

**Upcoming Dates**



- **February 6th**  
**School Board Work Session (6:30)**  
**Intermediate School LGI**
- **February 9th**  
**Silly Sock Day**
- **February 13th**  
**School Board Meeting (6:30) Intermediate School LGI**
- **February 14th**  
**Valentine's Day (classroom celebrations start at 1:30)**
- **February 14th**  
**Pink/Red Day**
- **February 16th**  
**No School for Students**
- **February 19th**  
**No School**
- **February 23rd**  
**Crazy Hair Day**
- **February 29th**  
**K-5 Title I Family Night (6 - 8) Intermediate School**



**Valentine's Day**

Classroom teachers will be sending home information regarding individual Valentine's Day celebrations. Students are permitted to bring in Valentine cards and other items to share with their friends. Please remember all edible treats must be store purchased. Please look for specific information from teachers in upcoming classroom communications.

**A Note from the Principal:**

Welcome to the month of February at Mifflinburg Elementary. The time this year sure has flown by quickly. As we move into the second semester of the year, there is no doubt that things will remain busy and the months will move quickly as well. I am pleased to announce that our second semester WIN (What I Need) groups are up and running in all grade-levels. This is an imperative instructional period where all students receive additional instruction on reading skills. As a school-wide Title I building, all students receive these supports and services to either refine or accelerate their knowledge in phonemic awareness, phonics skills, reading fluency, and writing. Through our partnership with Dr. Jennifer Collins from PaTTAN, we have received much guidance, support, and resources for our students. This has been a K-5 initiative this year, and we have witnessed so much excitement and enjoyment on the part of our students during this instructional time. As a building team, we are excited to see this continue as we begin planning for next year. Here's to a great second semester and the months leading to the conclusion of the 2023 - 2024 school year! ~ Mr. Case ~

**A Note from Mrs. Pliska, School Social Worker**

February 17, 2024 is Random Act of Kindness Day! One small act of kindness can affect more than just one person. Showing a kind gesture to one person, can then pass on to another and another for a ripple effect. Random Act of Kindness Day started in 1995 in Denver, Colorado by a nonprofit organization called The Random Act of Kindness Foundation. It has since spread around the world and is now observed as a holiday. Acts of kindness are not limited to one day, we should always practice being kind!

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>

**Some ideas of kindness at school:**

- \*Sit with someone at lunch who is sitting alone
- \*Help someone if they dropped an item on the floor
- \*Hold the door
- \*Play with a peer at recess who may have no one to play with them

**Some ideas of kindness in the community:**

- \*Donate clothes or toys to a thrift store or church
- \*Donate to a charity
- \*Pick up litter at the park
- \*Open the door for someone

**M.E.S. ROAR**

- Respect everyone and everything
- Organize yourself
- Act safely
- Remember to be responsible

As winter continues on, we are excited to have another family engagement activity for our students to work on at home and bring into school to display. Please be on the look out for information regarding our School-Wide Snowman Project!

**Kindergarten Registration 2024 - 2025**

Kindergarten registration will open online for all perspective Kindergarten students on March 1st. Students must be 5 years of age prior to September 1, 2024. Please be sure to upload all necessary documents or deliver them to the registration department at the District Administrative Building. Further information regarding in-person meetings will be forthcoming.

**From Mr. Seay in the Art Department**

Mr. Seay has been working hard with all student on the creation of some very impressive Winter Artwork. We just love seeing these creations hanging up around the building.

**Kindergarten Winter Self-Portraits**



Kindergarten learned about self-portraits, wet-on-wet painting technique, and how to make a snowy effect with putting salt on watercolor paint. Students drew their self-portraits, colored them, and cut them out.

**First-Grade Winter Landscape Collage**



First grade learned about collaging, foreground, background, and creating space with varying size and overlapping. Students collaged to make the trees. Then they cut and glued the large trees in the foreground and small trees in the background along with overlapping.

**Second-Grade Fall Tree Collages**



Second grade learned collaging, foreground, background, and creating space with varying size and overlapping. Students collaged to make the trees. Then they cut and glued the large trees in the foreground and small trees in the background along with overlapping.

**Mrs. Kerstetter, School Counselor**



Getting a good night's sleep is one of the best things you can do to increase your child's academic success. While asleep, the brain is busy organizing and storing information that is learned during the day. If a child doesn't go through the stages of sleep, new information may not be stored properly in the brain. Elementary school students need 9-11 hours of sleep nightly. If your child has a hard time waking up or feels drowsy in school, move to an earlier bedtime. Bedtime routines can help a child settle down and prepare for sleep. Electronics should be put away an hour before bedtime. If your child has difficulty sleeping through the night or winding down to fall asleep it might be time to discuss this with your pediatrician.

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