

IVEC October Newsletter 2025

October 2, 2025

A Message from Mr. Portzline and Mr. Zook

As we move into fall, the students are really getting into the swing of things! They have been earning thousands of PBIS points across the building, working toward our school wide goal which will earn them a celebration! We have been in all of the classrooms and see the wonderful work of our teachers and the amazing learning that is happening for each student!





HALLOWEEN *Parade*

OCTOBER 31, 2025
9:00 AM

3rd Grade Trip to the Farm!

3rd grade students across the district attended an annual trip to the farm for Milam County Farm Bureau's 3rd grade Ag Tour! Mr. Cramer, Mr. Pearce, Mrs. Gipe, and Mrs. Wood's students had the privilege of visiting stations and learned all about farming and how farming impacts a lot of what they do each and every day. It's a great experience that the Farm Bureau gives to our 3rd graders each year. They put in a lot of time and effort to create the schedule of stations that shows our students just how much goes into operating the farm. Thank you to Kish View Farm for hosting our students and giving them a wonderful learning opportunity!





5th Grade Outdoor School

Outdoor School is a learning opportunity our 5th grade students get to explore. The program is facilitated by Penn State counselors. Students stay a few days and nights at Camp Blue Diamond and participate in a variety of learning experiences that focus around better understanding the Earth's natural systems and the relationships between human lifestyle choices, their affect upon the Earth's natural systems leading to positive changes in values and behavior, as well as building personal con dence and positive self image. This experience is something that students remember for a long time.

October 21-24 Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Herto's classes

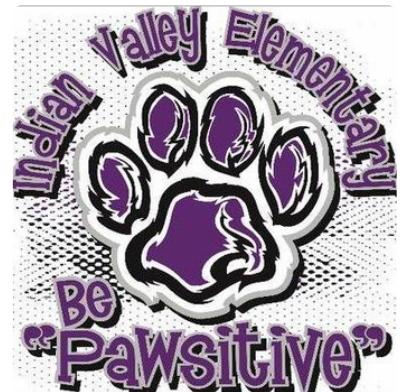
October 28-31 Mrs. Rados and Mrs. Willard's classes

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.



Read-A-Thon

Our Read-A-Thon is off to a great start. Thank you to all the families that are participating, and also to all of our business sponsors. All the money raised through our Read-A-Thon goes back to our



students. It's not too late to sign up and earn minutes reading to help our school reach its reading goal of 80,000 minutes. The Read-A-Thon will wrap up on Monday, October 6th.

Summer Reading Program

Our summer reading program was a huge success this year. There were nearly 50 students who participated. These students combined to read over 25,000 minutes!! Great job everyone! To go along with this year's theme, I think everyone involved would agree, it was OUT OF THIS WORLD! Reading is one of the most important skills students develop in elementary school, and it impacts every part of learning. Strong reading skills don't just help in language arts—they support success across all subjects.

Congratulations to our top 10 readers:

1. Leo Ryan 3,078 minutes
2. Leah Wagner 2,825 minutes
3. Aubree Aurand 1,805 minutes
4. Kaylee Shawver 1,372 minutes
5. Mary Porter 1,126 minutes
- . Aspyn Aurand 1,125 minutes
7. Liliana Norris 1,107 minutes
- . Emberlyn Marks 1,080 minutes
9. Carter Kilmer 960 minutes
10. Adaline Morgan 800 minutes



October 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. Meat or meat 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  Metz CULINARY EDUCATION	September 1 Entrée 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	Alternatives: September 9 Entrée Taco Fries (Fries with Taco Meat) FEATURED VEGGIES Lettuce, Tomato Corn Day 6	Nacho Craveable September 10 Entrée Ham & Cheese Pretzel Sandwich FEATURED VEGGIES Tots Baked Beans Day 1	Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Roll 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	Alternatives: September 16 Entrée Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla FEATURED VEGGIES Lettuce, Tomato Green Pepper Strips Day 5	Breadstick Craveable September 17 Entrée Penne w/Meat Sauce Breadstick FEATURED VEGGIES Side Salad Broccoli Day 6	Crispy Chicken Salad w/ Roll 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	Alternatives: September 23 Entrée Loaded Nachos (Beef Nachos) FEATURED VEGGIES Lettuce, Tomato Corn Day 4	PBJ Craveable September 24 Entrée Chicken Gravy over Bread FEATURED VEGGIES Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Day 5	Chef Salad w/ Roll 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 Popcorn Chicken FEATURED VEGGIES Mashed Potatoes Celery Day 2	Alternatives: September 30 Entrée Chicken Nachos FEATURED VEGGIES Lettuce & Tomato Corn Day 3	Italian Craveable	Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Roll	
		Alternatives:	Breadstick Craveable	Chef Salad w/ Roll	

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 file upon entry of school, Kindergarten, and in addition a 3rd grade dental exam must be completed as well. This must be on file 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 file. 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.

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Attendance



Every student. Every day.

When your child is absent:

- Notes must be turned in within three school days of the student being absent.

- If a note is NOT received, the day becomes an unlawful absence.

Unlawful Absences

- After a student's **4th unlawful absence** - School Attendance Improvement Conference must be held with parent/guardian and administration to develop a School Attendance Improvement Plan.

- After a student's **6th unlawful absence** - a truancy referral is made to **Children and Youth Services** and **Clarvida** (formerly Raystown Developmental Service) and a Truancy Elimination Plan is created.

How to turn in excuses

- Send a note with your child to school.
 - Drop it off at the school.
 - Submit a note on Skyward. [Click here](#) for directions.
 - Calling the office does NOT count as the excuse. We must have written documentation.
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Reminders

Volunteer Packets

Volunteer packets due ? - If you would like to volunteer at all during this school year (even Field Day in May) the following google doc link needs to be completed along with clearance paperwork (online through the district website or paper copies) turned into the office by OCTOBER 17th!
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pUvGV0dqj3e7qbqtI7ENC9fOS43nwNDCh17Ah-bZkuk/viewform?edit_requested=true

Safety Drill

IVEC will be conducting a routine lockdown drill the first week of October, 1-3rd. Students will be informed that it is a drill. You may see emergency personnel at the school because they have been invited to participate. We practice these drills to promote a safe school environment. We will notify families after we complete the drill so you are aware when it took place.

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.

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 communication. More information on complaint procedures is provided in Policy 906 of the [MCSD Policy Manual](#).

Home and School

Please join us on November 18th at 6:00PM in the IVEC library for our Home and School meeting. We will be planning and discussing upcoming activities and fundraisers.



Mark Your Calendars

Oct 1-3 - Emergency Lockdown Drill
Oct 13 - Act 80 Day (No School for Students)
Oct 24 - End of First Marking Period
Oct 31 - Halloween Parade 10:00AM
Nov 4 - Student Picture Day
Nov 11 - Veterans Day - No School for Students
Nov 18 - Home and School Meeting 6PM IVEC Library
Nov 20-25 - Smile Mobile Dentist visit
Nov 25-26 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov 27-Dec 1 - Thanksgiving Vacation - No School for Students
Dec 1 - Designated Make-Up Day #1



Contact us

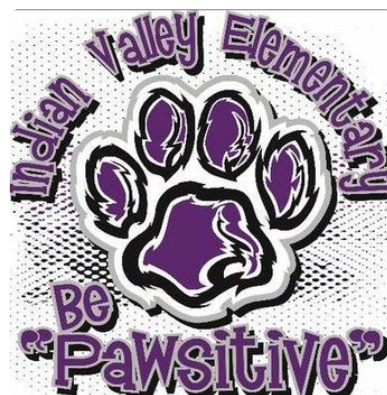
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