



Strodes Mills Elementary School

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WELCOME BACK FOR A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!!

PLEASE WELCOME TO SMES

Mrs. Janet Steffen- Classroom Aide
Miss Kelsey Forsberg - 1st grade sub for Sarah Forshey
Lori Williams - Cafeteria

PBIS CELEBRATION TO KICK OFF THE START OF A GREAT YEAR!!



Do you or your child have an interest in learning to knit? Miss Franklin Has 4 knitting kits available. If you would like a kit please email her at slf48@mcsdk12.org. Kits are available to the first four families who respond.

**GO
HUSKIES!!!**

Mifflin County Student/Parent Handbooks are now available online at www.mcstk12.org.

If you would like to have a hardcopy of the handbook, a written request must be submitted to your school.

PARENTS: Log ons

Students will use their MCSD network user credentials to log on to Family access. These are the same credentials used to log on to any District computer.

One School, One Book

Adventure According to Humphrey

Family reading – Beginning in October

Humphrey Parent Night will be in November

LUNCH PRICES 2018-2019

Regular Lunch - \$2.45
Reduced - \$.40
Breakfast - \$1.30
Reduced Breakfast - \$.30
Milk - \$.55

Alternates

Yo-2-Go will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Peanut butter sandwiches will be on Tuesday and Thursday.



ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance in elementary school sets up a good pattern for your child's entire school career. Show your child that school comes first by trying to save days off for illness and family emergencies. Also, schedule routine doctor and dentist appointments for after school or during school breaks.

*Students must turn in a written excuse within **three (3) days following an absence**. Excuses must be written and signed by the student's parent or guardian. Failure to submit a written excuse within three (3) days will result in the absence(s) being recorded as an unlawful absence.

*Students will be considered **tardy to school if they arrive after 8:20 a.m. but before 9:30 a.m.**



If your child is **NOT** to ride the bus on a given day, a note is needed, otherwise students will be placed on their bus as usual. The note should be given to the classroom teacher and she will turn it into the office.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please notify the office of any **changes in emergency information, such as a change in a phone number, Court papers etc.

Please **DO NOT DROP your child off before 7:45 AM. There are no teachers on duty till that time. You **MUST** pick them up by 3:00 PM if they are not riding the bus home.



Parent/Guardian Right to Know Information 2018-2019

As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. 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.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Frank W. Miller at Strodes Mills Elementary School at 717-248-7154 or email me at fwm28@mcsdk12.org.



Dates to Remember

Aug. 31	Act 80 Day - No school for students
Sept. 3	Labor Day - No school for students
Sept. 9	Individual and Group Pictures
Sept. 11	Title I School wide Planning Meeting 5:30
Sept. 11	Home & School Meeting @ 6:30
Sept. 21	Act 80 Day - No school for students
Sept. 24	Vision and Hearing testing
Sept. 27-10/3	Book Fair
Oct. 2	Open House - 5:30 - 7:00
Oct. 9	Home & School Meeting @ 6:30
Oct. 19	Act 80 Day - No school for students
Oct. 31	Fall Festival Parade - 1:15
Nov. 1	Picture Retakes
Nov. 12	Veteran's Day-No School - Act 80 Day
Nov. 13	Parent Conferences - No School
Nov. 21	Students dismissed at 1:15
Nov. 22 - 27	Thanksgiving Vacation

STRODES MILLS PSA

All K-3 parents are invited to attend our annual Title I Schoolwide planning meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 5:30. Come learn how Strodes Mills Elementary intends to use its Title I funds to support student's individual needs at SMES.

Please come with ideas of how to best engage parents in our building's schoolwide efforts. Everyone is then welcome and encouraged to stay for the Parent School Association meeting that will begin at 6:30 in the library.

PENNSYLVANIA ATTENDANCE LAWS CHANGE!

Regular school attendance in elementary school sets a good pattern for your child's entire school career. Regular school attendance is one of the greatest predictors of student success.

Students must turn in a written excuse within three (3) days following an absence. Excuses must be written and signed by the student's parent or guardian. **Failure to submit a written excuse within three (3) days will result in the absence being recorded as an unlawful absence. The computer automatically generates the unlawful absence if no note is received within those three (30) days.**

In 2016, the PA Legislature passed a new law that goes into effect this school year. ACT 138 mandates that truant students (3 or more unexcused absences) are given written warning of those absences. If the student continues with another unlawful absence, a **School Attendance Improvement Conference** must be held. At this time a plan of action will be formed by those in attendance (parents, student, school administrator, guidance counselor, teacher, nurse, etc.) If the student's attendance does not improve using this plan, an outside agency will eventually be brought in to help alleviate the truancy issue. If there are further unlawful absences, a citation will be issued through the district magistrate's office. Fines for truancy have significantly increased under ACT 138. These fines range anywhere from \$300 - \$750 per citation.

Ultimately, the goal is to have students in school. With this in mind, The Mifflin County School District is working in conjunction with Raystown Developmental Services, Children and Youth, and our local district magistrates to ensure that we are all following ACT 138's mandates. Please be sure to contact the school if you would like further information concerning ACT 138.



Parents/Guardians:

You may purchase a student accident insurance policy for your child(ren) thru, www.BollingerSchools.com/mifflincounty. Please complete the online application or if you don't have internet access, please contact Kish Insurance at 717-667-3254. (It does not cover Football)

REMINDERS: **All Kindergarten** students **must** have an adult meet them at the bus stop or the driver **will not** let the child off of the bus.

SKYLERT: The **Skylert** system must have updated and accurate information to get messages to parents/guardians. **Skylert** is our main line of contact with parents.