

East Derry Elementary School

March
2025

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Mark your calendars

- March 3 thru 7 - Read Across America Week
- March 5 - Kg-2nd Grade Report Cards Issued
- March 10 - Palooza Raffle Tickets Due
- March 12 & 13 - Kindergarten Registration
- March 14 - No School, Act 80 Day
- March 17 - Palooza Raffle Drawing
- March 19 - Mifflin Co 4-H Students read to 2nd Grade
- March 20 - Home & School Meeting, 6:30pm in Library
- March 21 - End of 3rd Marking Period, 3rd Grade
- April 2 - Report Cards Issued
- April 7 - School Dentals
- April 18 - No School, Good Friday
- April 21 - No School, Easter Break
Designated Make-up Day #4
- April 22 - 24 - 3rd Grade PSSA English/Language Arts
- April 29 & 30 - 3rd Grade PSSA Math
- May 3 - Elementary Art Show at LIS, 11:00am - 2:00pm
- May 14 - Field Day
- May 15 - Field Day Rain Date
- May 26 - No School, Memorial Day
- May 28 - Last Day of School for Students
Kg - 7 dismiss @ 12:15pm
8 - 12 dismiss @ 12:30pm
- May 29 - Teacher Workday - Designated Make-up Day
- May 30 - Designated Make-up Day

Read Across America Week

Read Across America is a week-long celebration that begins on Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Why? - To celebrate the joy of reading

-To educate people about the importance of reading

-To encourage children to read and feel valued

How to celebrate? - Schools hold activities to encourage reading

-Schools hold dress-up days, trivia contests, and special reading times.

East Derry will celebrate March 3 - 7 with a Spirit Week

Read Across America

Monday - Green Eggs and Ham
Wear Green

Tuesday - The Cat in the Hat
Wear Red, Black, White, or Stripes

Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday
Wear Mismatched Clothing - Shirts, Pants, or Even Hats.

Thursday - Fox in Socks
Wear Mismatched or Colorful Socks

Friday - Dr. Seuss Book of Colors
Wear Colorful Clothing

The graphic features a red and white striped background with various illustrations including balloons, stars, a cat, a fox, and a stack of books.

Perseverance

Continue to work hard and persist toward the goal even when obstacles and difficulties arise.

Respectful, Responsible, Ready and Safe

March Character Trait is Perseverance:

Teachers will be watching for students who continue to work hard and persist toward a goal even when obstacles and difficulties arise.

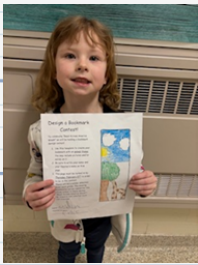
Ag Literacy Week

Ag Literacy Week will take place March 17 - 21, 2025

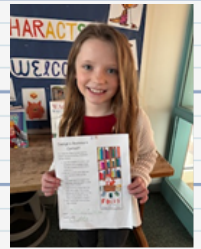
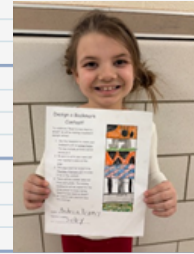
"Believe in Your "Shelf" - Building Resiliency Through Reading"

A Mifflin County 4-H Educator and students in 4-H will be at East Derry on March 19th to read to our 2nd graders.

The focus of this week is to promote agricultural literacy by connecting volunteers from the agricultural community with local classrooms and share information about agriculture through reading and educational activities. This week will help students understand how food is grown and how farmers take care of the animals and the land.



Our East Derry students had fun designing a bookmark for Read Across America week! It was a challenge to pick just one winner from each grade level because they were all so great! The winners are Ariella Williams, Brinley Wright, Andrea Benny, and Delilah Quinlan. Congratulations and nice work East Derry!



Read Across America Bookmarks

3rd Grade PSSA Testing Dates

Math and Reading PSSA tests will be given to 3rd graders on:

April 22, 23, and 24 - English/Language Arts

April 29 and 30 - Math

It is important for students to be in school during this time.

Please try NOT to schedule appointments or vacations during these dates.

Home & School

The next Home & School meeting will be March 20th at 6:30 pm in the school Library.



Notes from the Nurse:

Medication Policy Reminders

Over-the-Counter Medication forms were handed out to students on the first day of school. This form must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian in order for students to receive medication from the school nurse. If your child has not submitted the Over-the-Counter Medication form to the Nurse's Office, your child will not receive medication at school. Forms are available in the nurse's office/main office.

As a reminder, students are NOT permitted to carry any medications on their person during school hours. This includes cough drops, medicated creams, eye drops, or anything used for medicinal purposes. Any medication that is required to be taken at school MUST be transported to school by a parent/guardian or designated adult and accompanied with a physician's order. Parents and guardians are required to sign medications into the nurse's office at drop-off. If your child requires an inhaler, a new physician order must be submitted to the school nurse EACH school year before your child can carry an inhaler on their person.

Failure to do so is a violation of the MCSD Medication Policy.

Please contact our school Nurse with any questions.

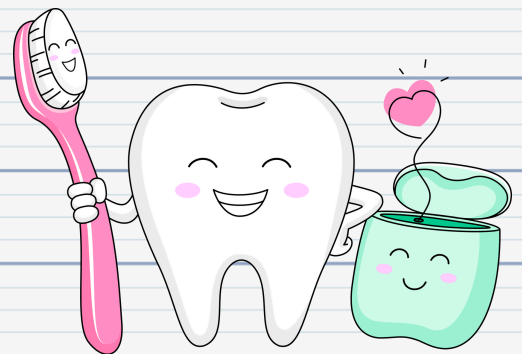
Fever Free

Students sent home by the Nurse because of fever, will be doctor excused the next day. Before returning to school, student must be fever free WITHOUT medication for 24 hours.

*Fever is considered a temperature of 100 degrees or higher.

Dental Examination Requirements

All students are required to have a dental examination upon entry to school for kindergarten, in the 3rd grade and in the 7th grade. School dental examinations are offered once during the school year in the early Spring. It is preferred that your family dentist complete this examination. The Smile Clinic will be at East Derry Elementary in October 2025 and April 2026 to complete dental care at school. If you are interested in your child being seen by the Smile Clinic, please let us know.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will take place at East Derry Elementary on March 12th and 13th, 2025.

If you have a child or know of a child who will be 5 years of age on or before 9/1/2025, please fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter or contact the office.

Help spread the news by letting friends and family know.

Our students have the best time!

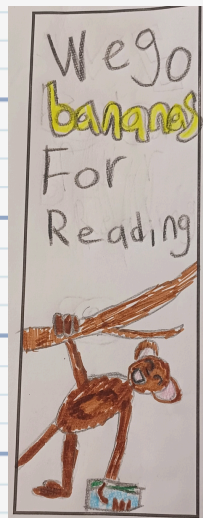
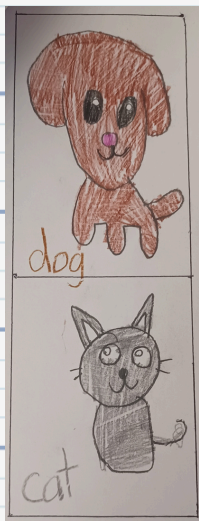
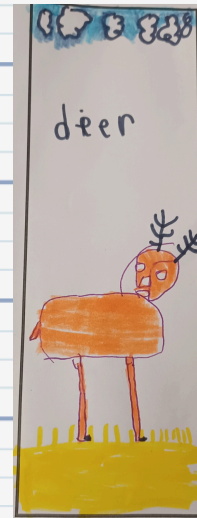
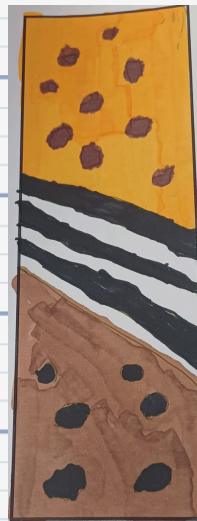


PB&J Candy Grams

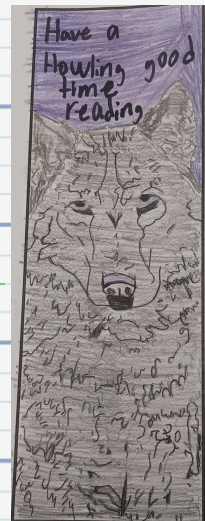
2nd Grade Breakout Boxes



Anastasia play performed by the high school drama club



Read Across America Bookmarks



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 26th, 27th, and 28th

Strodes Mills Elementary School: March 10th and 11th

East Derry Elementary School: March 12th and 13th

Lewistown Elementary School: March 4th, 5th, and 6th



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.

Name	Address	Telephone	Relationship
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