



Lewistown Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

- November 1 – Mega Party
- November 7 - Parent Conferences 4:30-7:30
- November 7 – Home and School meeting 6:30
- November 8 – No School. Parent Conferences 8:00-11:30
- November 11 – No School. Veteran's Day.
- November 25 – Picture Make-up Day
- November 27 – Early Dismissal at 1:15 for Elementary Students. Thanksgiving Break.
- November 28 – Dec 3 – No School. Thanksgiving Break.
- December 5 - Home and School Meeting 6:30
- December 6 – Holiday Shop Setup
- December 9-13 – Holiday Shop
- December 23 through January 5 – Christmas Break.

American Education Week November 18 - 22, 2019

In celebration of American Education Week, we are going to have some fun:

Monday – **Hats Off** to Educators – Wear your favorite hat

Tuesday – **Teamwork/ Collegiate Day** – Wear your sports gear and/or your favorite college team's color or apparel

Wednesday – *Exercise Your Mind* – Wear your workout clothes to work your brain!

Thursday – **HUSKY PRIDE Day** – Wear your Husky gear or purple

Friday – **Homelessness Awareness Day** – Wear a red shirt

Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe!



LES students have been earning some awesome acknowledgements for following our school-wide expectations! When they earn their PAW tickets, they get to put them in the bucket of their choice to have a chance to win the weekly drawing.

Our students also have the chance to be a "PAW of Fame" winner. We have a daily drawing where three students are chosen to sign the PAW of Fame book, get their picture taken for the PAW Wall (located in the office) and receive an LES bracelet. A special thank you goes out to our 3rd grade helpers, Mrs. Bell, and Mrs. Aurand.

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 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 AM, but before 9:30 AM.

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.

The MCS D website has the following important pieces of information: All Hazards Plan, Student Handbook, Bullying Policy, Curriculum Links, District Calendar, Lunch Menu, CYCLE Day calendar, and much more! Check it out at www.mcsdk12.org

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 November 7th or 8th, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a meeting.
- In the event those dates don't work for you, your child's teacher would be happy to schedule another conference with you at a time that does work.



Home and School News

Our next meeting is November 7th at 6:30 in the library. Please join us!



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is scheduled for **March 24, 25, and 26, 2020**. If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2020, please mark these dates on your calendar. More information will be sent home closer to the time of registration.

Homelessness Awareness Week – November 18-22, 2019

One week prior to Thanksgiving, schools and communities across the nation work to bring a greater awareness to student homelessness. According to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, students who lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence are considered homeless and are entitled to assistance including: free school meals, immediate enrollment in school without supporting documentation, enrollment in their district of origin, and clothing/supplies to support their academic needs and/or participation in extra-curricular activities.

Homelessness can occur due to a variety of situations, including: fire, eviction, domestic violence, natural disaster, parental job loss/loss of income, parent divorce/separation, or the hospitalization, incarceration, or death of a parent. Families who are homeless are often sharing the housing of others or are living in shelters, hotels, abandoned buildings, campsites, or cars. The number of homeless children and youth is growing in school districts across the country, including MCS D. Last year, 106 students in the district were identified as being homeless.

To help support students who are experiencing homelessness, a district supply pantry was created last year with donations from staff, students, and the community. Please join MCS D and the Association of Mifflin County Educators in their efforts to continue to support the pantry by participating in the 2nd Annual Supply Drive. Donations of razors, shaving cream, body wash, loofas, winter hats, gloves, toilet

paper, and laundry detergent are currently needed. Monetary donations and gift cards are also welcome. The district will also be collecting donations on behalf of the local domestic violence shelter. The shelter is in need of cleaning supplies like Pinesol/Mr. Clean, Clorox wipes, trash bags, and paper towels, as well as personal care items like soap, bodywash, wipes, pull-ups, and diapers of all sizes. All donations can be dropped off at your child's school building. You can also show your support by **wearing a red shirt on Friday, November 22** and spreading awareness to those around you. If you know of a family who has school-aged children and is currently homeless, please let them know that there is help available. Families that need assistance should reach out to their child's school counselor.

PAWSITIVE Acknowledgements at Home!



If your child is being **respectful, responsible, ready and safe** at home, please feel free to cut the PAW tickets out below and send them to school. For example, if your child is responsible and remembers to feed the dog or cat or goldfish – acknowledge them by giving them a PAW ticket. If you are out to dinner at a restaurant and they say, “Please and thank you” give them a PAW ticket for being respectful. Our goal is to have students be respectful, responsible, ready, and safe at school, at home, and when they are out and about in the community.

Respectful Responsible Ready Safe

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BEING** 

Pawsitive
AT LEWISTOWN ELEMENTARY

Student Name: _____

Given By: _____

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