

IVEC September Newsletter 2025

September 2, 2025

A Message from Mr. Portzline and Mr. Zook

We are off to a wonderful start to the school year! Students are already showing excitement for learning, and our school community is working together to make each day successful. We are looking forward to the months ahead and all the growth and achievements this year will bring. We sincerely appreciate the support of our families as we work together to ensure a positive and successful school experience for every child.



OPEN HOUSE



Open House

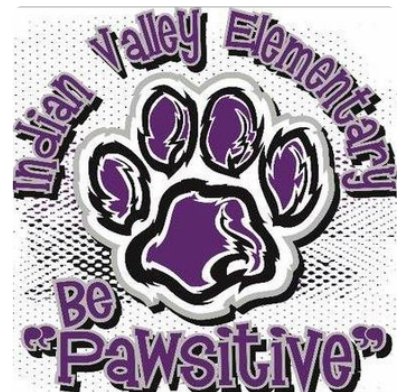
Open house at IVEC will be held on Wednesday, September 17 from 5:30-7:00PM. Open house is an opportunity for families to visit the school and meet your student's teachers.

School-Wide Positive Behavior Supports and Interventions (PBIS)

We are consistently rewarding our students for demonstrating our school wide rules:

- Respectful
- Responsible
- Ready
- Safe

You may hear your student say they earned points at school. Each student will have the opportunity to earn points on a daily basis for following the school wide rules. Those points can then be redeemed at our online school store! Students will shop while at school and those items will be delivered directly to their classroom.



September Lunch Menu

Mifflin County School District
September 2025 Elementary-Intermediate Lunch Menu

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
What is a Meal? You must choose at least 3 of the 5 components available for the school lunch price. Minimum of 1/2 cup serving of fruit or a minimum of a 1/2 cup of vegetable must accompany a reimbursable lunch. Meal or meal alternate Choice of Vegetable Choice of Fruit Grain/Bread Choice of Milk Weekly Vegetable Subgroups May Include: Dark green - spinach, broccoli, romaine and spring salad Red/Orange - carrots, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, red peppers Beans/Peas Starchy - white potatoes, corn, and lima beans Other Vegetables: celery sticks, cucumbers, cauliflower, green peppers, green beans and cabbage Featured Fruit May Include: oranges, apples, bananas, grapes, pears, peaches, cantaloupe, melon, strawberries, applesauce, pineapple, 100% fruit juices and mandarin oranges Leave Your Lunch Box at Home Daily alternatives May include: Fresh Entree Salad of the Week Craveable of the Week which could include: Nacho with Chips and Salsa, Cheese stick and Crackers, Breadstick Dipper, and more... "The Menu is subject to change based on product availability." Lunch Prices: Student: \$3.00 Student Reduced: \$.40 Questions, Please Contact "Food Service Director" Bob DuFour 717-248-0148 Ext. 2514 rd02@mcsdk12.org 	September 1 No School Labor Day	September 2 Entrée Sloppy Joe On Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Tots Corn Day 1	September 3 Entrée Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Breadstick FEATURED VEGGIES Side Caesar Broccoli Day 2	September 4 Entrée Corn Dog FEATURED VEGGIES Fries Baked Beans Day 3	September 5 Entrée Egg & Cheese Sandwich FEATURED VEGGIES Hash Brown Baby Carrots Day 4
	September 8 Entrée Grilled Chicken Strips w/ Asian Sesame Sauce w/Rice FEATURED VEGGIES Broccoli Green Pepper Strips Day 5	September 9 Entrée Taco Fries (Fries with Taco Meat) FEATURED VEGGIES Lettuce, Tomato Corn Day 6	September 10 Entrée Ham & Cheese Pretzel Sandwich FEATURED VEGGIES Tots Baked Beans Day 1	September 11 Entrée Meatball Sandwich FEATURED VEGGIES Green Beans Buttered Noodles Day 2	September 12 Entrée Maci Sticks w/sauce FEATURED VEGGIES Side Salad Corn Day 3
	September 15 Entrée Chicken Patty Sandwich FEATURED VEGGIES Fries Green Beans Day 4	September 16 Entrée Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla FEATURED VEGGIES Lettuce, Tomato Green Pepper Strips Day 5	September 17 Entrée Penne w/Meat Sauce Breadstick FEATURED VEGGIES Side Salad Broccoli Day 6	September 18 Entrée Popcorn Chicken w/Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Mashed Potatoes Corn Day 1	September 19 Entrée Pancakes w/Sausage FEATURED VEGGIES Tots Baby Carrots Day 2
	September 22 Entrée Cheeseburger on Bun FEATURED VEGGIES Fries Baked Beans Day 3	September 23 Entrée Loaded Nachos (Beef Nachos) FEATURED VEGGIES Lettuce, Tomato Corn Day 4	September 24 Entrée Chicken Gravy over Bread FEATURED VEGGIES Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Day 5	September 25 Entrée Chicken Alfredo Breadstick FEATURED VEGGIES Broccoli Cucumber Day 6	September 26 Entrée Cheese Pizza FEATURED VEGGIES Celery Cherry Tomatoes Day 1
	September 29 Entrée Chicken Patty FEATURED VEGGIES Baby Carrots Broccoli Day 2	September 30 Entrée Chicken Nachos FEATURED VEGGIES Lettuce & Tomato Corn Day 3	September 31 Entrée Chicken Nachos FEATURED VEGGIES Lettuce & Tomato Corn Day 3	September 31 Entrée Chicken Nachos FEATURED VEGGIES Lettuce & Tomato Corn Day 3	September 31 Entrée Chicken Nachos FEATURED VEGGIES Lettuce & Tomato Corn Day 3
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Nurse's Office Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Pennsylvania School Code requires that all school-age children must have a physical and dental on le upon entry of school, Kindergarten, and in addition a 3rd grade dental exam must be completed as well. This must be on le no later than May 1, 2026 for the 25-26 school year.

Information for the 25-26 School Year:

Vision, Hearing, Height, Weight, and BMI screenings will be held September 24-26th, 2025

Mobile Dentist will be at IVES on November 20 -21st, 2025 November 24- 25th, 2025

If you have not completed paperwork and would be interested in having your child seen please contact the school nurse.



2nd Grade Students: All student's entering 3rd grade are required to have a 3rd grade dental exam completed and on le. It is preferred to have your private dentist complete the exam. With that being said, we realize parents/guardians may have difficulty obtaining dental care for different reasons. The Mifflin County School District also has the option of your child being seen by Geisinger Dental or the Mobile Dentist at school. If this is the option you prefer parent permission forms must be completed for the 25-26 school year. Dental exams may be completed up to one year before the beginning of the school year and should NOT be dated prior to September 1, 2024. Dental forms and more information will be sent home with students this spring.

5th Grade Students: Your child will have the opportunity to attend Outdoor School this fall (more information to come). If your child will need medications to be administered at Outdoor School all prescription medications, as well as **ALL** over-the-counter medications will require an order from a licensed prescriber and a signed consent form from a parent/guardian. Any student that requires medication and does not provide a licensed prescriber's order, will not be permitted to attend the trip. All medication must be brought to school by a parent/guardian in the original container.

Over-the-Counter Medication forms were sent home with students on August 25, 2025. 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 office.

As a reminder, students are NOT permitted to carry on them or bring any medications to school. This includes cough drops, medicated creams, eye drops, or anything used for medicinal purposes.

Any medication that is required to be taken at school **MUST** be transported to 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 any medication at school, a new physician order **MUST** be submitted to the school EACH school year before your child can be administered medication. This includes inhalers, epi pens, or any medication. Failure to do so is a violation of the MCSD Medication Policy.

Please contact Mrs. Eagle, School Nurse if you have any questions.

Heather Eagle, RN, CSN

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Attendance

- If students arrive at school after 8:20 a.m. they are considered tardy and parents will need to come to the office with their child to sign them in.
- Students arriving after 9:30 a.m. or before 2:00 p.m. will be marked absent for half of a day.
- Excuses must be turned into the main office or via skyward within three (3) days of an absence. (Information will be coming home with students on how to submit excuses via Skyward Family Access)
- Excuses should include the student's full name, the date of and reason for the absence, and a parent/guardian signature.



Parent Handbook for Elementary Schools

At Indian Valley Elementary Center, we strive to create a safe, respectful, and engaging learning environment for all students. To support this goal, we ask that families review the Parent Handbook for Elementary Schools, which outlines important policies, expectations, and guidelines. The handbook can be found at this [link](#). We encourage parents and guardians to read through the handbook with their student to ensure everyone is familiar with school rules, attendance policies, and behavior expectations. Please note that as policy updates occur, there may be changes to this handbook.

Title 1 Federal Funds - Right to Know

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August 30, 2025

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

As a parent of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paraprofessional(s) who instruct your child.

Federal law requires every Title I school district to comply and to provide you with the requested information in a timely manner.

We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching.
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additional right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include
 - subject matter tested,
 - purpose of the test,
 - source of the requirement (if applicable),
 - amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
 - time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact me at Indian Valley Elementary School at 717-667-2123 or email me at dmp49@mcsdk12.org.

We look forward to the upcoming school year, and together we will make a difference in your child's life.

Sincerely,
David M. Portzline
Principal



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Mifflin County School Board Policies

If you have any questions or concerns regarding school policies and procedures, all adopted policies and procedures can be found [here](#).

Board Policy 105.1 Notification - Review of Instructional Materials

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.

Board Policy 906 - Complaint Procedures

Indian Valley Elementary Center is committed to maintaining a positive and responsive school environment. If you have a concern or complaint about Board policy and procedures, programs, personnel, operations or facilities, concerns should be addressed directly with the teacher, staff member or administrator involved. Many issues can be resolved through open and respectful

Home and School

Please join us on September 9th at 6:00PM in the IVEC library for our first Home and School meeting of the year. We will be planning and discussing upcoming activities and fundraisers.



Mark Your Calendars

Sept 9 - Home and School Meeting (IVEC library 6:00PM)
Sept 15 - Fall Picture Day (Class pictures will be done during retakes, 11/4)
Sept 17 - Open House 5:30-7:00PM
Sept 24-26, 2025 - Hearing and Vision Screenings
Oct 13 - Act 80 Day (No School for Students)
Oct 24 - End of First Marking Period



Contact us

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