Strodes Mills
elementary

February, 2024

Coming up...

February 15th– Valentine's Day parties

February 16th– No School (Act 80 Day)

February 19th– No School (Presidents' Day)

February 20th– School in Session (*makeup for 1/9 snow day*)

March 1st & 5th– Book Fair

March 5th– Family Night, 5:30pm-7:00pm

March 15th– No School (Act 80 Day)

March 18th & 19th– Kindergarten Registration

March 29th– No School (Good Friday)

PSSA's

Third graders will be taking the ELA and Math PSSA's in April. Testing windows are as follows:

- ELA: 4/22 – 4/26
- Math: 4/29 – 5/3

Help your child be ready for testing by having them well rested, present, and on time for school.

Art Show

The Elementary Art Show will be held on Saturday, May 11th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Indian Valley Elementary Center. It will feature art work from students from all four MCSD elementary schools and both intermediate schools.

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Book Fair

The Spring Book Fair will be held on March 1st & March 5th. Students will shop during their library special time.

There will be evening shopping hours on March 5th during Family Night for One Book, One School for students to shop with their families.

NEW THIS YEAR- students can enter their paw tickets for VIP Book Fair Shopping for a chance to shop before the book fair opens. They will also get to choose a free book from the fair.

Attendance Facts & Tips

FACT: **Many parents underestimate the number of days their child has been absent.**

At year-end, many parents believe their child was absent 2 days a month, but not 10 days a year. The reality is that a student who is absent 2 or more days a month is actually absent 18 or more days a year. That is close to an accumulated month of school missed!

TIP: **Stay aware of your child's attendance and accumulated total for the school year.**

Many parents do not keep record of each absence. Skyward Family Access does that for you. The Attendance tab lists each absence, and provides totals and graphs. You can also submit excuses.

The school year is halfway over. And the good news is that it's not too late to improve attendance.

Golden Ticket Winners

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

January

Halfway Day

Mrs. Noerr's class celebrated reaching the middle of the school year with a "Halfway Day" celebration. Students presented a project showing half of an item of their choice.

One Book, One School

We are so excited to begin this year's One Book, One School read along. Starting on February 5th, students and staff will begin reading one chapter each night at home with their families following the schedule below. Books and materials will be sent home soon!

This year, we will be reading Gooseberry Park and the Master Plan. We are so excited to join Stumpy and friends again this year as they help animals of Gooseberry Park through a drought.

M, 2/5 . . . Chapter 1- Fine Friends

Tu, 2/6 . . . Chapter 2- Rain Matters

W, 2/7 . . . Chapter 3- Kona's Conviction

Th, 2/8 . . . Chapter 4- A Genius

M, 2/12 . . . Chapter 5- Up All Night

Tu, 2/13 . . . Chapter 6- Morton

W, 2/14 . . . Chapter 7- Only One Owl

Tu, 2/20 . . . Chapter 8- The Master Plan

W, 2/21 . . . Chapter 9- Decoys

Th, 2/22 . . . Chapter 10- Nerves

M, 2/26 . . . Chapter 11- If You Can Dream It...

Tu, 2/27 . . . Chapter 12- ...You Can Do It

W, 2/28 . . . Chapter 13- Perfectly

Th, 2/29 . . . Chapter 14- Home

On Tuesday, March 5th from 5:30pm- 7:00pm we will hold Family Night to celebrate the completion of the book. There will be raffle baskets, book fair evening shopping hours, and light refreshments.

We're Raising Trout!

In partnership with the PA Fish and Wildlife Commission, SMES received trout eggs to hatch, raise & release.

Mr. Conner setup a specialized coldwater tank, and he maintains a healthy ecosystem with flowing water and oxygen.

Our students continue to enjoy watching the different stages of the trout's lifecycle and look forward to releasing them.

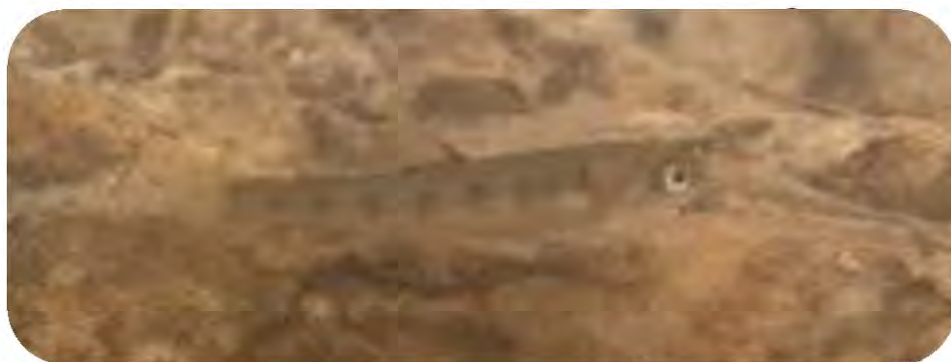In just one short month, our eggs have come so far and developed into recognizable fish!

Ask your child about what they've observed and learned through this exciting opportunity.
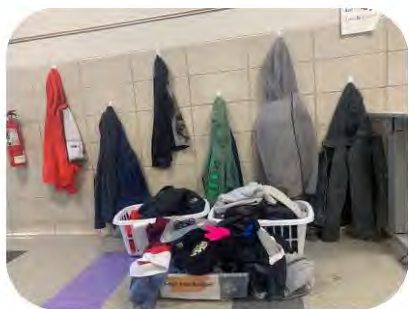
from eggs...

to sac fry...

to fingerling trout...

Lost & Found

Our lost & found is overflowing with lots of coats, sweatshirts, hats, & gloves! Encourage your child to check the lost & found.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be held at SMES on March 18th & 19th.

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

Please spread the news by letting friends and relatives know!

PSA Post

Meeting- The next meeting will be held on February 13th at 6pm in the cafeteria. Meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday of each month.

Raffle Baskets- Each grade level is collecting donations for themed baskets to be raffled at Family Night. Teachers will be sending information home describing the theme of their grade level's basket and the type of donations requested. Please send all donations by Monday, March 4th so that there is time to put the baskets together.

PSA will be selling tickets during Family Night for One Book, One School on Tuesday, March 5th

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.

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, kjn28@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.

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Name	Address	Telephone	Relationship