**NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 2021**

# Strodes Mills Elementary School

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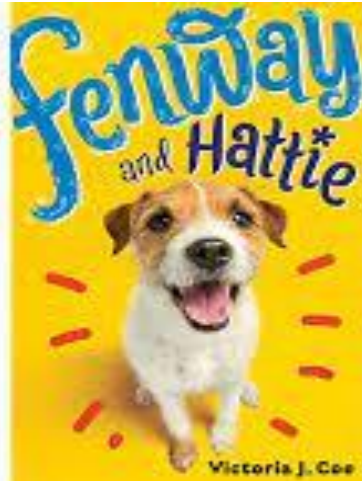Julie Yoder, Building Leader * jap36@mcsdk12.org

Dear Strodes Mills Families,

Strodes Mills Elementary has been "blessed" this year by having the opportunity to be back to full in-person instruction with your children thus far during the 2021 – 2022 school year. We are back to our tradition of having our faithful PSA support the purchase of crafts for our students to create an ornament to decorate our two Christmas trees in the main foyer. The PSA will also be sponsoring a Santa's Art Shop for students to make a "special project" for home and a Candy Cane Shower. Classrooms will be busy throughout the month of December building gingerbread houses, decorating their classroom walls, bulletin boards, hallways, and doorways to bring the joys of Christmas to life at SMES.  SMES students will also get to enjoy a holiday concert from the MCHS Cantare before our Christmas break.

From the Strodes Mills Elementary School staff ………………….our SMES family would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!!

**Happy Holidays**

**Strodes Mills** is planning on having Kindergarten registration for the 2022 – 2023 school year on March 16th and 17th.  Registration forms will be sent home soon.  They will be due back by February.  Please make sure, if you have a child or know of a neighbor, family member or friend who has a child that will be starting Kindergarten in the fall, that they register their child.



# One School, One Book

Our school will be participating in One School, One Book this year for parent and family engagement efforts.  The goal of One School, One Book is to encourage literacy involvement at home.  This year's book, _**Fenway and Hattie**_ was chosen by our students and their families.  All SMES students will be bringing home their very own copy of _**Fenway and Hattie.**_  Along with the book, you will receive a letter, reading calendar, and a copy of trivia questions.  Students will have the opportunity to answer a trivia question at school the next day about the chapter you read the night before.  During school, each grade level will be working on activities that coordinate with the book.  We hope that you enjoy sharing in the reading experience of _**Fenway and Hattie**_ at home with your child.  The start date will be Monday, January 3rd.  Make sure you check Dojo for updates!!

## FUNDRAISERS

**SMES Discount Card** order forms were sent home **November 24th.** They make great Christmas gifts for your Mailman, Newspaper person, Hairdresser, Bus Drivers, etc. Please have your orders and money returned by **Monday, December 6th.** Cost is $10.00 per card. Cards are valid for one year. The PSA folks will fill your order and send them home as soon as possible.
**Upcoming fundraisers in January**:
Hillbilly's Beef Jerky and
Shade Mountain

## ATTENDANCE

Please remember to Dojo your child's teacher **every morning with their attendance, if your child is in Quarantine**. Let the teacher know that your child **will be attending**. Even if for that day they may not feel well enough to complete any work, as long as they complete the work for that day by the time they return to school, it will be counted. Thank you!

**All other absences** need to have a note sent in within 3 days of returning to school. You may write a note or put the excuse in online.

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

12/1     Discount Card orders and money are due
12/3     Ornament Making Day for students
12/24 – 12/29  Christmas Vacation – No school
1/3      First day back to school after Christmas Vacation
1/17     Martin Luther King Day – No school
1/21     ACT 80 Day – No school for students

## CLOTHING BORROWED FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Occasionally a student needs to *__borrow__* some clean dry clothing from the Nurse's office. Please wash the clothing and return them to school within a few days, so if we need them for another student they will be available. The clothing is not to be kept by the student. Thanks for your understanding.

## ATTENDANCE

Early dismissals or two or three hour delays are all considered **FULL** days of school. If your child does not attend those days they will be marked absent for a full day of school *not a half day*. **Excuses must be sent** in or posted online within three days of returning to school after a student has been absent.

## HOMEWORK

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

# KINDERGARTEN READINESS WORKSHOP!

Workshops will be held from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Each workshop will offer a math and literacy session.
The literacy session will cover topics in which you will learn how to help your child develop awareness of sounds and how oral language and letter sounds influence reading skills.
The math session will teach you how to help your child develop number recognition.
Parents and their incoming kindergarten child only need to attend one workshop.
We encourage you to attend the workshop at your child's home school, but you are welcome to attend a workshop at any building.  **To register:  call 717-248-0148 Ext. 2546 or**

**Email: mrf33@mcsdk12.org**

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| Strodes Mills Elementary | Saturday, January 8, 2022 |
| Indian Valley Elementary | Saturday, January 22, 2022 |
| East Derry Elementary | Saturday, February 5, 2022 |
| Lewistown Elementary | Saturday, February 19, 2022 |

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Hour of Code week is December 6 - 12. The Hour of Code is a global movement by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries through a one-hour introduction to computer science and computer programming. Students will participate in the Hour of Code during computer class, but are encouraged to continue at home at https://code.org/learn

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on:_____.

Due to:

_____ Illness   _____ Doctor/Dentist appointment

_____ Other_____.


Parent signature: _____.


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