



# Strodes Mills elementary

185 Chestnut Ridge Road, McVeytown, PA 17051

March, 2024

## Coming up...

- March 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, + 5<sup>th</sup>- Book Fair
- March 5<sup>th</sup>- Family Night, 5:30pm-7:00pm
- March 15<sup>th</sup>- No School (Act 80 Day)
- March 18<sup>th</sup> + 19<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten Registration
- March 29<sup>th</sup>- No School (Good Friday)
- April 1<sup>st</sup>- School in Session (Makeup for 1/16 snow day)
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>- ELA PSSA Testing Window
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>- No School (Primary Election Day)

## Reminders

- Car riders can be dropped off in the morning beginning at 7:45 am.
- The school day starts at 8:20 am. After 8:20 am, students are late and need to be signed in at the office to receive a late pass.
- Send a note to school with your child if they will be a parent pickup at dismissal. Pickup notes are an essential piece to a safe and organized dismissal each day. Please reserve calls to the office adding students to parent pickup for emergencies only. Dismissal begins at 2:30pm.
- Excuses are due within 3 days of returning to school from an absence. Excuses can be handwritten or submitted online through Family Access.

## Contact Us

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## PSSA's

With PSSA's quickly approaching, students have begun preparing here at school. Help your child be ready by setting an early bedtime, being well rested, arriving to school on time, and being present on testing days.

Testing windows are as follows:

- ELA: 4/22 - 4/26
- Math: 4/29 - 5/3

## Attendance Facts & Tips

**FACT:** Students with good attendance habits tend to perform better academically and are more likely to graduate from high school.

School attendance is crucial for academic success and overall well-being. Regular school attendance presents the opportunity to engage in valuable learning experiences.

**TIP:** Use a strategy to works for you.

1. Establish bedtime + morning routines to ensure your child is well-rested + prepared for the school day.
2. Communicate with the school if your child is experiencing challenges to attendance.
3. Set attendance goals + track their progress.
4. Recognize + celebrate big + small achievements. Positive reinforcement can motivate children to attend school regularly + participate in classroom activities.
5. Encourage a positive attitude towards school + learning.

*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. Winners receive a golden coin to use in our book vending machine and a chance to win a new Golden Paw t-shirt!



## Hey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade!

Third graders who wish to submit a drawing for this year's field day shirt design must do so by Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Rules:

- Drawings should be completed on a piece of plain white 8 1/2 x 11 paper
- Drawings should be completed in outline style only.
- Drawings should be completed in pen or pencil only
- Drawings should include "2024", "SMES", "Field Day"

## 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

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is happening this month for the 2024-2025 school year. It will be held at SMES on March 18<sup>th</sup> + 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you have a child who will be 5 or on or before 9/1/2024, please complete the form on the last 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 March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the cafeteria. Meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday of each month.

Child care is not available during meetings. Please make alternate arrangements and do not bring children/students to the meeting. In the event of an emergency, children/students must sit at the table with their parent and must be escorted to and from the restroom.

**Raffle Baskets-** PSA will be selling tickets during Family Night for One Book, One School on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

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

# 100 Days of Fun & Learning



## 101<sup>st</sup> Day of School

First grade celebrated the one hundred and FIRST day of school with a special furry friend! Khaos the dalmatian, and her human Libby, visited our first grade classrooms. The kiddos loved meeting and petting her! Many thanks to Libby + Khaos for visiting 1<sup>st</sup> grade!!



## STEM Day

MCHS STEM interns joined 1<sup>st</sup> grade to teach a Lego Robotics lesson. Students built a lego vehicle then used their iPad to program the vehicle to move.



## Valentine's Fun

Valentine's day was celebrated at SMES on Friday, 2/15 with themed activities, games, crafts, treats, and more.



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