

IVEC December Newsletter 2025



Dress Warm - Wear a Coat!

We are happy that the Central PA weather has remained cooperative for our students and allowing them to still spend time outside for recess! Please remember to have your student(s) wear a coat and appropriate warm clothing for the days when our staff can take them outside for recess.



Stay in the know...

Please visit the [IVEC Facebook](#) page for updates and photos of the exciting things happening at our school!



SCHOOL Attendance

Even though the days are shorter and the weather colder, every school day matters! Please help your child arrive on time, ready to learn each morning. Maintaining strong attendance in December helps students stay on track academically and reduces stress when they return from break. Thank you for your continued

commitment to regular attendance.

When your child is absent:

- Notes must be turned in within three school days of the student being absent.
- If no note is received, the day becomes an unlawful absence.

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.

Unlawful absences

- After a student's 4th unlawful absence - School Attendance Improvement Conference must be held with parent/guardian and administration
- 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.
- On the 7th unlawful absence - A citation is sent to our District Magistrate and a court date is set up by the Magistrate.

Upcoming December Spirit Week!

DECEMBER



**Monday,
December 15**

Rudolph;
Wear Red, or lights to
shine through the
night.

**Tuesday,
December 16**

Frosty the Snowman;
Wear a hat to come to
life like frosty.

**Wednesday,
December 17**

Polar Express;
Pajama Day!

**Thursday,
December 18**

Grinch;
Wear green, or hearts,
dress like a who (wild
hair like Cindy Lou), or
wear Grinch clothes.

**Friday,
December 19**

Night Before Christmas;
Ugly Christmas Sweater
Contest!



**'Tis The
Season for
Spirit Week!**



UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST!

There will be three
winners in the students
competition and three
winners in the staff
category.

Participants must
come down for group
picture to win. Prizes
will be awarded at
that time.



Contest Rules:
All sweaters must
be school
appropriate. Must
be in group
picture.
Categories
include;

1. most festive
2. brightest
3. most creative

Parent's Night Out

A festive poster for Indian Valley Elementary Center's Parents' Night Out. At the top, a gingerbread house, a red and green train, and an elf are illustrated. The text reads: "INDIAN VALLEY ELEMENTARY CENTER invites you to our PARENTS' NIGHT OUT DECEMBER 15 FROM 5-7:30PM 125 KISH ROAD, REEDSVILLE, PA". Below this, a string of lights and a Christmas tree are shown. The text continues: "Need to do some Christmas shopping or a date night? Let us handle the kids! CRAFTS, MOVIE, GAMES, & SNACKS CHILD MUST BE ENROLLED AT INDIAN VALLEY TO PARTICIPATE". Three red and green banners provide details: "\$20 PER CHILD", "Sponsored by IVEC PBIS", and "INCLUDES PIZZA, DRINK, GAMES & A MOVIE!". At the bottom, it says: "PLEASE RSVP BY DEC 8, 2025 TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER. STUDENT NAME(S): _____ TEACHER NAME: _____". A reminder paragraph follows: "A reminder of our upcoming Parents' Night Out event. If you are interested in registering your child, please return form & payment by December 8. If you are in need of a new copy of the form, please reach out!"

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Thanksgiving Food Drive

A huge THANK you to all who supported our recent food drive! We are overwhelmed by the amount of generous donations from our IV family.



IVEC Music, Chorus and Band News

The Winter Choral Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 17 at 9:00AM. This concert will include **ONLY kindergarten and first grade students (K,1)**. If you are able to attend, please park in the lower parking lot and enter the doors by the auditorium. If the lower parking lot is full, we will be parking cars in the grass area in front of the school. You may begin to arrive at 8:30AM for the

concert. Please do not arrive earlier because the doors will be locked. The boys and girls are looking forward to performing for you!!

The Winter Band and Choral Concert, for 4th and 5th grade students who are participating in chorus and band, will be performing for family and friends on Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00PM in the IVEC auditorium.



Veterans Day

To celebrate our veterans on Veterans Day and beyond, we invited our students and staff to participate in our "Field of Flags" demonstration as well as writing letters to veterans and members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Using donations, the school was supply each student and staff member with a small flag and plant them in front of the school as a way to THANK ALL VETERANS, FOR THEIR SERVICE!

Thank you, Ms. Love, for your time and effort organizing these activities.



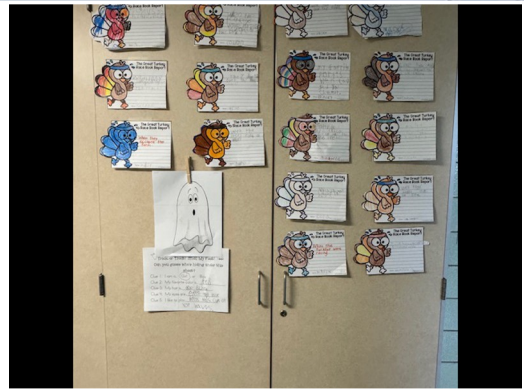


The Story of the First Thanksgiving

Anyone who has a student of Mrs. Shafranich may remember their class presentation of "The Story of the First Thanksgiving. The class did an incredible job and put on a great performance for peers and teachers. Their hard work and effort memorizing their lines paid off, great job!

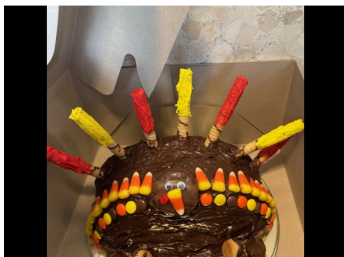


A Look Around the Festive Halls of Indian Valley Elementary



2025 Fifth Grade Turkey Contest

5th graders here at IV have a long-standing tradition of creating turkeys at home and competing for a variety of categories from the smallest to largest, the most creative to the most made from nature, just to name a few. Thank you to all those who participated.



Winter Health Reminders from the Nurse's Office

A healthy school environment requires the cooperation and effort of us all working together. During this time of year we tend to see a higher incidence of strep throat, respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses. Mrs. Eagle and Mrs. Eckley, our School Nurses, would like to remind everyone that they can help to protect themselves and their families from many of these airborne illnesses by following the Habits for Good Health recommended by the Center for Disease Control.



Please note that children who have a fever or who need to take antibiotics for infections such as strep throat, conjunctivitis, ear infections, etc., should stay home until they have taken the medicine for at least 24 hours, their temperature is less than 100.0 F (without fever reducing medicine), and they feel better.

Medication Policy

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, medicated creams, eye drops, or anything else that is used for medicinal purposes. Any medication required to be taken at school MUST be transported to school by a parent/guardian or designated adult and accompanied by 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.

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](#).

2026-2027 Kindergarten Registration

The Minn County School District is conducting registration for children who will be eligible for enrollment in a kindergarten class for the 2026-2027 school year. A child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2026. There are no exceptions or provisions made for early entrance to kindergarten.

Further information about forms for Kindergarten Registration are included in the attachment below.

Information gathered from this form will enable the district to properly plan for its new enrollees and will provide an opportunity for school officials to communicate directly with parents and guardians concerning enrollment requirements.



Spring-K-Registration-Flyer-for-2026-2027-1.pdf

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237.4 KB

Mark your calendars...

December 2-5 - Santa's Workshop

December 8 - Picture Retakes and Class Pictures

December 15 - Parent's Night Out 5:00-7:30

December 17 - Winter Choral Concert for Families 9:00AM (Grades K, 1 only)

December 17 - Winter Band AND Choral Concert 7:00PM (Grades 4, 5 only)

December 22-January 5 - Christmas Vacation **No School for Students**

January 13 - Home and School Meeting 6:00PM IVES library

January 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - **Snow Make-Up Day!! - School is in Session for Students**



January 30 - Act 80 Day - **No School for Students**

February 13 - Act 80 Day - **No School for Students**

February 16 - President's Day - **No School for Students - Make-up Day #3**

March 13 - Act 80 Day

April 3 - Good Friday - **No school for Students**



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