

IVEC November Newsletter

Gratitude for Our Families



Thank You Families! ♥

This time of year encourages us to reflect on the things we are thankful for. Please allow us to express our gratitude for trusting us with your little loved ones. They are what keeps us going and bring joy to our days. Thank you for allowing us to be part of their journey. And thank you for the love and support you show them.

With gratitude,
-Mr. Portzline and Mrs. Michaels-

5th grade PSU Outdoor School

Outdoor School is a learning opportunity our 5th grade students get to explore. The program is facilitated by Penn State counselors. Students stay a few days and nights at Shavers Creek and participate in a variety of learning experiences that focus around better understanding the Earth's natural systems and the relationships between human lifestyle choices, their affect upon the Earth's natural systems leading to positive changes in values and behavior, as well as building personal confidence and positive self image. This experience is something that students remember for a long time.

Mrs. Herto, Ms. Rados, and Ms. Thompson's attended October 10-13

Mrs. Willard and Mrs. Walker's classes attended October 24-27

Video below courtesy of [PSU Outdoor School website](#). Note - this video does not include our students.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuqpTrUh7Os>



Important dates

*Wednesday, November 8 and Thursday, November 9th -
Parent/Teacher conferences - If you have questions about your
time, please reach out to your child's teacher.

*November 8th and 9th - Report cards will go home at conferences.
If you are unable to attend conference, report cards will be sent on



Monday, November 13th.

*Friday, November 10th - No School

*Wednesday, November 22nd - Early dismissal at 12:15 for elementary students.

*November 23rd - 27th - No School. School resumes Tuesday, November 28th.

We appreciate our parent volunteers!

👏 We Couldn't Do it Without YOU! 👏

If you are looking for another way to support IV Home & School, check out their Amazon Wish List for the upcoming Christmas craft in December. Items range in price from \$3-\$45.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3390426MP5PUH?ref=wl_share

To have items shipped directly to the Home & School officers (preferred method), please select "Lisa Rheam's Gift Registry" as the shipping address. If you choose to have items shipped to you, the items can be sent to school with your child, and clearly labeled "Home & School Christmas Craft". Wish list items for the Christmas craft will be available until November 7.

THANK YOU to those who have already purchased items from the list! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Our next meeting is coming up on November 14 @ 6:00 in the school library. We hope to see you there!

Homeless Awareness Week

Schools and communities across the nation set aside the week before Thanksgiving to recognize the challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness. Under federal law, children are considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence. Many people associate being homeless with living on the street, but homelessness is often hidden, especially in rural communities.

An average of 100 students are identified as homeless in Mifflin County School District each year. To assist those in need, MCSD staff will be raising money for the district's student homelessness fund. In exchange for a \$5 donation, staff will be able to dress down on Friday, November 17th and are encouraged to wear a red shirt to spread awareness.

If you or your child would like to join in the effort, monetary donations can be sent to the Administration Building, located at 201 8th Street in Lewistown to the attention of Michelle Siruc, the district's homeless liaison. Checks can be made out to Mifflin County School District. Funds are used to purchase clothing, toiletries, and school supplies for displaced students. You can also show your support by wearing a red shirt on Friday, November 17th.

If you are experiencing homelessness, please know that help is available. Please reach out to your child's teacher, principal, nurse, or counselor. They will connect you with one of the district's social

workers, who can assist you with securing necessary resources.



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