



# Strodes Mills elementary

185 Chestnut Ridge Road, McVeytown, PA 17051

April, 2024

## Coming up...

- April 1st- School in Session (Makeup for 1/16 snow day)
- April 22nd-26th- ELA PSSA Testing Window
- April 23rd- No School (Primary Election Day)
- April 29th-May 3rd- Math PSSA Testing Window
- May 11th- Elementary Art Show, 11am-2pm, @Indian Valley
- May 27th- No School (Memorial Day)
- May 28th- First grade field trip to Lake Tobias
- May 29th- Field Day (Rain Date- 5/30)
- May 30th- Trout Release
- June 4th- School in Session (Makeup for 1/19 snow day)
- June 5th- Last day of school. Dismissal at 12:15pm

## Spring Concert

Save the Date!

Second and third grade students will be performing in the SMES Annual Spring Concert.

There will be a parent performance on  
May 21st at 9am.

More information to come closer to the event.

## Attendance Facts & Tips

**FACT:** As the seasons change, so do attendance patterns. While temperatures increase, student attendance decreases resulting in the "Spring Slump".

Whether it's a result of cold/allergy symptoms, or wanting to take a day off to enjoy the weather, it's important to remember that each day absent is a day full of learning opportunities missed.

**TIP:** Positively encourage each school day.

It can sometimes be difficult to tell the difference between allergy and cold symptoms, so use your best judgement. But remember, allergies are not a reason to stay home. If you are unsure and would like the school nurse to assess your child, you can bring the student to the office in the morning and the nurse can assess them.

It can be tempting to take a day off throughout the week, but try to plan trips and outdoor activities outside of school hours and on the weekends. Reward good attendance habits with seasonal activities.

## Trout Release

We are continuing to watch our trout eggs grow into healthy and strong fish. On Friday, May 31st, third grade students will accompany Mr. Conner & Mr. Miller to the trout release into the Strodes Run creek.



## Contact Us

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

# #oneSMES

## Golden Paw Winners

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



## PSA Post

**Meeting-** The next PSA meeting will be held on **April 9th at 6pm** in the cafeteria. Meetings are held 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.

**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.

## PBIS Sponsors

Join us in thanking the following businesses for sponsoring our PBIS program through donations for our PBIS program + bucket prizes!

Body + Soul Community Center • Carousel Skating Rink • Harshbarger's Sub + Malt  
Juniata Valley YMCA • Lake Tobias • Twin Kiss • Wray's Landscaping

## SMES Students are 'Cereal'sly Awesome

We can not express how thankful we are for our SMES students and families! The amount of cereal donated was absolutely mind blowing! Overall, we collected 3,112 full size boxes of cereal to be donated! Mrs. Dill's class was the highest collecting class with 696 boxes collected! We celebrated by using the boxes of cereal to make a domino line throughout the entire school.

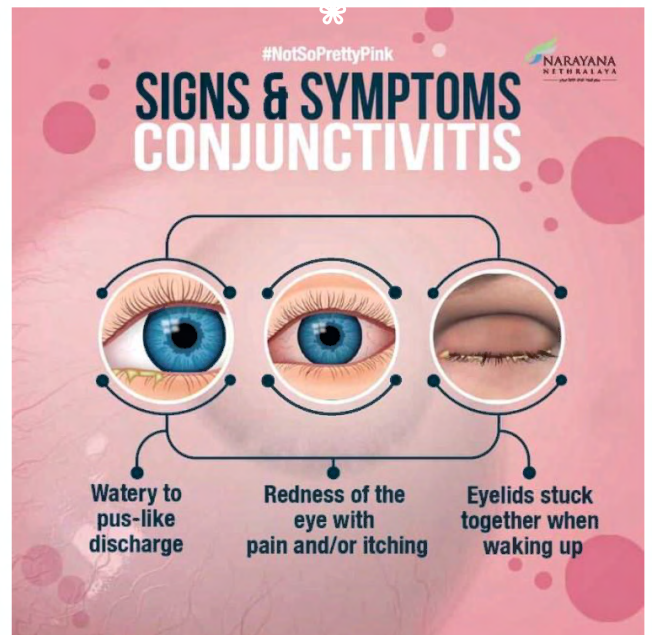
Through this collection, we were able to donate to MCSD elementary students through the PowerPack programs. We were also able to donate to the following local food banks and distribution centers in our community:

- Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
- Hands of Grace
- The Abuse Network
- The Lumina Center
- New Life Church
- McVeytown UMC
- Salvation Army
- The Shelter
- Calvary Bible
- Calvary Church



## A Note from the Nurse's Office...

We are seeing an increase in bacterial conjunctivitis (pink eye) throughout the schools. Pink eye is highly contagious. The photo attached describes the common symptoms caused by pink eye. If your child has these symptoms, please keep them home and schedule an appointment to see a doctor. Students are required to be on antibiotic eye drops for 24 hours prior to returning to school to help reduce the spread.



## Spring Fling Celebration

We had a "Spring Fling" PBIS Celebration to reward Respectful, Responsible, Ready, + Safe behaviors!



# Family Night

SMES hosted a Family Night to celebrate the completion of reading our One Book, One School book, Gooseberry Park, The Master Plan + Read Across America Week. We were joined by over 100 families who enjoyed a night of themed fun, activities, + prizes.



# Sick Excuses

Remember, excuses are due within 3 days of an absence. You can send a written note or submit excuses through Skyward Family Access. If you need your Skyward username and password, please contact our school secretary, Mrs. Peterson. Feel free to use the note templates below.



## Absence Note

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
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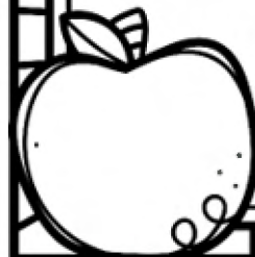
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