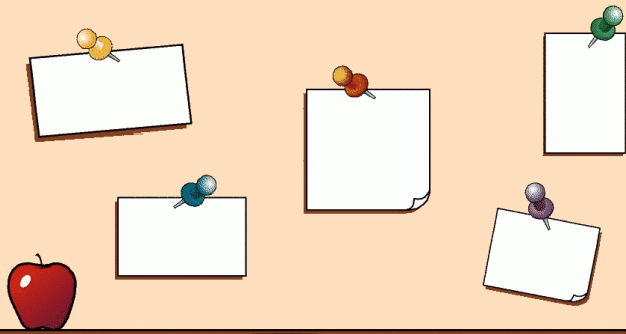


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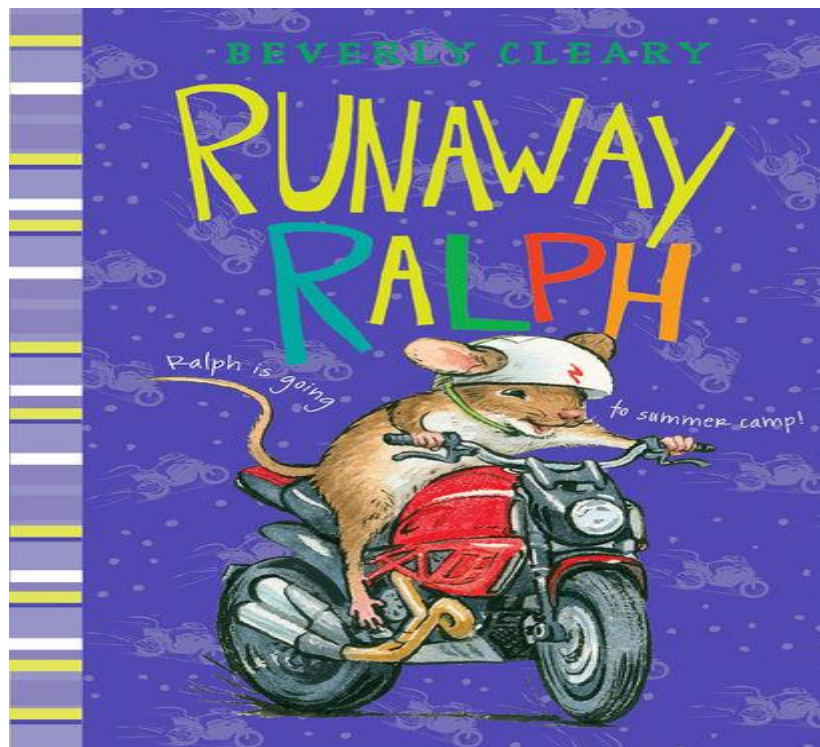
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As part of our Parent Engagement efforts, this year our school will be taking part in One School, One Book. Children of all grade levels will be listening to their parents read with them the same book. We will be reading **Runaway Ralph** this year as a family! We look forward to sharing in the reading experience with your families.



News from PSA:

Meetings will be via Zoom. Details will come at a later date.
Email: strodesmillselementary.psa@gmail.com

IMPORTANT

If your child is **NOT** to ride the bus home, a note is needed. Please have your child give the note to the teacher to turn in to the office.

PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT SCHOOL UNTIL 8:00. THERE ARE NO TEACHERS ON DUTY BEFORE THAT TIME.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/2 Remote Friday
- 10/5 Lockdown Drill
- 10/9 Remote Friday
- 10/16 ACT 80 Day – No school
- 10/23 Remote Friday
- 10/30 Remote Friday
- No Fall Harvest Parade
- Parties will be in the classroom – **No costumes and No Volunteers.**
- 11/6 Remote Friday
- 11/9 Parent Conferences – 4:30 – 7:00 PM
- 11/10 Parent Conferences – 8:00 – 11:30 AM - No school
- 11/11 Veterans Day – No school
- 11/13 Remote Friday
- 11/19 Picture Retakes
- 11/20 Remote Friday
- 11/25 Students Dismissed at 1:15 PM

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

If you have Custody papers for your child, please send a copy to our school office for our records and your child's protection. Always make sure that the school has a copy of any updated custody papers.

TEACHER EMAIL ADDRESSES

Each teacher's email address is listed on the school's website. Go to MCSD homepage and click on schools and go to SMES. They will be listed under Faculty.


SUGGESTION

Every month we have Remote Friday's and an ACT 80 Day. The students are off for the entire day. It is a good day to schedule dental and doctor appointments for your children.

DAYCARE FOR SMES STUDENTS

SUM Daycare is at Lewistown Elementary School. The Daycare will be open at 6:00 AM, for parents to drop off their children, till the start of school and again after school until 6:00 PM. The children will be bussed from the Daycare to SMES and then return to LES each day for after school daycare and parents will pick them up there. If you only need “after school” daycare or just “morning” daycare that can be arranged too. Please call SUM Daycare at 717-242-3032 to get more information concerning the Daycare.



If you see a  parked outside of Strodes Mills Elementary School, do not be alarmed! The police will be driving by, stopping in for lunch, coming on the playground with the children or just walking in the halls. They are just here to try to get to know the children and the children to know them.

FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Yes, all students at Strodes Mills will receive free breakfast and lunch each day.

This is because of the funds in the **Seamless Summer Option** plan from the USDA.

Students will receive the free meals till December 31, 2020. Students may also let their teacher know if they would like to have a breakfast and lunch bag sent home on Thursdays for their Friday breakfast and lunch. They are placed in a plastic bag and sent home on Thursday afternoons.

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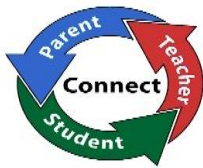
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Parent Conferences

November 9th from 4:30 – 7:00 PM

November 10th from 8:00 – 11:30 AM

- Conferences will be either by Zoom or a conference call with the teacher.
- Classroom teachers will be reaching out to you to schedule a time.



OPEN HOUSE

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be able to hold our OPEN HOUSE at Strodes this school year.

HOWEVER, we will do a virtual one through the Mifflin County School District website.

Teachers are presently working on their class presentations. In the very near future you will be able to log on to the website and go to Strodes Mills Elementary School and look for the Open House tab. Faculty, staff and students have all done a wonderful job at getting our 2020-2021 school year started successfully. The teachers have worked hard to make their classrooms a fun learning place to be each day. The custodians have cleaned and cleaned and cleaned every day! The lunch ladies have prepared many, many meals each day and also for Remote Fridays. Mr. Miller has gone above and beyond all summer long to get all of the face masks, shields, thermometers for taking everyone's temp each day, changing schedules to accommodate all students. Changing bus and drop off times till 8:00 so students are not housed together in the cafeteria before going to their classrooms. Lots of "husky" arrows to show students where to walk and "husky" decals to show them where to sit on a bench facing forward to eat their meals. New water bottle filling station. We love our SMES students and want to give them our very best each and every day!!