

# East Derry Elementary School

## February 2025

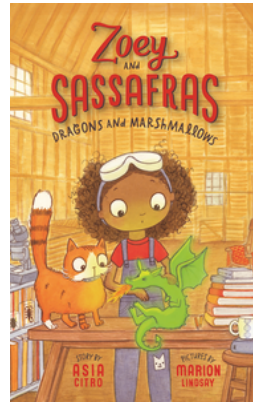
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### Mark your calendars

- Feb 3 - Lunch: Hot Dog w Mac & Cheese  
One School, One Book Event
- Feb 5 - R&K Sub delivery/pick up  
Candy Gram deadline
- Feb 7 - MC Academy Benefit Spaghetti Dinner to benefit  
Juniata Terrace fire families
- Feb 10 - Lunch: Cheeseburger w Fries
- Feb 13 - Spring Picture Day  
Classroom Valentine Exchange  
Candy Gram delivery
- Feb 14 - No School, Act 80 Day
- Feb 17 - No School, President' Day  
Designated Make-Up Day #3
- Feb 19 - 2nd Grade to MCHS School Play
- Feb 24 - Virtual School Safety Meeting
- Feb 28 - End of 2nd Marking Period, Kg - 2nd Grade
- March 12 & 13 - Kindergarten Registration
- March 14 - No School, Act 80 Day
- March 20 - Home & School Meeting, 6:30pm in Library
- March 21 - End of 3rd Marking Period, 3rd Grade
- April 2- Report Cards Issued

### One School, One Book



We are so excited to begin this year's One School, One Book read along. With One School, One Book, each student will receive a copy of the book Zoey & Sassafra: Dragons & Marshmallows. Students and families are asked to read the book together at home over the next few weeks. In school, students will be invited to answer daily trivia questions for a chance to win prizes.

### Respectful, Responsible, Ready & Safe

East Derry Elementary students continue to earn paw tickets for Respectful, Responsible, Ready and Safe behaviors.

February's character trait is Contemplation. Teachers will be watching for students who are thinking through things before taking action. We are so proud of all our East Derry students!

### Contemplation

Think things through with proper care before taking action.

### Golden Tickets

Golden Tickets are awarded each marking period to students who are truly exemplary every day. These students model our character trait of the month. Classroom teachers are given one Golden Ticket each marking period. Specials and support teachers receive one Golden Ticket for the year.



### 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.

*Compassion:* Sorrow or pity caused by the suffering or misfortune of another along with the desire to ease it.

## Home & School Meeting

The next Home & School meeting will be March 20th at 6:30 pm in the Library. A special thank you to the families of the 108 students who helped raise funds via the R&K fundraiser. Unfortunately, only 41% of our students participated in the fundraiser, leaving Home & School with more funds to raise. Please keep an eye out for a Raffle Fundraiser coming home later this month. Home & School needs your support in order to raise necessary funds to pay for field trips including bussing, field day, and yearbooks.

Please note that monetary donations are welcome at any time! If choosing to do so, simply write a check made payable to East Derry Home & School or send the donation in an envelope with your student labeled "Home & School".

Our Home & School thanks you for your support of our students at East Derry Elementary!

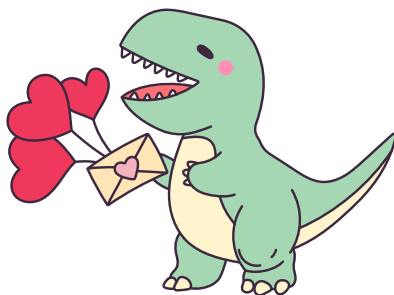


## Lost & Found

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

## February 13th

Spring Pictures  
AND  
Classroom Valentine Exchange  
AND  
Candy Gram Delivery



## STEM Night

In conjunction with the Penn State's Office of Science Outreach Program, EDES hosted STEM Night for students and their parents/guardians. Our students had the chance to participate in several hands-on science and technology experiments including making slim and glow in the dark bracelets. Thank you to the PSU students and staff members, EDES staff members, and our EDES students and their parents/guardians.



**Benefit SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2025  
Dinner will include salad, bread, spaghetti w/meat sauce and dessert.

Drive-thru pick-up beginning at 3PM  
Door #17 at the rear of the building - Follow signs

Dine In from 4PM -7PM (or sold out)

Mifflin County Academy  
700 Pitt Street  
Lewistown, PA 17044

MIN DONATION  
**\$10**

The Mifflin County Academy will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to benefit the families of the Juniata Terrace fire.

100% of the proceeds benefiting the Juniata Terrace Families

## Attendance

Regular attendance in elementary school sets a positive pattern for your students school career. Students must turn in a written excuse within 3 days of their return or the days will be recorded as an unlawful absence. Skyward Family Access keeps track and provides total absences under the Attendance tab. You can also submit excuses. Attendance is a huge factor in student achievement. Students who miss school on a regular basis can fall behind quickly. Please do your best to make sure your student is an attendance superstar!

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'.

*Our very own dragon gave students their One School, One Book book*

*100 Days Smarter*



*PBS Celebration*



*STEM Night*

*Serpents and Claws Reptile/Rescue brought their Reptile Show*



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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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Name	Address	Telephone	Relationship
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