

# IVEC APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

April 2nd, 2026

## *Principal's Message*

As we enter the final marking period of the school year, I want to encourage all students to continue demonstrating our school expectations—being **Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe**—in all they do. It's important to stay focused, work hard, and finish the year strong. Our 3rd-5th graders have PSSA tests coming up (see below for details). Our students and staff have been working hard to prepare so that students can do their best.

Let's make these final two months a time of learning, growth, and success.

Thank you to all of our parents and families for your continued support in helping our students reach their full potential!

Mr. Portzline and Mr. Zook

## *PSSA Tests - Begin April 22*

Each year, our students are assessed to measure their progress in achieving the Pennsylvania State Standards. This month, students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 will begin taking the PSSA English Language Arts (ELA) and Math Assessments. Students in grade 5 will also be taking the Science Assessment this year. To help your child do their best on testing days, ensure your child is well rested, eats breakfast, and arrives at school on time.

Please note the testing schedule:

### **ELA (3 Testing Sessions; once daily starting at 8:40 AM)**

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Thursday, April 23, 2026

### **Mathematics (2 Testing Sessions; once daily starting at 8:40)**

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

### **Grade 5 ONLY - Science (2 Testing Sessions; once daily starting at 8:40 AM)**

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Friday, May 1, 2026



## TIU Educational Technology Department

The TIU Ed Tech team visited IVEC on March 6th. The team taught our students the physics and engineering basics that go into how to make a glider glide. The team then helped our 3rd grade students use the software to create a design and program the laser cutter to cut the design out of foam.



## Special Guests at IVEC

### Judge Ettinger

Mrs. Hanson/Mrs. Wood's Class had a special visitor! Judge Ettinger gave a presentation on the Judicial System of Pennsylvania: the different levels of courts, from magisterial district judges to the Supreme Court. Thank you for your visit, Judge Ettinger!



### Abby Traxler

Mr. Cramer's Class enjoyed completing the Junior Achievement course, which introduces 3rd-grade students to the essential concepts of community, collaboration, and a city's economy. Thank you, Abby Traxler, for leading this program for our students.

### Read Across America Volunteers

Thank you to all of the volunteers for taking time out of your busy days to read to our students here at IVEC. We appreciate you!!

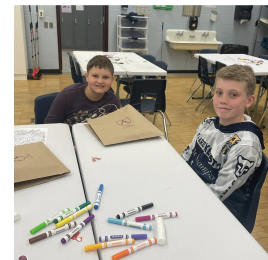


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## Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology

### 5th Grade Academy Tour

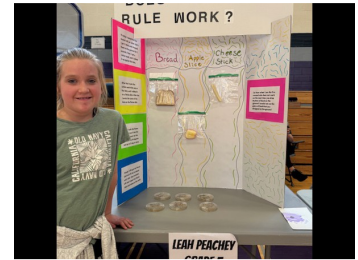
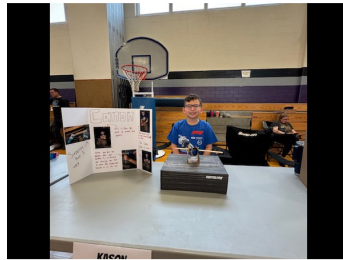
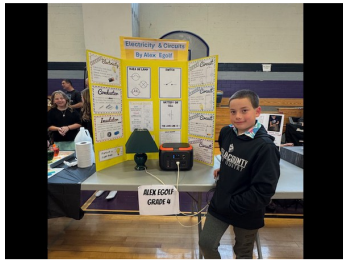
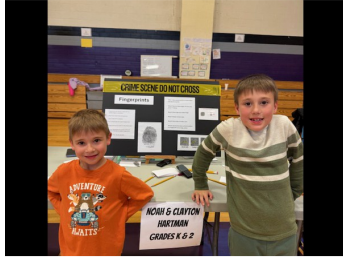
Our 5th class received a tour of the Mifflin County Academy of Science & Technology. During the tour, students and staff welcomed our IV students into their classrooms where they demonstrated and involved them in the variety of programs available at the Academy. Thank you to all the Academy's faculty and staff for a great morning of tours for our students.



Our annual STEAM Fair was a hit again this year. We had over 35 students participate this year, and the presentations ranged from scientific experiments investigating the validity of the "5-second rule" to demonstrations of how potatoes can generate electricity. I want to thank all the students for their hard work and parents for your support.



A big thank you to Mrs. Kenepf for organizing and running our STEAM Fair again this year.



## Artists and Musicians at IV



### ART SHOW!!

The district-wide K-5 Elementary Art Show (including East Derry, LES, LIS, Strodes, and IVEC) will be held at Lewistown Elementary School on Saturday, May 2nd, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please come and see the great works of art our Mifflin County students have created.

### SPRING CONCERT!

The spring concert will be held on Wednesday, May 20, at 9:00 AM. Second and third-grade students will be performing. Please do not arrive prior to 8:30; the doors will be locked, and students will be rehearsing! We look forward to seeing you then!



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## Ag LAB

The PA Farm Bureau's Mobile Ag Ed Science lab, aka Ag Lab, visited IVEC at the end of March. The Ag Lab allows children to perform hands-on science experiments that teach lessons in agriculture. The experiments performed include equipment and supplies not readily available to classroom teachers and are of a nature that most teachers wouldn't want to tackle in a traditional classroom setting. Each science experiment is designed to emphasize a different aspect of agriculture, including Pennsylvania's primary commodities, the environment, biotechnology, and food and fiber.



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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 exam on file upon entry to 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 26-27 School Year:

2nd Grade Students: All students entering 3rd grade are required to have a 3rd-grade dental exam completed and on file. It is preferred that 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 the Mobile Dentist at school. If this is the option you prefer parent permission forms must be completed for the 26-27 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, 2025. Dental forms and more information have been sent out to parents/guardians.

The next visit to Indian Valley from the Mobile Dentist will be in the fall of 2026.

5th Grade Students: All student's entering 5th grade are required to have a 5th grade physical exam on file. It is recommended that the family physician complete the examination report for school records, because the physician has a good knowledge of your child's medical history and can update immunizations. Please note that 7th graders are required to have a Tdap and Meningitis immunizations; this usually can be given with the 6th grade physical. Submitted physicals should not be dated prior to September 1, 2025. Physical forms have been sent out to parents/guardians. Over-the-Counter Medication forms were sent home with students in the fall of 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 from 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 as 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. Connolly, School Nurse, if you have any questions

Email: [kac47@mcsdk12.org](mailto:kac47@mcsdk12.org)

Phone: 717-667-6608 Option 3

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## Mifflin County School District 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](#).

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## HOME AND SCHOOL

The next Home and School Meeting will be held on 5/5/26 @ 6:00 in the library. Board positions will be voted on during this meeting.

Family Movie Night: 5/8/26 (No rain/make-up date)



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

April 6 - **SCHOOL IS NOW IN SESSION (Snow Make-up Day)**

April 21-24 - **PSSA** English Language Arts

April 28-29 - **PSSA** Math

April 30-May 1 - PSSA Science (**5th Grade only**)

May 4-7 - Grandparents Day

May 8 - Outdoor Movie Night

May 20 - 2nd and 3rd grade Spring Concert for families, 9:00 AM

May 20 - 4th and 5th grade Band/Chorus Spring Concert for Families 7:00 PM

May 25 - Memorial Day -**No School for Students**

May 26 - IVEC Field Day (Rain date May 27)

May 29 - **Last Day of School for Students (\*\*Pending Weather)**



**Travis H Zook**

Beautiful class updates in a snap

