

# East Derry Elementary School

November  
2024

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## Mark your calendars

Nov 11 - No School, Veteran's Day  
Nov 18 - End of Kg-2nd Grade Marking Period  
Nov 20 - Picture Retakes  
Nov 25 & 26 - Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Nov 27 - No School for students  
Morning Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Nov 28 - Dec 2 - No School, Thanksgiving Break  
Dec 2 - Designated Make-Up Day #1  
Dec 4 & 5 - Santa's Secret Workshop  
Dec 6 - Kg to Ice Festival  
Dec 19 - Christmas Concert- 10:00 am  
Jan 22 - Penn State College of Science  
Parent Engagement Event

## Initiative

The ability to assess and initiate things independently.  
The power or opportunity to act or take charge before others do.



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 25 & 26, Evening

November 27, Morning

- Conferences will be in person or by phone.
- Conferences are scheduled in 15-minute blocks.
- Please adhere to your time so that teachers maintain the integrity of their schedules.
- Issues or concerns requiring more time can be scheduled for another date and time.
- Report Cards will be distributed at this time.
- If you haven't set up a meeting for a conference, please contact your child's teacher to schedule.

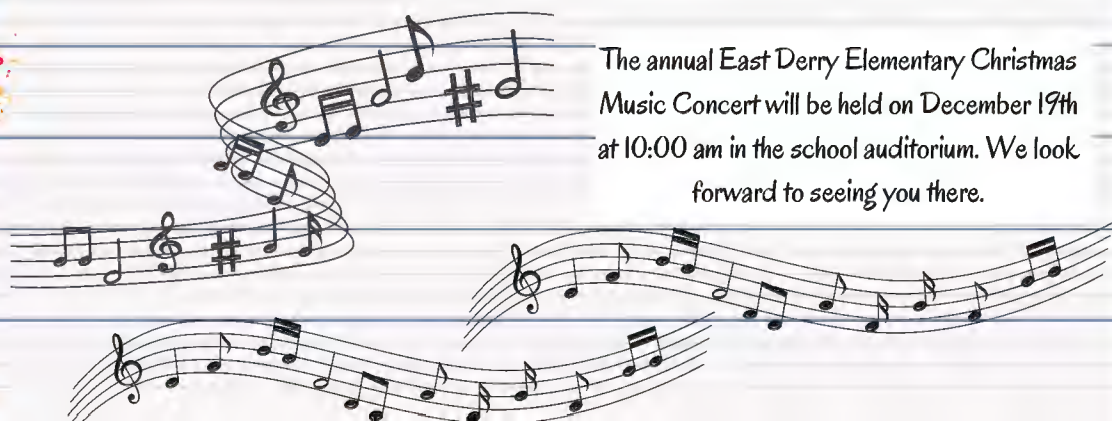
We look forward to providing you with updates on your child's education.



Show kindness and concern for others in distress by offering help whenever possible.

Face difficulty or danger and express your beliefs even if you are afraid.

Respectful, Responsible, Ready and Safe  
In November, we will focus on Compassion & Courage.



The annual East Derry Elementary Christmas Music Concert will be held on December 19th at 10:00 am in the school auditorium. We look forward to seeing you there.



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

Home and School would like to send a big thank you to the 108 students (and their families) who sold Cash Calendar Raffles.

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!



Santa's Secret Workshop will be December 4th & 5th. The Sant's Workshop is a fun way for all our good lil' boys & girls to do their Christmas shopping. More information will be sent home.

## Dress for the weather

This time of year, brings many changes with winter weather quickly approaching. As it becomes colder outside, be sure to send your student with appropriate outerwear for cool mornings, warm afternoons and outdoor recess.

Please reach out to the school if you need items such as coats, hats and mittens for your student.

## Homelessness Awareness Month

Pennsylvania Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Week recognizes and brings awareness to the importance of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the education needed to provide stability and consistency to students experiencing homelessness across Pennsylvania. Under federal law, children are considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence. Many people associate being homeless with living on the street, but homelessness is often hidden, especially in rural communities.

To date for the 2024 school year, Mifflin County School District has identified 127 students that are doubled up living with other families, living at the homeless shelter or living in campers/RVs.

To assist those in need, MCSD staff will be raising money for the district's student homelessness fund. In exchange for a \$5 donation, staff will be able to dress down on Friday, November 15th and are encouraged to wear a red shirt to spread awareness.

If you are experiencing homelessness, please know that help is available. Please reach out to either of our district's homeless

liaisons:  
Nicole Frazier, LSW  
717-250-0414; nrf56@mcsdk12.org

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## Golden Ticket Winners

Staff members acknowledged students for consistently displaying Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe behaviors. These amazing students were picked to be the Golden Paw Ticket winners for the first marking period. Each winner received a gold coin to use in our book vending machine, a Golden Ticket Spirit Stick, and enjoyed lunch with Mrs. Matthey.



## American Education Week

American Education Week is celebrated November 18th to November 22nd. This week is a dedicated time for schools, families, and communities to come together and support education.

## Information worth mentioning

- A note must be sent with your student for parent pickup for early dismissal or after school.
  - Proper ID is required for all pickups.
  - Calls after 2:00 pm will not be guaranteed a switch to dismissal status.
- Remember to update your Skylert information. It is important that emergency contact information is up to date.
  - Contact the office if phone numbers change.
- All visitors must sign-in at the Main Office with proper ID.
- Kindergarten students must have an adult at the bus stop after school,
- Be sure to submit a "Permission to Give Medication" form for students who need to take medication at school.



## Attendance Reminders

- Students arriving after 8:20 am are tardy,
- Students arriving after 9:30 am or leaving before 2:00 pm will be marked 1/2 day absent.
- Students must submit a written excuse within three (3) school days following the absence. Excuses must include the child's full name, the date and reason for the absence, and signature of parent/guardian, Failure to submit excuses can result in unlawful absences.





# Our students have the best time!

## Fire Safety from the Chief Logan Fire Department



To  
honor  
and  
support  
our local  
Veterans



## At the Barnyard



## Halloween Fun



## 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.

