

East Derry Elementary

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Welcome back to school August/September 2024

Mark Your Calendar

Aug 26 - First day of school
Aug 30 - No School, Act 80 Day
Sept 2 - No School, Labor Day
Sept 9 - Lockdown Drill, 10:45 am
Sept 10 - Picture Day
Sept 17 - 3rd Grade Farm Day
Sept 18 - Home & School Meeting
Sept 23-26 - Mobile Ag Lab
Oct 8 - Open House, 5:30-7:00 pm
Oct 10 & 11 - Hearing & Vision Screening
Oct 14 - No School, Act 80 Day
Oct 22 - Smile Dental Clinic
Nov 4 - Picture Makeups
Nov 11 - No School, Veteran's Day
Nov 24 - No School for students
Nov 26 - Parent-Teacher Conferences,
4:30-7:30 pm
Nov 27 - No School, Parent-Teacher
Conferences, 8-11:00 am
Nov 28 - Dec 2 - No School,
Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec 23 - Jan 1 - No School,
Christmas Vacation

Welcome our new faces

Kaytlin Clarke - Psychologist
Tonya Fetterman - Paraprofessional
Mallory Hockenberry - Learning Support
Allison Pent - Paraprofessional
Kathleen Pratt-Schwartz-Paraprofessional
Gina Snyder - Administrative Secretary
Lori Torquato - Learning Support
Name change: Congratulations to
Mrs. Emily Reed



Attendance

Students arriving after 8:20 am will be marked tardy.
Students arriving after 9:30 am or leaving before 2:00 pm will be marked for a half day absent.
Excuses must be turned in within 3 days to avoid being unexcused.

Student Pick-up

If your student will not be riding the bus, a written note including the student's full name, date, and who will be picking up must be submitted. If your student is being picked up before the 2:45 dismissal time, indicate the time on the note. Students who are picked up early must be signed out and picked up in the office with proper ID. Phone calls will only be accepted for emergencies.



FREE Breakfast and Lunch

East Derry Elementary has been approved as a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school for the 2024-25 school year. This program allows all EDES students to receive a FREE breakfast and lunch every day for the school year. Extras to any meal will be charged. Purchase of milk only is considered an extra item. If a student purchases milk with their packed lunch, they will be charged \$.70 for the milk.

Communications

EDES will communicate important information and events through our monthly newsletters, Skyward messages/e-mails, and Class Dojo. For additional information, visit the Students/Parents tab on the MCSD website.

Our PBIS Team is Respectful, Responsible, Ready & Safe

The East Derry PBIS Team is excited to kick off another year of promoting "pawsitive" behaviors within our school! During the week of Aug. 26th, all students will participate in lessons to review RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, READY, and SAFE expectations across all settings in the building. Ask your children to let you know when they receive PAW tickets! **Golden Tickets:** Every month, each teacher will award one student in his/her class the "Golden Ticket" for being or showing exceptional improvement or effort at being either Respectful, Responsible, Ready or Safe in all areas of the school. When a student wins the "Golden Ticket," he/she is recognized on the morning announcements and receives a GOLDEN TICKET spirit stick. The student's picture is also placed on the "Principal's Club" bulletin board in the cafeteria and has lunch with the principal at the Golden Ticket Luncheon. In September, the entire student body will focus on ADAPTABILITY. Adaptability means being ready and willing to adjust as necessary to the changes in people and circumstances that arise in daily life.

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Home & School:

EDES has the best Home and School Association. These dedicated parents/guardians organize activities, fundraisers, and lots of fun stuff for our students.

If you would like to volunteer and be a part of H&S, please plan to attend the first monthly meeting held on Sept 18 at 6:30 pm in the library.

Check out our website: www.mcsdk12.org

Useful resources include: School calendar, cycle calendar, Family Access, Title I info, lunch menu, discounted internet service, nurse info, student handbook, tech tutorials, visitor & volunteer info, Bullying Policy, All Hazards Plan, Curriculum links, and so much more!



Instructional Supplies for Students

If provision of instructional supplies imposes a financial hardship on a family, the school district can assist with some of these costs. The application process is located under MCSD Policy 110 on the district website: www.mcsdk12.org. Families may also contact Mr. Reeder to see if they qualify for assistance with school materials.

Academic Assistance

If your child is struggling academically or not attaining the academic standards at the proficient level, please reach out to your child's teacher or the building principal for information about our tutoring programs and accessing additional academic assistance.

Tier 2 Behavioral Support

East Derry has systems in place to identify and assist students in need of behavioral supports. Each month, a Tier 2 team analyzes discipline referrals to determine if students are in need of more support. If your child has frequent "minor" discipline referrals or any "major" discipline referrals, a team member will be in contact for parent permission to help eliminate barriers and assist the student. Parents may also reach out to their child's teacher or the school counselor to see if Tier 2 supports may be of assistance.



Skylert/Family Access: The Skylert System is the main source of family contact for important district information, including transportation arrangements, academic information, attendance, discipline records, delays and snow days. East Derry must have accurate information stored in our Skyward system to relay messages to parents/guardians. Please notify the office immediately of changes in contact information. 717-543-5615

Curriculum Policy 105.1: 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.

Right to Know

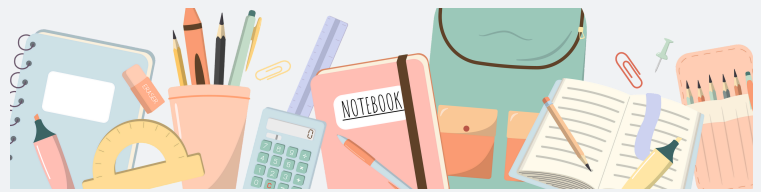
As a parent of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paraprofessional(s) who instruct your child. Federal law requires every Title I school district to comply and to provide you with the requested information in a timely manner. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA), includes additional right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include: subject matter tested, purpose of the test, source of the requirement (if applicable), amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements. If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Mr. Reeder at East Derry Elementary School at 717-543-5615 or email him at dr47@mcsdk12.org.



Contact Us

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A hardcopy of the MCSD Parent Handbook & Guide is available in the principal's office and library at EDES. Please contact the office if you would like a printed copy of the newsletter. Or email gms36@mcsdk12.org.