



Strodes Mills Elementary

185 Chestnut Ridge Road, McVeytown, PA 17051

Back to School, 2023

Coming up...

- August 30th- First Day of School
- September 4th- No School (Labor Day)
- September 12th- Parent Involvement Meeting
@5:30pm in the cafeteria
- September 12th- Home + School Meeting
@6pm in the cafeteria
- September 18th- Picture Day
- September 19th- Open House 5:30-7:30pm
- September 22nd- No school (Act 80 Day)
- October 20th- No school (Act 80 Day)
- November 8th- Parent Teacher Conferences
4:30-7:30
- November 9th- No School for Students
- November 10th- No School (Veteran's Day)
- November 22nd- Early Dismissal @12:15pm

Contact Us

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Principal

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New Faces

Mrs. Casey Drake
Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Jennifer Hartzler
Computer Teacher

Mrs. Colleen Kratzer
Paraprofessional

Our Day

- » Doors open at 7:45am. Students cannot be dropped off earlier than this as there is no supervision prior.
- » School starts at 8:20am. Students arriving after 8:20, but before 9:30am are tardy and need signed in at the office.
- » Dismissal begins at 2:35pm. Parent pickups will be called first, followed by bus riders.

If picking your student up, always send a note to school with your student in the morning.

If you need to pick your student up before dismissal for an appointment, please sign them out at the office.

*We are one school,
one team, one family.*
#oneSMES

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WHAT IS PBIS AT STRODES MILLS ELEMENTARY?

PBIS - Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports



EXPECTATIONS

We teach you how to be:

**RESPECTFUL
RESPONSIBLE
READY
SAFE**

PAW TICKETS

When you are caught being **Respectful, Responsible, Ready and Safe**, staff reward students who are showing positive behavior.



BUCKET PRIZES & PAW WALL

When you are rewarded with a paw ticket you can place it in one of the 4 prize buckets or save for the paw wall! Bucket prizes are changed every month!

HOW DO I WIN?

Students' paw tickets are drawn from the buckets and announced at the end of each week! Students who are good role models can be picked for a special prize... the Golden Paw ticket winner!



PBIS CELEBRATIONS!

Celebrations happen once the ENTIRE school earns and meets their paw ticket goal! Celebrations are always a surprise day packed with fun to celebrate EVERYONE'S PAWSITIVE behavior!

SMES STUDENTS ARE PAWSITIVELY AMAZING!

Husky HERO

Husky HERO's is a positive attendance incentive to reward those who are Here Everyday Ready and On time. Instead of individual perfect attendance awards, classes as a whole are rewarded.

Classes are eligible to win a prize when all are students are present and on time. More information to come!

Attendance HERO Tips

Early attendance trends can be predictors for the school year, as well as the rest of a student's school career. Each absence is valuable learning time missed.

Start the school year strong by establishing healthy attendance habits early in the school year.

- ★ Establish a healthy bedtime that allows plenty of sleep
- ★ Prepare the night before- take showers, set out clothes, prepare lunchbox + backpack
- ★ Allow enough time in the morning to wake up, eat breakfast, and get ready



Title I Schoolwide Planning Meeting

»» September 12th @ 5:30pm in the SMES cafeteria ««

You are invited to a meeting to learn about the SMES Title I Schoolwide Plan. We will discuss how our Title I schoolwide funds support our elementary focus statements, a Multi-Tier System of Support (MTSS), curriculum development, ongoing professional development for our teachers, Positive Behavior Interventions + Support (PBIS), Camp on Your Way to Kindergarten, supplemental resources and evidence based interventions.

At the meeting, we will also solicit feedback to update our Title I home school compact and Title I building parental engagement policy. We would also encourage all to come with ideas of how to best engage SMES parents in future parental involvement events.

We look forward to seeing you at the Title I schoolwide planning meeting! There will be a SMES Parent School Association (PSA) meeting immediately following the Title I meeting.

PSA

SMES is very fortunate to have a dedicated group of involved parents that are part of our Parent/School Association (PSA). The PSA organizes activities such as Christmas craft and field day. They plan fundraisers that pay for these activities as well as others like field trips, assemblies, and the yearbook.

If you would like to be a part of the SMES PSA, plan to attend a monthly meeting. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month. The first meeting will be held on 9/12 at 6pm in the cafeteria.

Volunteering

Opportunities throughout the school year will allow us to welcome volunteers into the classrooms and school. In order to be eligible to volunteer, the following is required:

- » Act 34 PA Criminal History Clearance
- » Act 151 PA Child Abuse History Clearance
- » Act 114 Federal Criminal History + Fingerprinting or Volunteer Affidavit in lieu (restrictions apply)
- » Volunteer Packet

As an additional layer of security, your driver's license (or state ID) will need to be scanned into our visitor management database, School Gate Guardian, to receive a visitor's badge.

MCSD Website

www.mcSDLk12.org

The MCSD website is a valuable tool for you as a parent. The Students/Parents tab is home to useful resources such as the school calendar, cycle calendar, Family Access login, Forms + Flyers, lunch menu, nurse info, student handbook, tech tutorials, and visitor + volunteer information. Take a moment to explore!



Drills

SMES would like to make you aware of our continued efforts to maintain the safety and security of all students. In order to be as prepared as possible we will be practicing safety drills throughout the school year. We will be providing instruction to your student on protocols for fire, evacuation, severe weather and intruder drills (lockdown). During this instruction, teachers at SMES will lead students through a series of steps so that they are as prepared as possible in the event of a real-life situation.

SMES plans to conduct a lockdown drill during the month of September. We will invite local Emergency Management System and PA State Police to participate in our security drill so they can provide us with valuable feedback on our safety drill procedures.

Safety is our number one priority, and we want to reassure families that we are doing everything we can to maintain security in all district buildings. If you have any questions or concerns about our school's safety and security, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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. If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Mr. Miller at 717-248-7154 or fwm28@mcsdk12.org.

Breakfast & Lunch

Strodes Mills was approved as a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school for SY 2023-24. **This allows all SMES students to receive a FREE breakfast and lunch each school day.** Free/reduced meal applications will not be distributed to SMES students.

Instead, you will receive an economic info survey. This survey is very important, so please be sure to send it back to school with your student. Students who are eligible for free and reduced lunch may request an application for instructional supplies by contacting the main office/principal.

Curriculum

Mifflin County School District School Board Policy 105.1 requires annual notification to parents/guardians and students that parents/guardians and students have an opportunity to review instructional materials and have access to information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques. Requests to review instructional materials and access information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques should be made by submitting a written request to the building principal.

Title I

To access the Title I Schoolwide Plan:

- » www.mcsdk12.org
- » Students/Parents
- » Federal Programs
- » Schoolwide Plans
- » Title I- SMES