



Indian Valley Elementary Center

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Dates to Remember

- January 10 – First Ski Club trip.
- January 17 – Act 80 Day. No school for students.
- January 20-No School for students, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- January 24 – Ski club trip.
- January 25 – Kindergarten Readiness Workshop.
- January 31 – Ski club trip.
- February 6 – Steam Fair in the gym @ 6:00
- February 7 – Ski club trip.
- February 13 – Valentine Day Parties
- February 14 – Act 80 Day. No school for students.
- February 17 – President's Day. No school.
- March 13 – Act 80 Day. No school for students.
- March 17-18 – Kindergarten Registration
- March 20 – Talent Show
- April 9 – Act 80 Day. No school for students.

Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe-Pawsitive Happenings



Throughout the month of January, teachers will spend time reteaching the Pawsitive lessons to ensure all students understand the expectations at Indian Valley. Please talk to your children about the Paws tickets they are receiving and more importantly, WHY they received their tickets. We are all very proud of the students we have at Indian Valley!

After School Pick-up List

Students who are to be picked up at the end of the day must have a note sent to school that includes the child's name and the person who is picking up the child. By sending a note, the child's teacher is aware of the after school plan.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of families get into the habit of just calling the school's office and asking to have their child placed on the pick-up list. While this may not seem like much, the number of families using this method has become nearly unmanageable by our office staff. Many of the calls are coming very late in the day and do cause a disruption to the dismissal process.

We do our best to keep all of our children safe, therefore, we are going to respectfully request that all students who are being picked up bring a note to school so their teacher and the office staff are aware of the after school arrangements.

We understand that there are a few emergencies that may necessitate a phone call to the office requesting a student to be picked up at the end of the day. We want to be sure we can handle those situations.

Cold Weather and Recess

Children will go outside for recess as long as the Real Feel temperature is 28 degrees or above. Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for outside recess. If you are in need of appropriate outerwear for your child, please reach out to Mrs. Campbell, our school guidance counselor.

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.

Clearances: If you would like to volunteer in the school, you will need to have all clearances completed. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

Be sure to follow "Indian Valley Elementary Center" on Facebook to see our latest news.

Kindergarten Readiness Workshop

If you have a child entering kindergarten in 2020-2021, please join us for our FREE Kindergarten Readiness Workshop. The workshop will offer both a math and a literacy session.

The literacy session will cover topics in which you will learn how to develop an awareness of sounds and how oral language and letter sounds influence reading. The math session will teach you how to help your child develop an awareness of number recognition.

Parents and incoming kindergarten children are invited to attend one session. The sessions will occur at each elementary building and you can attend the workshop that best fits into your schedule. Please call 717-248-0148 ext. 2546 to register, or if you prefer to email, send a note to mrf33@mcsdk12.org.

The session dates are Strodes Mills – Saturday, January 11, 2020; Indian Valley – January 25, 2020; East Derry – February 8, 2020; and Lewistown Elementary – February 22, 2020.

Home and School News

We hope you had a wonderful holiday break. Please mark your calendar to join us at the next Home and School meeting held January 14th at 6:00 PM in the school library. We would love to see new and old faces to start the New Year off!

2019 PSSA Testing Dates

The Math and Reading PSSA tests will be given to the 3rd – 5th graders this year.

- The English Language Arts testing window is April 20 - 24.
- The Math testing window is April 27 - May 1.
- The Science Testing window is May 4 - May 8. (4th Grade only.)

It is important for students to be in school during this time. Please try not to **schedule appointments or vacations during these dates.**

EOY (End of Year) Reading Expectations

Kindergarten – Level D
Grade 3 – Level P

Grade 1 – Level J
Grade 4 – Level S

Grade 2 – Level M
Grade 5 – Level T

Currently a number of our Indian Valley students are reading at or above their EOY expectations. We are very proud of these students and want to salute them and their families for a job well done! If you are unsure of your child's current reading level, contact his or her teacher. The teachers are working hard to have all of our students grow in reading. Working with families to help the students grow is what we like to do best!

