

# East Derry Elementary School

## January 2025

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### Mark your calendars

- Jan 15 - End of 2nd Marking Period, 3rd Grade
- Jan 16 - Home & School Meeting - 6:30pm in the Library
- Jan 20 - No School, Martin Luther King Jr Day  
Designated Make-Up Day #2
- Jan 22 - Penn State College of Science Parent  
Engagement Event
- Jan 31 - No School, Act 80 Day
- March 12 & 13 - Kindergarten Registration
- Feb 14 - No School, Act 80 Day
- Feb 17 - No School, President' Day  
Designated Make-Up Day #3
- Feb 28 - End of 2nd Marking Period, Kg - 2nd Grade
- March 14 - No School, Act 80 Day
- April 18 - No School, Good Friday
- April 21 - No School, Easter Break  
Designated Make-up Day #4

### Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be 5 on or before 9/1/2025, please fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter and return to the office. Kindergarten Registration will take place at East Derry Elementary on March 12th and 13th, 2025. Please help spread the news by letting friends and family know who may have children that will attend Kindergarten in the fall.

### Recess

Students will go outside for recess during the winter months. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for outside recess.

### Lost & Found

If your child is missing an item, please remind him/her to check the Lost & Found table outside the Music Room.

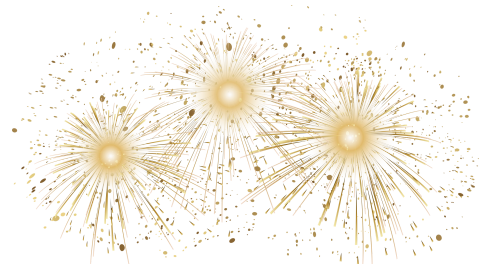


### Trustworthiness

#### Honesty

Be truthful in all you do and never deceive, steal, or take advantage of the trust of others.

Show others by your actions that you are reliable, believable and deserving of their confidence.



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**2025**  
✨ Happy ✨  
New Year ✨  
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*We wish all of our families a happy, healthy holiday season and can't wait until our students return in the new year!*

## Home & School Meeting

The next Home & School meeting will be Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 pm in the Library.

We would like to take this time to thank all of the members of our Home and School Association. Their dedication to the students and staff at East Derry is amazing. These ladies and gentlemen are the ones who lead the charge in fundraising, book fairs, holiday activities, and so much more. Please consider offering your assistance to this group of dedicated individuals.

Thank you to parents/guardians. Our faculty and staff appreciate your support and assistance within our school. When coming onto school property, we ask that you abide by the following procedures as they are necessary in order to maintain safety and security for our children.

1. Report directly to the office and sign in.
2. You will be issued a visitor's pass that must be visible when in the building and in the company of students.

When bringing items to the office (classroom donations, backpacks, snacks, etc.), please label the item with the student's name. This will ensure items are delivered to the proper classroom.

### Delays

2 or 3-hour delays - No breakfast will be served.  
Lunch will be served during these days.

### Winter Weather

If the Mifflin County School District is in session and a parent/guardian determines the roads are unsafe to travel, the parent/guardian is permitted to have the student(s) remain home for the day. This is an excused absence only when the parent/guardian submits an excuse to the school stating the roads are 'unsafe'.



*Santa stopped in and gave a special gift to our students*



*All grades participated in the Christmas Music Concert*



*Students loved seeing the Grinch - Their hearts grew 3 times the size*



*Class parties are always so much 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.

# Save the Date!

## Mifflin County School District

**2025-2026**

## Kindergarten Registration



**Will your child be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2025?**

**If so, please complete the back of this form and return it to your child's school. If you are not able to drop off or mail the completed form, you may take a picture of the form and email it to the building secretary. Their names and emails can be found on the back of this form.**

**Once the form has been received, a registration packet will be mailed to you with an appointment date and time. Appointments will be held during the school day on the following dates -**

**Indian Valley Elementary School: March 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Strodes Mills Elementary School: March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

**East Derry Elementary School: March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Lewistown Elementary School: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>**



**Please plan to provide the following items, as part of the registration process:**

verification of child's birth date

proof of a physical

immunization records

proof of residence

custody agreements or court orders

Dear Parent:

The Mifflin County School District is conducting registration for children who will be eligible for enrollment in a kindergarten class for the 2025-2026 school year. A child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2025. There are no exceptions or provisions made for early entrance to kindergarten.

Information gathered from this form will enable the district to properly plan for its new enrollees and will provide an opportunity for school officials to communicate directly with parents and guardians concerning enrollment requirements.

Proper enrollment for school includes: a physical examination performed within one year of the start of the 2025-2026 school year, verification of birth date, proper immunization, proof of residence, and custody agreements/court orders (if applicable). Once enrolled, a kindergarten assessment will be administered to each child to determine learning potential. While this assessment has no bearing on eligibility for enrollment, it does aid the school in structuring meaningful and appropriate educational programs for new students. Once your child is registered you will receive more information about the assessment program.

**Please complete the form below and return it to your child's school:**

**East Derry Elementary School - Mrs. Gina Snyder - (717) 543-5615, gms36@mcsdk12.org**

**Indian Valley Elementary School - Ms. Koleen Nickel - (717) 667-2123, kjn28@mcsdk12.org**

**Lewistown Elementary School - Mrs. Kaitlin Lorson - (717) 242-5823, kml29@mcsdk12.org**

**Strodes Mills Elementary School - Mrs. Amber Peterson - (717) 248-7154, alp35@mcsdk12.org**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: *Male or Female*  
Last First Middle Month / Date / Year

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable) Last First Middle

Child Resides with: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Mother/Guardian

Address where Child Resides \_\_\_\_\_  
Street / Box No. City

Name of a local friend or relative to contact if parents are not available.

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