



Indian Valley Elementary Center

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Dates to Remember

- November 6- Fundraiser delivered
- November 7 PM only- Parent Teacher conferences
- November 7-Limo Rides and Student Assembly
- November 8- No school for students, Parent Teacher conferences in AM only
- November 11- Veteran's Day, No school
- November 12- Home and School Meeting
- November 18 – 22 American Education Week.
- November 26- Picture Make-up Day
- November 27- Early Dismissal at 1:15 for Elementary Students
- November 28- December 3 – No School. Thanksgiving Break.
- December 13- Christmas Choral Concerts
- December 18 – Christmas Band Concert
- December 19- Classroom Craft
- December 23 - January 3 – Christmas Break

Homelessness Awareness Week

In honor of Homelessness Awareness Week (November 18-22), MCSD will be collecting items for our second Annual Homelessness Supply Drive. This will help re-stock our Mifflin County School District Homeless Pantry with items to help aid students/families experiencing homelessness or domestic violence. To help out, please send in any of the following items with your child who can put them in the Homelessness Box located by the office.

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| • Razors | • Wipes | • Cereal/Granola Bars |
| • Shaving Cream | • Pull-Ups | • Soup |
| • Body Wash | • Diapers | • Ramen |
| • Hats/Gloves | • Gift Cards | • Easy Mac |
| • Toilet Paper | • Monetary Donations | • Snack Packs |

**The food items are being collected for the IVEC Weekend Power Pack Program

Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe-Pawsitive Happenings



Visit the Indian Valley webpage for pictures of our monthly Blue Ticket Winners. Staff members acknowledged these students for being Pawsitive! The focus for our October winners was Respectful and Responsible. In November, the focus for our students will be Compassion and Courage.

Be sure to follow 'Indian Valley Elementary Center' on Facebook to stay up-to-date on all the great things happening at our school each day!

Santa's Bookbag

Santa's Bookbag Project is conducted in conjunction with the Sentinel to gather, clean, and sort hundreds of slightly used children's books, and then give them to children in conjunction with the Community Christmas Project.

Please look through your home for new or used books not presently being read and consider donating them to Santa's Bookbag Project. The books should be in gift-giving condition and should not be torn, written in, or in otherwise poor condition. Students can bring the books to school where a collection box will be located near the office.

The book drive will end November 8th.

- January 17 – Act 80 Day No School for Students
- January 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No school for students.
- February 6 – Steam Fair in the Gym

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.

Parent Conferences

- Report Cards will be issued at parent conferences.
 - Conferences are scheduled into 15 minute blocks of time. 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.
 - If you haven't yet set up a meeting for the evening of November 7th or the morning of November 8th please contact your child's teacher to schedule a meeting.
 - In the event November 7th or 8th do not work for you, your child's teacher would be happy to schedule another conference with you at a time that does work.
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Music Notes

It's hard to believe that Christmas is right around the corner! Please mark your calendars for the upcoming performances.

Wednesday, December 13th at 10:00AM - **Christmas Choral Concert - Grades K, 1 & 5 only** (This concert is for family & friends of students in grades K, 1 & 5. Students in grades 2, 3 & 4 will perform in the spring.)

Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30PM - **4th & 5th Grade Band Concert** (Please be sure to have your child to school by 6:00PM.)

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. Also, when possible, schedule routine doctor and dentist appointments for after school hours 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. The excuse should be dated. 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 AM but before 9:30 AM.

Veteran's Day

During this month, many of our classrooms will be remembering our nation's veterans. Some of our classes are writing letters to show appreciation for the men and women who have sacrificed to keep our nation free. We want to thank all of those who served our country in any of the military services.

