for more information about our celebration! We hope that you enjoy sharing in the reading experience of Humphrey at home with your child.



Parent Conferences

November 13, 2018 from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

- You will be able to sign up for a time during Open House on October 2nd. If you are unable to come please **either send a note, leave a voicemail or email the teacher.**
- Conferences will be scheduled into 15 minute blocks of time and the schedule will be closely followed. 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.



Check out our Parent Engagement website for special Humphrey readers! The website can be accessed from the SMES website. Go to the MCSD website, go to schools, click on Strodes Mills Elementary, click on the Parent Engagement icon and then click on Humphrey!

IMPORTANT

If your child is **NOT** to ride the bus home, a note is needed. Please have your child give the note to the teacher to turn in to the office.

PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT SCHOOL UNTIL 7:45.

THERE ARE NO TEACHERS ON DUTY BEFORE THAT TIME.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/2 Open House 5:30 – 7:00
- 10/2 Book Fair will be open during Open House
- 10/5 Kindergarten Fire Safety at 1:00
- 10/9 Home and School Meeting 6:30
- 10/18 Kindergarten Field trip to the Barnyard
- 10/19 ACT 80 Day – No school
- 10/24 Whitehall Hoagies and Salads - Pick-up 3:30 – 5:30
- 10/25 Energizer Guy Assembly – 2:00
- 10/31 Fall Harvest Parade and Parties 1:15 PM
- 11/6 Humphrey Night 5:30 – 7:00 PM
- 11/13 Parent Conferences 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

If you have Custody papers for your child, please send a copy to our school office for our records and your child's protection. Always make sure that the school has a copy of any updated custody papers.

TEACHER EMAIL ADDRESSES

Each teacher's email address is listed on the school's website. Go to MCSD homepage and click on schools and go to SMES. They will be listed under Faculty.

SUGGESTION

Almost every month has an ACT 80 Day. The students are off for the entire day this year. It is a good day to schedule dental and doctor appointments for your children.

Come join us at our



Resource Fair

Please join us at OPEN HOUSE in the cafeteria for a variety of resources, including activities for your child. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, Upward Basketball, MC Library, plus many more community agencies will be at the Fair. **Don't forget** to stop by our PBIS table to win a **PAW ticket** with your student!

During Open House on October 2nd, Mrs. Stonerook will be in the office and will be able to get you your child's User Name, Password and Student ID number that you need to set up your Family Access. Please stop by the office and get your child's information.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

School bus transportation plays a critical role in the education of our nations' students, and is the direct link between a neighborhood and the classroom. More than 25 million children ride the yellow bus every school day and National School bus Safety Week serves as a reminder for students, parents teachers, and the community to keep school bus safety in the forefront. Here are tips to keep our children safe at the bus stop.

Getting Ready for School

- Have your children put everything they carry in a backpack or school bag so that they won't drop things along the way.
- Encourage them to wear bright, contrasting colors so they will be more easily seen by drivers.
- Make sure children leave home on time so they can arrive at the bus stop before it is due, ideally at least five minutes early. Running after or in front of a bus is dangerous.

Walking to the Bus Stop

- Walk your children to the bus stop or encourage children to walk in groups. There is safety in numbers; groups are easier for drivers to see.
- Practice good pedestrian behaviour: walk on the sidewalk and, if there is no sidewalk, stay out of the street. If you must walk in the street, walk single file, face traffic and stay as close to the edge of the road as you can.
- Stop and look left, right and then left again if you must cross the street. Do the same thing at drive-ways and alleys. Exaggerate your head turns and narrate your actions so your child knows you are looking left, right and left.

At the Bus Stop

- Have children wait in a location where the driver can see them while driving down the street. Try to avoid waiting in a house or car.
- Do not let children play in the street. Playing with balls or other toys that could roll into the street is also dangerous.

Getting On and Off the Bus

- Warn children that if they drop something getting on or off the bus, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow the driver's instructions.
- Remind children to look to the right before they step off the bus.
- If you meet your child at the bus stop after school, wait on the side where the child will be dropped off, not across the street. Children can be so excited to see you after school that they dash across the street and forget the safety rules.

Mobile Devices


Cell phones and other electronic devices are often permitted on the school bus as long as:

- They are in backpacks or other holders, keeping hands free to use handrails while boarding and departing the bus.
- Sound is muted on headphones, ear buds or similar devices that are used.
- Content does not violate the law or school district policy and procedures.
- Use does not create a distraction for the driver.

DAYCARE FOR SMES STUDENTS

SUM Daycare is at Lewistown Elementary School. The Daycare will be open at 6:00 AM, for parents to drop off their children, till the start of school and again after school until 6:00 PM. The children will be bussed from the Daycare to SMES and then return to LES each day for after school daycare and parents will pick them up there. If you only need “after school” daycare or just “morning” daycare that can be arranged too. Please call SUM Daycare at 242-3032 to get more information concerning the Daycare. SUM Daycare will have a table set up at Open House on October 2nd. They can answer your questions.



If you see a  parked outside of Strodes Mills Elementary School, do not be alarmed! The police will be driving by, stopping in for lunch, coming on the playground with the children or just walking in the halls. They are just here to try to get to know the children and the children to know them. Their presence was implemented by Gov. Wolf as a way of making the children aware that a policeman is their “friend” and not to be afraid of them should we ever need them for an emergency.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Concert will be on Tuesday,
December 18th

Kindergarten and 3rd Grade will be
performing at 9:00 AM

1st and 2nd Grade will be performing at
10:00 AM



*Sound
of the
Season*

The 3rd graders at SMES will be starting to play the recorder in music class the beginning of October. They are excited to get started and will eventually share what they have learned by performing a concert in the spring!!

