



Strodes Mills elementary

185 Chestnut Ridge Road, McVeytown, PA 17051

January, 2024

Coming up...

- January 9th- PSA Meeting @6pm
- January 15th- No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- January 25th- PBIS Celebration
- January 26th- No School (Act 80 Day)
- February 16th- No School (Act 80 Day)
- February 19th- No School (Presidents' Day)
- February 20th- No School (designated snow makeup day)
- March 15th- No School (Act 80 Day)
- March 18th + 19th- Kindergarten Registration
- May 11th- Elementary Art Show
- May 29th- Field Day
- May 30th- Field Day Rain Date
- June 3rd- Last day of school- early dismissal at 12:15pm

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be held at SMES March 18th + 19th. If you have a child who will be 5 on or before 9/1/2024, please complete 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!

Attendance Facts & Tips

- FACT:** Winter weather conditions and extreme temperatures can substantially impact attendance rates. With winter comes the inevitable- colder/freezing temperatures, snow, and ice. In a rural community like ours, these variables can present challenges getting students to school.
- TIP:** While we can't control the weather, there are some things families can do to be prepared:
- Delays, early dismissals, and cancellations are sent out to families via Skylert message. You can opt into receiving Skylert text messages in addition to phone calls by logging into your Skyward Family Access.
 - Delays, early dismissals, and cancellations can also be found at www.mcsdk12.org, or by listening to the local radio.
 - Keep your child's school updated with any phone number changes in order to receive Skylert messages.

Winter Weather

If the Mifflin County School District is in session and a parent/guardian determines that the roads are "unsafe" to travel due to poor weather conditions, the parent/guardian is permitted to have the student(s) remain at home for the day.

To be granted an excused absence, the parent/guardian would need to submit an excuse to the school stating the roads are "unsafe".

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!



MCHS Cantare

SMES students and staff were treated to a special Christmas performance by the MCHS Cantare. This talented group of students performed a number of beautiful Christmas songs.



PBIS Sponsors

Join us in sending many thanks to the following businesses for sponsoring our PBIS program through donations for our bucket prizes!

Body + Soul Community Center • Carousel Skating Rink • Juniata Valley YMCA

One Book, One School

With One School, One Book, each student will receive a copy of *Gooseberry Park and The Master Plan*. Students take the book home and read one chapter each night beginning Monday, February 5th with their families. The next school day there will be discussions, trivia, and maybe even prizes!

After completing the book, families are invited to attend Family Night on Tuesday, March 5th for an evening of fun activities.

PSA Post

Meeting- The next meeting will be held on January 9th at 6pm in the cafeteria. Meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday of each month.

Field Day- Field day has been scheduled for May 29th with a rain date of May 30th. Preparations will soon begin. If you are interested in volunteering for field day, please plan to attend monthly PSA meetings.

SMES is jolly & bright

Gingerbread houses were made and decorated...



Mrs. Laughlin's kindergarten class collected gifts for the children at Janet Weis Children's Hospital.



Mrs. Forshey's first grade class made hot chocolate and punched their tickets for The Polar Express!



All students came together to watch a Christmas movie, then did related crafts and activities in their classrooms.



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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