

IVEC December Newsletter

A message from Mr. Portzline and Mr. Zook

Meet our new Assistant Principal

I am very excited to write this note of introduction to you as the new Assistant Principal of Indian Valley Elementary Center. I began this role on November 17th and feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to help lead a school with such great students, devoted staff, and a supportive community.

I have been dedicated to the field of education in Mifflin County for the past twenty years where I have taught science and biology. I started my teaching career at Indian Valley Middle School where I taught 8th grade science for 8 years and then moved to Mifflin County Junior High School as a science and biology teacher for the past 12 years. I have a wonderful and supportive wife and family.

I look forward to working with and supporting students, staff, and the school community to assist Indian Valley Elementary Center to continue providing a safe and positive learning environment for all students. I believe that with a positive attitude, a growth mindset, and good character all students can achieve great things. I strive to instill those qualities in our young learners here at IVEC and to be a positive role model as well.

As I step into this position, I want to give attention to living out the mission here at IVEC of focusing on educating each student to meet life's challenges. I feel that this mission is at the heart of everything we do in education.

As Assistant Principal, my door is always open and I welcome your conversation and collaboration.

Travis H. Zook



Dress Warm

We are happy that the Central PA weather has remained cooperative for our students allowing them to still spend some time outside! Please remember to have your student(s) wear a coat and appropriate warm clothing for the days when they can go outside.

Stay in the know...

Please visit the [IVEC Facebook](#) page for updates and photos of the exciting things happening at our school!



SCHOOL Attendance

Questions regarding attendance? Contact Mr. Zook:
thz57@mcsdk12.org

When your child is absent:

- Notes must be turned in within three school days of the student being absent.
- If no note is received, the day becomes an unlawful absence.

Unlawful absences

- After 4th unlawful- School Attendance Improvement Plan meeting with parent/guardian and administration
- After 6th unlawful - Children and Youth Services and Raystown Developmental Service referral with meeting
- Next - Citation through the District Magistrate

How to turn in excuses

- Send a note with your child to school.
- Drop it off at the school.
- Submit a note on Skyward. [Click here](#) for directions.
- Calling the office does NOT count as the excuse. We must have written documentation.



IVEC BAND

The Elementary Band Christmas Concert is scheduled for 7:00PM on Monday, December 18th at the Mifflin County Middle School.



The Band students have been working diligently on their concert repertoire since the beginning of the school year. The 1st year Band students have had a huge amount of content to learn in a short period of time!

IVEC Music and Chorus

The Christmas Choral Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at 9:00AM. This concert will include kindergarten, first and fifth grade students only (Grades 2, 3, 4 will have a concert in the spring). If you are able to attend, please park in the lower parking lot and enter the doors by the auditorium. You may begin to arrive at 8:30AM for the concert. Please do not arrive earlier because the doors will be locked. The boys and girls are looking forward to performing for you!!

On December 23rd from 10-Noon, MERF radio (95.7) will be broadcasting a Mifflin and Juniata Christmas. During this program, recordings of our own students can be heard singing Christmas carols. Try to tune in if you can.



Mark your calendars...

Monday, Jan. 15 - No school

Friday, Jan. 26 - No school for students

Friday, Feb. 16 - No school for students

Monday, Feb. 19 - No school for students

Tuesday, Feb. 20 - No school for students - Make-up Day #1



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