

IMPORTANT DATES

September 18 – No School. Act 80 Day

September 25– Virtual Friday

October 1 - Home and School meeting 6:30-7:30

October 12– Picture Day

October 16 – No School – ACT 80 Day

November 5 - Home and School meeting 6:30-7:30pm

November 9 - Parent Conferences 4:30-7:30

November 10 – No School. Parent Teacher Conferences

November 11 – No School. Veteran's Day.

November 20- No School- ACT 80 Day

November 25 – Early Dismissal at 1:15 for Elementary Students. Thanksgiving Break.

November 26 through November 30 – No School. Thanksgiving Break

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Lewistown Elementary School

September 10, 2020

Welcome Back!

We would like to make note of some staff changes at LES this year!

- * Miss Corl– Third Grade
- * Tera Moon– Paraprofessional
- * Melissa Dobson– Paraprofessional
- * Paula Pearce– Attendance Secretary
- * Ms. O'Donnell– Assistant Principal

We are thrilled to add them to our LES staff!

Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe

LES staff and students continue to work on our Positive Behaviors this year! We are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, READY, and SAFE! Ask your child to let you know when they receive a PAW ticket!

Reminders

- * A parent/guardian **MUST** be at the bus stop to meet their child at the conclusion of the school day.
- * A written excuse is due to the main office within three days of the student absence. Failure to submit an excuse can result in an unexcused absence.
- * Please display your hanger tag when picking up your child! Student pickup begins at 2:30.

Home and School News

Our Home and School will meet monthly at 6:30 PM . The first meeting will take place October 1st via zoom! Our Home and School supports our students and staff with many activities throughout the school year. Please consider joining this group who help to make Lewistown Elementary School the wonderful school it is! Please be sure to "like" Lewistown Home and School on Facebook!



ClassDojo

If you do **not** wish to connect with your child's teacher through Class Dojo please contact the school at 717.242.5823.

Bar Code Tags and Student ID Numbers

Have you noticed a bar code tag on your student's backpack? Every day about 200 students eat breakfast at LES. All students are served in about 25 minutes. To help things move faster at the cashier, we have put bar code tags on kindergarten and first grade students' backpacks so they can be scanned.

We are asking that you don't remove the bar code tags from backpacks. It slows things down when a student doesn't have the bar code.

Thank you so much for your assistance as we are working to make our cafeteria checkout as efficient as possible!



Thank You!

Thank you to the LES Home and School for providing water bottles to the students of LES! We appreciate their generosity and support as we strive to create a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff .

Your child will bring their water bottle home every day for you to wash and return the following day!

Students will use our newly installed filling stations to fill their water bottles as needed throughout the day! Thank you, again, Home and School!



Tutoring

Beginning the week of September 25, students can receive tutoring services at the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 3-5. Please call the office to set up an appointment for after-school tutoring!

Help for the Homeless

If you know of a family who has school-aged children and is currently homeless, please let them know that there is help available. Each school in the Mifflin County School District has a school counselor who can direct the family in the right direction.

A student is considered homeless if he/she is lacking a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence. Families may become homeless for a variety of reasons. Our concern is for the health and well-being of the family unit and the education of the children. With that in mind, the Mifflin County School District has received countless boxes of donations of clothing, toiletries, school supplies, and other items. Our school counselors have access to those items.

Homelessness is a sensitive subject; therefore, we are asking that those who may need assistance reach out to Mrs. Kauffman, our school counselor. She can make sure the needs of the students and family are met. She also may know of other resources through the community that would be of help to the family. If you know someone who is homeless but does not attend Lewistown, please encourage him or her to reach out to the school counselor at their child's school. Our goal is to make an unfortunate situation tolerable for the family.

Important Information

Remember to update your Skylert information. If you have not yet accessed this information or need assistance, please reach out to the school to get your account activated!

It is critical that all emergency contact information is up to date. Please contact the office if phone numbers change.

The MCSD website has the following important pieces of information: All Hazards Plan, Student Handbook, Bullying Policy, Curriculum Links, District Calendar, Lunch Menu, CYCLE Day calendar, CoVid Response, and much more! Check it out at www.mcSDK12.org

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.

Right to Know

As a parent of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paraprofessional(s) who instruct your child.

Federal law requires every Title I school district to comply and to provide you with the requested information in a timely manner.

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.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additional right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include subject matter tested, purpose of the test, source of the requirement (if applicable), amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Mrs. Esh at LES 717.242.5823.

We look forward to the upcoming school year, and together we will make a difference in your child's life.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Esh