



Strodes Mills elementary

185 Chestnut Ridge Road, McVeytown, PA 17051

December, 2023

Coming up...

- December 7th- 2nd Grade Field Trip- Nutcracker Ballet
- December 14th- Christmas Concert
 - 9am- KG + 2nd grades perform
 - 10 am- 1st + 3rd grades perform
- December 15th- Santa's Workshop
- December 19th- MCHS Cantare perform for students
- December 19th- Harshbarger's Fundraiser Night
- December 21st- Schoolwide Christmas movie + craft day
- December 22nd-January 2nd- No School (Christmas + New Year's break)
- January 15th- No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- January 26th- No School (Act 80 Day)
- February 16th- No School (Act 80 Day)

Spirit Week

- * Monday, 12/18- MERRY MONDAY
Wear a festive outfit
- * Tuesday, 12/19- RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER
Wear something shiny and bright
- * Wednesday, 12/20- RUN RUN GINGERBREAD MAN
Wear your sweats
- * Thursday, 12/21- THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
Wear your cozy PJ's and pack a blanket for movie day!

Winter Weather

Brrrrr! It's cold outside and the snow will soon be falling! We will be going outside for recess as long as the real feel temperature is 28 degrees or higher.

Please send your student with weather and temperature appropriate outerwear for outdoor recess- winter coats, hats, and gloves.

Please reach out to Miss Marker if you need any of these items for your student.

Attendance Facts & Tips

FACT: Absences increase the week before and after Christmas break.

As we enter the holiday season, remember the importance of school attendance. Not only are we doing fun seasonal activities, but teachers will also be teaching right up until students dismiss for Christmas vacation.

We recognize that holidays are an important time for connecting with family. Keep in mind the importance of attendance.

TIP: Plan family gatherings and activities during the holiday break.

Give your child the gift of education and the habit of good attendance this season.

Contact Us

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

Golden Ticket Winners

Each month, students who consistently display Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe behaviors can be selected as Golden Paw Ticket winners. Each winner receives a golden coin to use in our book vending machine and a chance to win a new Golden Paw t-shirt!



Educational Trips

MCSD allows 5 educational trip days to be used throughout the school year. In order for these days to be used, MCSD has established the following policy:

- * A completed Educational Trip Request Form must be submitted five days prior to the trip
- * The student is required to submit a one page report about their trip experiences within 3 days of their return.
- * Late reports will not be accepted and the days will be marked unexcused.

If planning a trip and you need a form, please reach out to Mrs. Peterson in the office and one will be sent home with your student. The form is also available on the district website at mcsdk12.org/forms-and-flyers.

Lunch Alternates

If your child is late to school, the lunch options will be limited:

- Before 8:30- all options available
- 8:30-9:30- regular lunch and craveable available
- After 9:30- regular lunch only available

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be 5 on or before 9/1/2024, please fill out the form on the last page or reach out to Mrs. Peterson in the office.

Please help spread the news by letting friends and relatives know who may have children attending kindergarten in the fall!

PSA Post

Meeting- The next meeting will be held on December 12th at 6pm in the cafeteria. Meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday of each month.

Discount Cards- Orders and money are due by December 8th. Checks can be made out to SMES PSA. Cards will be distributed the week of December 11th.

Harshbarger's Family Night- Harshbarger's Sub + Malt will be hosting a fundraiser night benefitting SMES PSA on Tuesday, December 19th. Let Harshbarger's do the cooking (or scooping) for you! Just let your server know and a portion of your purchase will be donated.

SMS is thankful

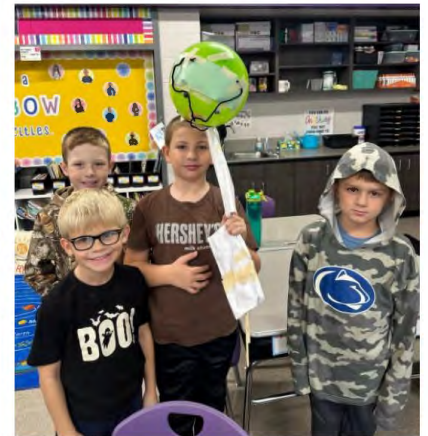
Kindergarten students enjoyed a Thanksgiving Feast! Special thanks to all who donated and to the parent volunteers who helped setup, serve, and cleanup.



Many classes throughout the school held their very own Macy's Day Parade by making their own floats!



Mrs. Forshey's class made pumpkin pie in a bag. All students took turns mixing the pudding, milk, and pumpkin in a bag. A few students mashed the graham crackers for the crust.



Dear Parent:

The Mifflin County School District is conducting registration for children who will be eligible for enrollment in a kindergarten class for the 2024-2025 school year. A child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2024. There are no exceptions or provisions made for early entrance to kindergarten.

Information gathered from this form will enable the district to properly plan for its new enrollees and will provide an opportunity for school officials to communicate directly with parents and guardians concerning enrollment requirements.

Proper enrollment for school includes: a physical examination performed within one year of the start of the 2024-2025 school year, verification of birth date, proper immunization, proof of residence, and custody agreements/court orders (if applicable). Once enrolled, a kindergarten assessment will be administered to each child to determine learning potential. While this assessment has no bearing on eligibility for enrollment, it does aid the school in structuring meaningful and appropriate educational programs for new students. Once your child is registered you will receive more information about the assessment program.

Please complete the form below and return it to your child's school :

East Derry Elementary School - Mrs. Peggy Maxwell - (717) 543-5615, pem55@mcsdk12.org

Indian Valley Elementary School - Ms. Koleen Nickel - (717) 667-2123, knj28@mcsdk12.org

Lewistown Elementary School - Mrs. Kaitlin Lorson - (717) 242-5823, kml29@mcsdk12.org

Strodes Mills Elementary School - Mrs. Amber Peterson - (717) 248-7154, alp35@mcsdk12.org

Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ SEX: *Male or Female*
Last First Middle Month / Date / Year

Father's Name _____ Home Phone _____
Last First Middle

Mother's Name _____ Home Phone _____
Last First Middle

Guardian's Name _____ Home Phone _____
(if applicable) Last First Middle

Child Resides with: _____
Father/Mother/Guardian

Address where Child Resides _____
Street / Box No. City

Name of a local friend or relative to contact if parents are not available.

Name	Address	Telephone	Relationship
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