

Lewistown Intermediate School  
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August/September 2025

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### IMPORTANT DATES

August 21 - Act 80 Day

August 25 - First Day of School

August 29 - Act 80 Day

September 1 - Labor Day No School

September 3 Instrument rental  
night from 4-6pm in the cafeteria

September 9 - Lockdown Drill @  
10:00 AM

September 11 - Fall Pictures

Every year students need a signed permission form for their pictures to be used in newsletters, posted to Facebook and Dojo, as well as used in the Sentinel. The Media Release Form can be found on Skyward under Family Access/Online Forms. If you would prefer a paper version sent home, have your student see Mrs. Hartzler.

### **WELCOME BACK** *to all our returning staff!*

*Help us welcome some new staff to the LIS family this year!*

*Mackenzie Copenhaver*  
*Autistic Support*

*Jessica Startzel*  
*Autistic Support*

*Callie Hunter*  
*Emotional Support*

*Marci Rhoades*  
*Paraprofessional*

*Autumn Dressler*  
*Paraprofessional*

*Amanda Yoder*  
*Paraprofessional*

*Kaytlin Clarke*  
*Psychologist*

*Bonnie Stringer*  
*Learning Support*

*Ashley Hoar*  
*Paraprofessional*

### *Changes to the LIS family this year!*

*Melissa Zimmerman*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Grade*

*Brandy Erb*  
*Learning Support*

## HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

lewistownintermediateschoolhsa@gmail.com

September 2 -thru- October 8	Hog Raffle Fundraiser - each student receives 12 tickets to sell, complete request form for more, return unsold tickets ASAP
September 8	Volunteer forms <b>MUST</b> be completed if parents/guardians want to volunteer throughout the school year
September 11	HSA monthly meeting @ 6:30 in LIS conference room
September 22 -thru- October 6	Husky spirit wear sale - short & long sleeve t-shirts, crew & hoodie sweatshirts
September 23	Harshbarger's Sub N Malt fundraiser - all day at both locations

## MEDICATION POLICY

Over-the-Counter Medication forms were handed out to students on the first day of school. This form must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian in order for students to receive medication from the school nurse. If your child has not submitted the Over-the-Counter Medication form to the Nurse's Office, your child will not receive medication at school. Forms are available in the Nurse's Office.

*As a reminder, students are NOT permitted to carry any medications on their person during school hours. This includes cough drops, medication creams, eye drops or anything used for medicinal purposes. Any medication that is required to be taken at school MUST be transported to and from school by a parent/guardian or designated adult and accompanied with a physician's order. Parents and guardians are required to sign medications into the Nurse's Office at drop-off.*

If your child requires an inhaler, a new physician order must be submitted to the school nurse EACH school year before your child can carry an inhaler on their person. Failure to do so is a violation of the MCSD Medication Policy. Please contact the School Nurse with any questions.

### PBIS

#### Positive Behaviors Intervention & Supports

*We are ready to begin another paw-some school year with you!*

Our PBIS team is excited to begin the new school year looking for positive behaviors among the student body!

The four core behaviors staff will be teaching and looking to acknowledge include being **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, READY AND SAFE!**

Be sure to ask your children if they have earned any points for their positive behavior.

We can't wait to see all the positive behaviors & academic growth in our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders this year!

A hardcopy of the MCSD Parent Handbook & Guide is available in the principal's office and the Library at LIS.

Lewistown Intermediate School has qualified to be a Community Eligibility Provision school. Which means we will be offering **FREE** breakfast and lunch for all students who attend LIS for the entire 2025-26 school year.

### ***PUBLIC COMPLAINT POLICY 906***

*Mifflin County School District School Board Policy 906 requires annual notification to parents/guardians that the School Board welcomes inquiries, suggestions, and constructive criticism from parent/guardians, district residents or community groups regarding the district's programs, personnel, operations and facilities. The Board adopts this policy to establish procedures for seeking appropriate resolution to complaints.*

*Complaint Procedures can be found at the Mifflin County School District website on the School Board page under Policies.*

### ***ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE/TUTORING***

*If your child is struggling academically or not attaining academic standards at a proficient level, please reach out to your child's teacher or the building principal for information about our tutoring programs & accessing additional academic assistance.*

### ***HELPFUL INFORMATION***

*LIS will communicate important information and events through this monthly newsletter, Skyward messages/emails, Facebook and Class DoJo.*

*For additional helpful information, visit the STUDENTS/PARENTS tab on the MCSD website.*

### ***CURRICULUM POLICY 105.1***

*Mifflin County School District School Board Policy 105.1 requires annual notification to parents/guardians and students that parents/guardians and students have an opportunity to review instructional materials and have access to information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques.*

*Requests to review instructional materials and access information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques should be made by submitting a written request to the building principal.*

### *SKYLERT*

*The Skylert System is the main source of family contact for important district information.*

*To relay messages to parent/guardians, LIS must have accurate information stored in Skyward.*

*Please notify the LIS office immediately of any changes in contact information.*

### *FAMILY ACCESS*

*You can access your child's transportation arrangements, grades, Skylert information and more via Family Access.*

*Visit the MCSD webpage, and select Family Access Login from the STUDENTS/PARENTS tab.*

*To obtain your account information, contact the LIS office at 717-242-5801.*

*If provision of instructional supplies imposes a financial hardship on a family, the school district can assist with some of these costs. An application process for such materials is located under MCSD Policy 110, and is available for review on our website. Families may also contact Mr. Reeder to see if you qualify for any assistance with school materials.*

### *ATTENDANCE*

*Students arriving after 8:20 AM are tardy.*

*Students arriving after 9:30 AM or leaving before 2:00 PM will be marked absent for ½ of a day.*

*Excuses must be returned within three (3) days of an absence.*

*Excuses should include the student's full name, the date of and reason for absence, and a parent/guardian signature.*

*Students are allowed 5 educational trip days per school year with approved form.*

*Students leaving after 2:00 PM will receive credit for a full school day.*

### *TRANSPORTATION*

*If a student will not be riding the bus, submit a written note with the student's full name, the time of pick-up, and who will be picking up the student.*

*Please park in the parking lot or along Green Avenue during drop-off/dismissal.*

*Please **DO NOT** park or drop-off/pick-up students along Kish Street or in the bus lane.*

*Remain in your vehicle during dismissal.*

*Afternoon dismissal begins at 2:45 PM. Pick-ups/walkers will be dismissed at 2:50 PM.*