



# Strodes Mills elementary

185 Chestnut Ridge Road, McVeytown, PA 17051

May, 2024

## Coming up...

- May 14<sup>th</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Tour of LIS
- May 18<sup>th</sup>- Elementary Art Show, 11am-2pm, @Indian Valley
- May 27<sup>th</sup>- No School (Memorial Day)
- May 28<sup>th</sup>- First grade field trip to Lake Tobias
- May 29<sup>th</sup>- Field Day (Rain Date- 5/30)
- May 30<sup>th</sup>- Trout Release
- June 4<sup>th</sup>- School in Session (Makeup for 1/19 snow day)
- June 4<sup>th</sup>- Yearbook Signing
- June 5<sup>th</sup>- Last day of school. Dismissal at 12:15pm
- June 5<sup>th</sup>- Move Up Day

## Year End Activities

With the end of the school year right around the corner, there is still lots of fun to be had!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade LIS Tour-** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will be touring Lewistown Intermediate School on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Yearbook Signing-** Students will receive their yearbooks on June 4<sup>th</sup>. We will spend some time as a school family signing yearbooks on the front lawn. This will be topped off with a sweet treat from Harshbarger's Sub + Malt.

**Move Up Day-** On the last day of school, June 5<sup>th</sup>, students will learn who their next teacher will be and spend some time in that class with their new classmates.

## LIS HSA Welcomes 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Families

Attention Third Grade parents! Do you enjoy volunteering? Would you like to help enrich your student's education? Lewistown Intermediate Home and School is the perfect place for you! LIS HSA is seeking a President and Vice President for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested or would like to learn more, you are welcome to attend the next HSA meeting on **May 9 at 6:30 in the LIS Conference Room**. We will be voting for next year's HSA Officers. We hope to see you there!

## Contact Us

Phone: 717-248-7154 • Fax: 717-242-5839

Frank Miller, Principal  
fwm28@mcsdk12.org

Julie Yoder, Building Leader  
jap36@mcsdk12.org

## Attendance Facts & Tips

**FACT:** Absenteeism increases at an alarming rate in the final weeks of the school year.

Overall attendance takes a hit in the weeks before summer break with the number of whole and half day absences, tardies, and early dismissals rising at an alarming rate.

**TIP:** Set a goal to finish the last few weeks of school with strong attendance habits.

We're in the final stretch of the 2023-2024 school year with less than 30 days remaining. Plan to be at school every day and on time. Teachers are teaching and students are learning to the very last day.

*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!



## PBIS Mega Prize

Our students have been earning paw tickets faster than they have been spending them. So... we are doing something new, and we are super excited about it! We are adding a brand new, end of the year **PBIS MEGA PRIZE!**

Students will have until the very last day of school to continue showing their respectful, responsible, ready, and safe behaviors to earn those paw tickets for a chance to win a...

**SURF 'N SLIDE INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE!**

One lucky winner will have a blast on those hot summer days on this 15' long inflatable shark water slide complete with 2 inflatable surf riders.

## Busing Changes

We know it's not ideal, but sometimes a bus cannot make it's bus runs. This could be morning, afternoon, and sometimes both.

Any time this happens, a Skylert message is sent and it is posted to the MCS D website. Make sure that you notify the office if your phone number or email address change so that you're receiving messages.

## Educational Trips

It's getting warmer outside and summer is right around the corner! Remember, if you're taking a vacation before the end of the school year, you can use up to 5 educational trip days each school year.

All you need to do is submit the form (available on the website or in the office) 5 days in advance of your trip. Then, the student needs to submit a 1 page report about what they learned within 3 days of returning.

That's it! Easy peasy!

## PSA News

**Meeting-** The next PSA meeting will be held on **May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in the cafeteria. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

As a reminder.. Children should not be attending meetings as child care is not available. Please make alternate arrangements for your children during 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.

**Fundraiser-** There is no update yet for distribution of the Meat Sticks and MCA fundraiser. A date and time for distribution will be announced when the items are received.

**Color Run-** Students are looking for sponsors for the Color Run that will be held during field day. All students can participate in the Color Run, but the class that collects the most donations will win a pizza party! Money is due by Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Coat Donation

The associates of our local Burnham JCPenney purchased and donated a total of 45 coats as well as hats, gloves, and scarfs to our school.

These items will be kept here at SMES and given to students in need next winter. If you find that your student is in need of any of these items next winter, please reach out. We will discretely provide what is needed to keep your student warm from this donation.

Thank you, JCPenney!

## Reminders from the Nurse's Office

- If your student takes prescription medication at school, please remember to pick it up by **June 6<sup>th</sup>**.
- If your child will need to be given prescription medication at school next school year, please submit all paperwork prior to the first day of school.
- Students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are required to have a dental exam. Forms have been sent home with second graders and are available in the office.

Nurse Ritchey  
alr17@mcsdk12.org

Nurse Yoder  
jsy43@mcsdk12.org

## Solar Eclipse

On Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, the moon passed between the sun and earth resulting in a 90%-100% magnitude solar eclipse.

While we did not experience 100% totality here in Mifflin County, what we did experience was pretty spectacular.

What an experience for our youth!

There will not be another solar eclipse that is visible in the United States until 2044!



## 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

Burger King

Carousel Skating Rink

The Cookie Jar

Harshbarger's Sub + Malt

Hartley's Potato Chip Co

Juniata Valley YMCA

Lake Tobias

MCHS- School Store

Rec Park Pool

Rita's

Twin Kiss

Wray's Landscaping

## Arbor Day

In carrying on a beloved SMES tradition, Mr. Miller, Mr. Conner, and 3 third grade students planted a flowering crabapple tree in front of the school for Arbor Day. This tree joins 2 others of the same species that are lining the front of the school.

Please join us in thanking the SMES PSA for purchasing and delivering the tree for us!



# Be The Yellow

On Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, SMES will celebrate "Make Someone's Day Yellow". This day was created by Adam Peterson in honor of his mentor- Honor, and is celebrated world wide. With a motto of "Be Nice. Be Kind. Be The Yellow", the purpose is to spread kindness and make someone's day brighter.

Please join us by wearing yellow and spreading kindness on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

More information and activities can be found at [makesomeonesdayyellow.com](http://makesomeonesdayyellow.com)



Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> SMES will celebrate  
**"Make Someone's Day Yellow"**  
Wear your yellow and spread kindness!

## Best Wishes!!

One of the first goodbyes we say at the end of the school year is to our student teachers.. We wish these ladies the best of luck in their teaching journey!

Miss Knode- Mrs. Bender's kindergarten class

Miss. Pieciewicz- Mrs. Yoder's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class

Miss. Pinter- Mrs. Laughlin's kindergarten class

Miss Ponto- Mrs. Schwartz's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class

## Water Bottles

Just a friendly reminder... with the warmer weather here to stay, don't forget to send a water bottle with your child each day. We want to make sure they all stay hydrated! We're seeing many more red faces at recess than last week when it was 20 degrees cooler! But remember- water only! No juice or soda.

We work hard and play harder!

## Sick Excuses

Remember, excuses are due within 3 days of an absence. This is true for entire school year to the very last day of school. You can send a written note or submit excuses through Skyward Family Access. Feel free to use the note templates below.



### Absence Note

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

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

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

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



Signed \_\_\_\_\_