



East Derry Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

- April 15-26 – PSSA Testing Window.
- April 16 – Home and School Fundraiser Pick-up 3:15 – 5:30.
- April 18 – School is in Session. Designated make-up day #4.
- April 19 – Good Friday No School for students.
- April 22- Act 80 – No school for students.
- April 26 – 2nd Grade Field Trip.
- May 2 – 1st Grade Field Trip.
- May 3 – 3rd Grade Field Trip.
- May 10 – Kindergarten Field Trip.
- May 16 – Spring Concert at 10:00 AM.
- May 22 – Field Day.
- May 23 – Field Day rain date.
- May 24 – Kindergarten Celebration.
- May 27 – Memorial Day. No school.
- June 4 – Last day of school for students.

Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe - 3RS and the Internet

Please check out the East Derry Home Page on the MCSKD website to see our latest Golden Ticket winners! We are so proud of all of our East Derry students.

We also have pictures there for other activities that occur at East Derry that involve our terrific students and staff. Be sure to check them out too!



Home and School News

The Spring fundraiser delivery is April 16th.

Field Day volunteer forms will be sent out in the next few weeks. If you want to volunteer for Field Day, you must have your clearances on file in the school office. If you have not yet completed your clearances, reach out to Mrs. Maxwell in the office and she can assist you.

The next meeting is April 25th. The meetings are held in the school library and begin at 6:00 PM. We would love to see as many people as possible join in the hard-working group of parents and guardians.

Parent Drop-off Concerns

It is critical that people who are dropping off students in the morning make sure the students are safely exiting the vehicle at the door or sidewalk area. We have had a few narrow escapes where students have been dropped off in the line of cars and are running in front of other vehicles. Please **use caution** when dropping off or picking up students! There is nothing more important than making sure our students are **SAFE!**

2019 PSSA Testing Dates

The Math and Reading PSSA tests will be given to the 3rd graders this year.

- The English Language Arts testing window is April 15 - 18.
- The Math testing window is April 23 -26.

It is important for students to be in school during this time. Please try **not to schedule appointments or vacations during these dates.**

Schoolwide Planning

If you have a child in grades K-3 and would like to be a part of our Federal Programs School Wide Planning team, please contact Dr. O'Donnell.

Important Information

Remember to update your Skylert information. It is critical that all emergency contact information is up to date. Please contact the office if phone numbers change.

All visitors must sign-in at the Main Office.

Special Reminder: All kindergarten students must have an adult at the bus stop to pick them up after school.

East Derry has a **FACEBOOK** page. Be sure to LIKE us on Facebook!

Students are able to take up to 5 Educational Trip days per school year. Be sure to fill out the form and have it signed PRIOR to taking the educational trip. A report is due to the office within 3 days of returning from the trip for it to be considered a lawful absence.

Clearances: If you would like to volunteer in the school, you will need to have all clearances completed. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

From the Nurse

Spring is full of weather changes, from sunny warm days, to rainy windy ones. We have cool mornings and warm afternoons. Please make sure your child has a jacket or sweatshirt so he or she is prepared for recess and any weather changes.

A school dental examination form was sent home with the second grade students in the middle of March. **All students entering 3rd grade need to have a dental examination.** This form should be returned to the school nurse when completed.

Elementary Band News

Attention parents of third grade students. Does your child seem to have musical abilities and a love for music? If so, Band might be an exciting opportunity for your child to pursue in fourth grade! Mrs. Poorman is the Band Director at Lewistown Intermediate School and Indian Valley Elementary Center. She will visit each elementary school before the end of the year to meet the third grade students and to distribute details pertaining to Elementary Band. Band permission slips will not be distributed until next year, but the summer is a great time to consider the following:

- **Your child may choose one of the following instruments:** Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, French Horn, Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Oboe, Drums, or Bells.
- **Pursue a realistic yet exciting instrument.** Each instrument has unique qualities that need to be properly matched to the unique characteristics of each child. The internet is a great way to research which instruments are the most realistic and appealing. I recommend paying attention to the size of the instrument in comparison to your child's size, how to hold the instrument, and how to create a sound on the instrument.
- **Can they create a sound on the instrument?** Find a way to try out the instrument before making a commitment. Mrs. Poorman will have several instruments available in her office for potential band students to try out at the beginning of the school year.
- **Find an instrument.** Our school district is not able to provide instruments. My recommendation, if you do not have a decent instrument readily available, is to contact Robert M. Sides. They have a very affordable program and make weekly trips to each school. *I do not recommend purchasing instruments online as they are often irreparable.*
- **Be supportive.** If your child pursues band, you can encourage them by helping them to remember their band schedule, finding a good place/time to practice, letting them perform for you, and by attending their concerts.

If you would like to get a glimpse of what to anticipate for Band next year, consider attending one of the following concerts. We hope to see you there!

IV Elementary Band
IVEC Auditorium
May 15th at 6:30pm

LIS Elementary Band
MCMS Auditorium
May 22nd at 6:30pm

