

IVEC June Newsletter 2026

June 2, 2026

A Message from Mr. Portzline and Mr. Zook

Students, faculty, and staff, thank you for all of your hard work, kindness, and effort throughout this school year! I am so proud of everything you accomplished and the way you helped make our school a great place to learn. We are saddened to see our fifth graders move on to middle school, but we know they are ready and well-prepared for the challenges ahead. Have a wonderful summer, AND remember to be **Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe!**



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our 4th and 5th-grade students who competed in our second annual spelling bee! Your hard work, preparation, and courage to compete truly paid off. We are so proud of all of you!

4th Grade Winners

IV 4th grade winners (from left to right): 1st place - Ansley Byler, 2nd place Emilyn Clinger, 3rd place Avery Reed.



5th Grade Winners

IV 4th grade winners (from left to right): 1st place Kayci Leonard, 2nd place Evelyn Herb, 3rd place Mack Chambers.



IV vs LIS Spelling Bee Competition

Along with our school competition, we invited Lewistown Intermediate School students to participate in a spelling bee competition. The top 12 4th-graders and the top 12 5th-graders from each school competed against one another. All the students did a wonderful job overcoming their nerves and putting forth their best effort.

4th Grade Winners

From left to right: Geovanni Kimbrow (IVIS-3rd), Emilyn Clinger (IVIS-2nd), Tobias Spofford (LIS-1st)



5th Grade Winners

From left to right: Kayci Leonard (IVIS-1st place), Samantha Massie (LIS-2nd place), Aubree Collins (LIS 3rd Place)



Grand Champion

For the grand finale, we had the top 2 spellers from 4th and 5th grade spell-off against one another to determine the Grand Champion and which school would house the "Iron Kettle," a traveling trophy created for the event.

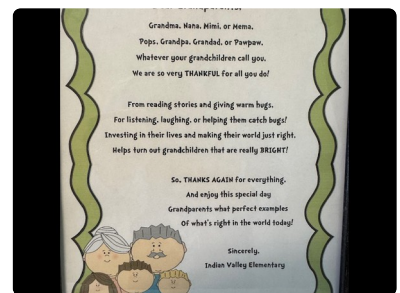
Kayci Leonard came away with the victory after a grueling back-and-forth between herself and Tobias Spofford. The Iron Kettle will remain on display at Indian Valley until next year's competition determines its destination.





Grandparent's Day

Our annual Grandparents Day was a huge success again this year. Over four days, we welcomed over 600 grandparents into our school to make a craft, enjoy refreshments, and spend some quality time with their grandchildren. Thank you, Home and School Committee, for organizing and helping run the activities to make this event a hit.



PSSA Prize Patrol

During the PSSA tests, students were rewarded for responsible behavior, hard work, and effort with chances to win some great prizes.



ECOday

Our fifth grade students participated in the annual ECOday at Rec. Park in Lewistown. Students had the opportunity to learn about the natural heritage in Mifflin County and the importance of keeping

our area's natural landscape healthy. Thank you to the students and teachers at MCHS as well as Mifflin County environmental and conservation specialist for providing this opportunity for our students.



Free Wheeling Day

4th-Grade students from Indian Valley attended Free Wheeling Day at the Reedsville Youth Park. This event is organized by the Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce Business & Education Committee. 4th-graders have the opportunity to hear from various local businesses and discuss how their skills and interests align to potential career fields.

THANK YOU to all the presenters who took the time to speak with our students!

This year's event was sponsored by a grant from Remake Learning Days.



5th Grade Graduation

It was a bitter sweet day as teachers and parents watched our 5th graders walk across the stage for our second annual 5th grade graduation. Thank you for the wonderful memories and all the joy you've brought to our school. You will always have a special place in our hearts, and we wish you all the best at the middle school and in everything you do.



Thank you Mr. Varner for being a part of this special day for our students.

Middle School Orientation

New Student Orientation will be on August 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mifflin County Middle School for the upcoming 6th-grade students.

Students and Parents will begin the evening in the auditorium for a brief introduction and general information. They will then be permitted to tour the building.



Grade 5 Tour Handout - Tips for Grade 6

This is a document MCMS created for students and parents/guardians with "Helpful Tips to Prepare for 6th Grade." Each student received a copy during their building tour.

Below is an attachment with a Word document, as well as a link to the information on the MCMS website.



Grade 5 Tour Handout - Tips for Grade 6.docx

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Mifflin County Heritage Tour

Our fourth grade classes traveled to downtown Lewistown to get a local history lesson. They toured the McCoy House, the Courthouse, and the Square.



IVEC FIELD DAY!!

The weather wasn't perfect but the IV community did a great job putting together a fantastic field day. A huge thank you to the Reedsville Fire Co for supplying a firetruck and to the volunteer fire fighters for dedicating their time!

All students and staff had a great time with the games and activities set up at field day too. Thank you to all the parent volunteers for taking the time to share this special day with our students. We couldn't do it without your help.

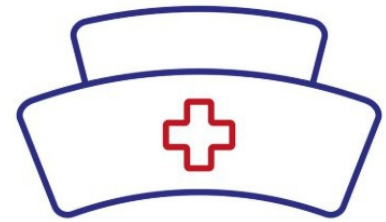




Nurse's Office Update

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 your preferred option, 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 students 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 immunization; 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 or guardian 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 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

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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 District Policies

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

Complaint Procedures - Policy 906

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](#).

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.

Mark Your Calendars

2026-2027 School Calendar

August 31 - First Day for Students

September 4 - Act 80 Day (**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**)

September 7 - Labor Day (**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**)

October 12 - Act 80 Day (**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**)

November 11 - Veterans' Day (**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**)

November 24 - Evening Parent Conferences

November 25 - Elementary Morning Parent Conferences - (**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**)

November 26 - 30 - Thanksgiving Vacation (**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**)

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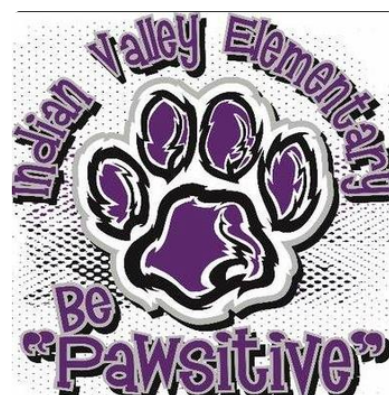
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