

East Derry Elementary School

2316 Back Maitland Road
Lewistown, PA 17044
717-543-5615



October 2024

TRUSTWORTHINESS: The quality or trait of being trustworthy, meaning that people can trust or rely on you because you are good, honest, sincere, dependable, or reliable.

Mark Your Calendar

Sept 30-Oct 4 - Spirit Week
Oct 7 & 8 - Book Fair
Oct 8 - Open House, 5:30-7:00 pm
Oct 10 & 11 - Hearing & Vision Screenings
Oct 13 - Maitland Church Fall Festival
Oct 14 - No School, Act 80 Day
Oct 16 - Fire Safety Program
Oct 22 - Smile Dental Clinic
Oct 22 - Trunk or Treat
Nov 1 - Halloween Parade
Nov 4 - Picture Make-Up Day
Nov 7 - Home & School Meeting
Nov 11 - No School, Veteran's Day
Nov 26 - Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov 27 - No School for students
Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov 28 - Dec 2 - No School,
Thanksgiving Break

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming Oct. 7 & 8 during school and will be open during Open House from 5:30 - 7:00 pm on Tuesday. Every book purchased earns rewards for our school. Choosing their own books empowers students and inspires them to become better readers. Visit the Book Fair homepage to learn more and shop online: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/eastderryelementaryschool>

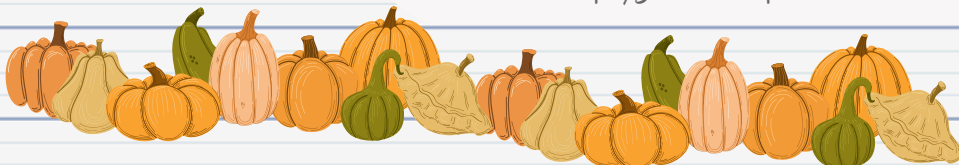


Halloween Festivities

The EDES Halloween parade will be held on Friday, Nov. 1st at 9:30 am. Students should NOT wear costumes to school. Please send costumes in backpacks or bag, students will change at the school before the parade.

Students will come out the cafeteria/gym doors, walk through the parking lot, around the front of the school and conclude the parade by entering the doors at the 3rd grade end of the building.

Friends and families are welcome to come and view the parade. The gate to the playground will open at 8:45 am for parking.



Home & School Association: Meeting Nov. 7 at 6:30 School Library

What are some of the things Home & School does for our School?

- Field Trips including bussing
- Field Day
- Mobile Agriculture Lab
- Christmas Activities including a visit from Santa
- Teacher luncheon during appreciation week
- Yearbooks
- School-wide Celebrations
- 3rd grade snacks during PSSA testing

Home and School will be hosting a **Cash Calendar Raffle Fundraiser.**

Fundraisers are extremely important because they provide your student(s) so much! Without your support, these things would not be possible so we thank you for your participation in our fundraising efforts!

Mobile Ag Day

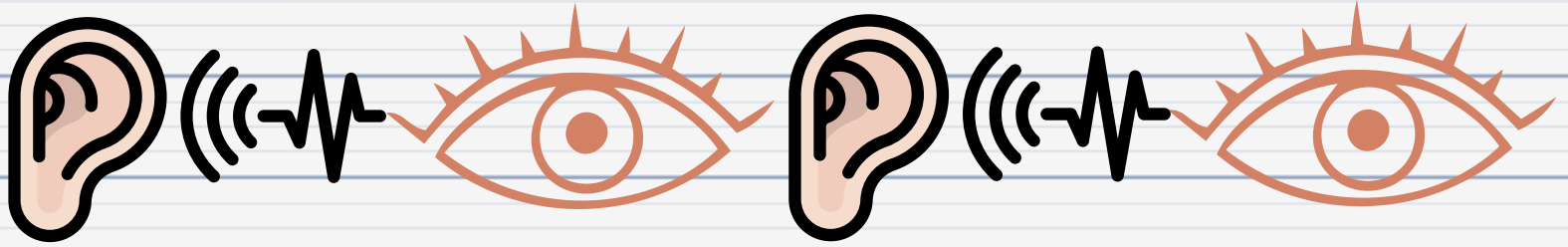


On September 22, the Ag mobile pulled in for its yearly visit to EDES. During the week all classes participated in two different hands-on Ag science lessons in the mobile classroom. Students applied the scientific method to complete science experiments that made connections to Agriculture and its importance in our daily lives. Lessons covered were Farm Charm, Crawly Critters, Thirsty Stem, Glue from Milk, Little Red Hen, Bee-utiful Relationship, Popcorn Caper and No Soil, Now What. One of our own MCSD retired teachers, Mrs. Tina Goss, was the instructor and included connections to our local ag community. This program is offered through the Pa Farm Bureau with support from various Ag businesses and farmers. Many thanks to our Home and School Organization who graciously covers its cost and supplies volunteer aides to help. What a wonderful learning experience that students eagerly look forward to each year.



Hearing and Vision Screenings

Hearing and vision screenings will be conducted by the Intermediate Unit on Oct. 10 & 11. If the student fails either screening, a referral will be sent home that indicates that the student needs to be further evaluated.



School Bus Safety Week

October 21 - 25 is National School Bus Safety Week.

SAFETY FIRST, SAFETY ALWAYS

- S** Stay at least 10 feet (five giant steps) away from the curb while you wait.
- A** Always wait for the bus to stop completely and the driver to signal it's time to get on board.
- F** Face forward once you're in your seat.
- E** Exit the bus after it stops completely. Always cross in front of the bus, once the driver signals that it's safe to do so.

Bus Stop Reminder: Kindergarten students **MUST** have an adult at the bus stop. If an adult is not present, the student will **NOT** be permitted to get off the bus and will be taken to the bus garage where they will need to be picked up.

Educational Trip

Students are able to take up to 5 Educational Trip days per school year. Parent/Guardian must complete a form and have it approved by a principal and students' teacher prior to taking the trip. A report is due to the office within 3-5 days of returning from the trip for it to be considered a lawful absence.



Fall Festival

Maitland Church of the Brethren Fall Festival

Sunday, Oct. 13 from 1 - 4:00 pm.

Family fun for all! Hayride, inflatable obstacle course, bounce house, first responder apparatus display, fall snacks & hot dogs, barrel train, other activities and games.

Dress accordingly and bring a friend - Rain or Shine



The PB&S Team teaches how to be Respectful, Responsible Ready, & Safe

When staff sees students who are being Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe, they are given a PAW TICKET. When students are awarded with a paw ticket, they place their name on it and place it in a bucket. Paw Tickets are randomly drawn from the buckets at the end of the week to win a prize.

Students & staff have a goal for earning Paw Tickets. When the goal is reached, there is a SURPRISE celebration.

Classroom teachers and select staff are given a GOLDEN PAW TICKET to give out each marking period. Golden Paw Tickets are awarded to students that consistently demonstrate respectful, responsible, ready, and safe behavior.

Fundraisers will be held throughout the year to help fund for bucket prizes and celebration day activities. Keep an eye out for fundraiser nights at restaurants and other fun things. Thank you for your support!

Contact Us

D. Robert Reeder III
Principal

drr47@mcsdk12.org

Victoria Matthey
Assistant Principal

vsml7@mcsdk12.org



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.