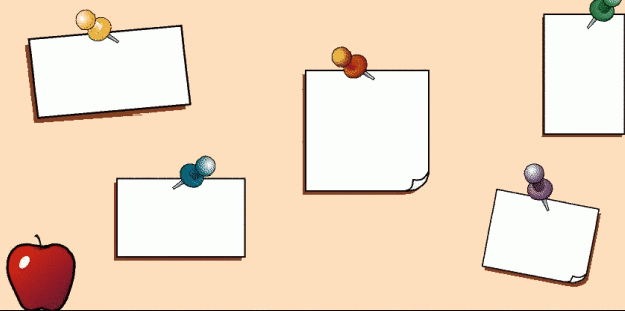


NEWSLETTER: NOVEMBER 2020



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PINK OUT AT SMES!!!

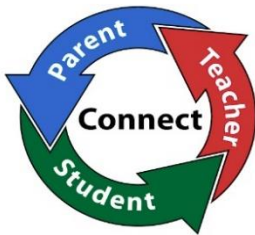




As we near our Thanksgiving holiday, we would like to share some things that we are thankful for at Strodes Mills Elementary School:

- We are thankful for students who eagerly come to school to learn as much as possible each day.*
- We are thankful for a beautiful school where students can learn and grow.*
- We are thankful for teachers and staff who give many hours of their day to provide students with quality instruction and guidance to help students succeed.*
- We are thankful for parents who support the efforts of our school.*

Thanks for all that you do to help Strodes Mills be the best school it can be.



Parent Conferences

Nov. 9th from 4:30 – 7:30 PM and Nov. 10th 8:00 – 11:30 AM

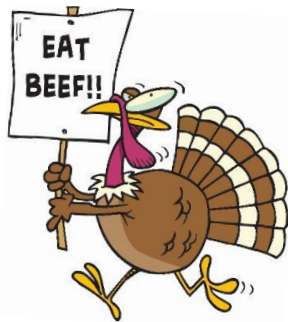
- Zoom Conferences or phone conferences will be scheduled into 15 minute blocks of time and will be followed closely. Issues or concerns requiring more time can be scheduled for another date and time.
- Please be punctual for your conference time, so that teachers may maintain their Parent Conference schedule.

Hey Families!

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle each day at school. We do not use water fountains just a refill station for their water bottles. So, it is very important that they remember their water bottle each day!

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

The PSA is planning to do a catalog/order form type option for the kids this year. They will need volunteers for sorting and packing orders in December at an off-site location. Orders would be filled and sent home with the students. More info will be coming soon.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent, an excuse must be sent in to school within

3 school days or they

will be marked as unexcused.

After three unexcused absences a referral to Children and Youth can be made. Good attendance is so important for learning.



PSA Acting Officers

President Brienne Andrews
Vice Pres. Melinda Sunderland
Treasurer Rachelle Searer
Secretary Saundra Aurand

The PSA meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 by Zoom meetings. Please plan to become involved in your child's school. **Together we can make positive things happen for our children. You may contact the PSA by emailing them at strokesmillselementary.psa@gmail.com.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11/9 Parent Conferences – 4:30 – 7:30 PM
- 11/10 Parent Conferences 8:00 – 11:30 AM – No school
- 11/11 Veterans Day – No School
- 11/18 Report Cards will be sent home
- 11/19 Picture Retakes
- 11/23 Discount Card order forms will be sent home
- 11/25 Students dismissed at 1:15 PM
- 11/26 – 27 Thanksgiving Vacation – No school for Students
- 12/2 Discount Card order forms will be due
- 12/10 Ornament Making Day in Classrooms with teachers
- 12/? Santa's Workshop – Shop by catalog – more info coming
- 12/24 thru 1/1 – Christmas Vacation

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

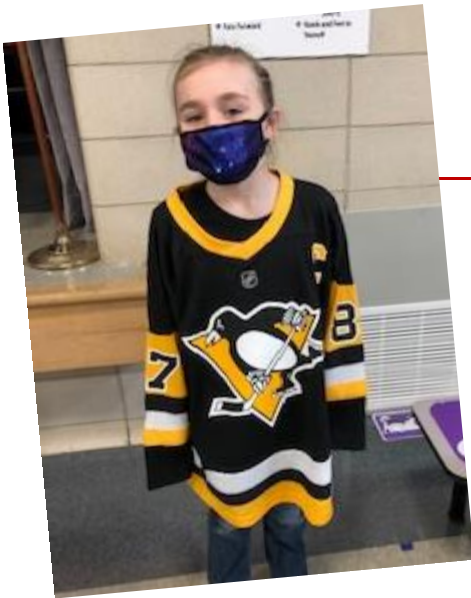
Children **MAY NOT** be dropped off at school before **8:00** in the morning, **10:00** on two hour delays and **11:00** on three hour delays. We **do not** have a teacher on duty until that time. **Breakfast is not served on 2 or 3 hour Delay days.**

HOMEWORK

If your child is ill and you would like to pick up their homework, either email, Dojo the teacher or call the office **before** 11:00 AM, if you want to pick it up that afternoon before 3:30.



WEAR FALL COLORS!



SPOOKTACULAR SPORTS TEAMS!!



HALLOWEEN FUN!!



WITCHY WEDNESDAY!!





SHOULD I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?

Keep your child home if they have any of these symptoms:

- Temperature of 100 degrees or higher. Temperature should be normal without medication for 24 hours before child returns to school.
- Vomiting and diarrhea
- Persistent Cough or Thick Nasal Discharge
- Eyes: Red, Itchy or with a discharge
- Earache
- Persistent Itching of the Scalp: If you suspect your child may have head lice, call your school's nurse to have your child checked before he/she goes to the classroom. ***If positive for head lice, the child must be cleared by the school nurse before riding the bus or re-entering school.
- Rash: Persistent Itching over the body. Your child should remain at home until these symptoms are resolved or medically treated.

SIMPLE TIPS TO HELP KEEP YOUR CHILDREN HEALTHY:

- Remind your child to cover their mouth when sneezing or coughing
- Encourage your children to keep their hands away from eyes, nose, and mouth
- Don't share water bottles or food
- WASH HANDS or use hand sanitizer!
- Encourage play. Exercise helps to keep the body healthy.
- Eat healthy
- Get plenty of sleep. Encourage an early bed time routine.

REMINDER:

- Check the MCSD COVID-19 Daily symptom tool, that was sent home, every morning before sending your child to school. Please call the school nurse with any questions or concerns.

HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

November 16 - 20, 2020

Please help Mifflin County School District & the Association of Mifflin County Educators support students who are experiencing homelessness. Donations will benefit the MCSD Student Supply Pantry and the Weekend Power Pack Programs at EDES, IVES, LES, and SMES.

MCSD Staff

You are invited to dress down on Thursday, November 19, in exchange for a \$5 donation. Money can be given to your building union representative.

Students & Community Members

Please consider donating any of the non-perishable food items listed below. Donations can be dropped off in the main office of any school building.

Cereal Bars	Snack Packs
Muffins	Fruit Snacks
Pop Tarts	Fruit Cups
Drink Pouches	Chips
Crackers	Cup of Noodles
Pretzels	Easy Mac & Cheese
Canned Soup	Chef Boyardee Cans
Ramen Noodles	Microwavable Meals

Monetary donations and gift cards are also helpful and can be dropped off at the Mifflin County School District Administration Building.

**Everyone is encouraged to wear a red shirt on
Thursday, November 19th**

Thank you for your support!