

# IVEC February 2025 Newsletter

## Principal's message

We have so many wonderful things to celebrate at Indian Valley! Just as the first half of the school year seemed to fly by, we want everyone to take time to enjoy the upcoming months.

Since February celebrates Valentine's Day, we want to again share our appreciation for our students, families, guardians, and the community that makes IVEC such a wonderful place to be!

We also want to thank Mrs. Holland for organizing and writing our Newsletter this month. Great Job!

-Mr. Portzline and Mr. Zook-

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## *First Ever Parents' Night Out*

On December 16, our school sponsored its first ever Parents' Night Out. Students in all grades were given the opportunity to come to the school in the evening to give their parents a few hours to have some time off from parenting. It was a great opportunity to prepare for the upcoming holiday or simply enjoy some time on their own. The students loved it even more than the parents. The students who participated had some pizza and chips for a quick dinner and then off to the gym or auditorium they went. Students in the gym played games and did crafts, while those in the auditorium got a chance to enjoy some holiday movies!



We were very happy with the turn-out. If you didn't have a chance to participate, please keep your eye out for another opportunity like this. All money raised went directly into our PBIS account to pay for activities and items for our school store. Thank you to all who participated!



**Mr. Bickhart works on some crafts with**



**Christmas coloring pages can be so much fun!**



**Reindeer Games - Antler Ring Toss**

**students! Way to go, Mr.  
Bickhart!**

## *Winter Weather Reminder*

Just a reminder that students need to be dressed for the weather. Students will be going outside for recess if the temperature is above 30 degrees. Please be sure that your student(s) are wearing coats and appropriate clothing to school. Hopefully the weather will be changing soon and this will not be a concern much longer. While I know we are all looking forward to the nicer weather, we still need to be prepared! Thank you for your help in this matter.

## *Science in the Classroom*

### **Trout In The Classroom**

It's that time of year! Fourth grade students in Mr. Yearick's class are raising trout. Mr. Yearick works with the PA Fish and Boat Commission to provide this opportunity for his class and others to enjoy. This hands-on experiment helps students to learn about and understand ecosystems. This activity becomes one of the most memorable experiences of the year. Mr. Yearick works with students to set up the aquarium making sure that everything is just right. They check the temperature, alkalinity, and other chemical levels. Then, students continue to test the water throughout the process. After the eggs arrive, students get to watch the life-cycle of the trout happen right before their eyes. These trout will be released locally in the spring.







### 5 Valentine's Day Math Activities to Engage and Challenge

To celebrate February and the upcoming Valentine's Day festivities, I've created five Valentine's Day math activities that are sure to engage your students and get them thinking critically about math. Have you ever felt so constrained by your curriculum calendar you feel you can't take time out to celebrate the holidays?

📄 [therouttymathteacher.com](http://therouttymathteacher.com)

### The Great Grow Along Experiment

Mr. Yearick and Mr. Parson both participate in an experiment with Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research to adopt rats as classroom pets. (Actually, this is a science experiment.) This helps to learn how to conduct laboratory experiments. Students learn about the scientific method, how to collect data, and how to analyze results. The biggest take-away from this experiment is that the students get to do it hands-on and not just on paper. Each classroom has two rats. One will be fed sugar water with its food while the other gets milk with its food. By collecting data on these rats for a few weeks, the students learn about the importance of proper nutrition. This is always a class favorite.



## Husky Council

In January, our school assembled its first ever student council. Mrs. Holland will be in charge of the student council, which will consist of about 8-10 students from fourth and fifth grade. These students filled out applications to be considered part of the student council, then the council was chosen by a team of teachers. The responsibilities of the council will be to discuss issues that arise in the school as well as possible solutions. They will also work on coming up with ideas for school-wide activities, PBIS celebrations, Leader of the Pack celebrations, and items for in the school store. Their input may also be used for other situations as they arise. We are so excited to have this group of outstanding students helping to make our school a better place. Congratulations to those chosen for the first ever student council.

## 💖 Fun Valentine's Day Crafts & Activities 💖

### Make Amazing Cards!

These are some seriously creative, fun cards -- and tutorials to go along with them. Get crafty!



### Watch These Cute and Funny Kids' Movies on Valentine's Day With Your Family

Valentine's Day gets a lot of attention from adults-but it's so easy for kids to get in on the fun, too. What's not to love about eating yummy candy, making fun crafts, and getting lots of sweet cards? The holiday is meant for all ages to celebrate!

## Times are tough. A good laugh always helps.

Valentines written by kids (who tell it like it is!)

### Ski Club

Attention Ski Club members!!

The February weather is still looking good for skiing.

- February 7 Ski Club Trip



### School Calendar

February 13 - Valentine's Day Parties

February 14 - Act 80 Day - **No School for Students**

February 17 - President's Day - **No School for Students - Make-up**

**Day #3**

February 21 - Spring Pictures

March 14 - Act 80 Day - **No School for Students**

April 18 - Good Friday - **No school for Students**

April 21 - Easter Break - **No School for Students - Make-up Day #4**

May 26 - Memorial Day - **No School for Students**

May 28 - Last Day of School for Students - Commencement



### Travis H Zook

Beautiful class updates in a snap

