



East Derry Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

- August 31 – No School. Act 80 Day.
- September 3 – No School – Labor Day.
- September 18 – 3rd Grade Farm Field Trip
- September 21 – No School. Act 80 Day
- September 24 to 28 – Ag Mobile
- September 27 – Home and School meeting at 6:00 in the library.
- October 19 – No School – ACT 80 Day
- October 23 – OPEN House from 5:30 – 7:00
- October 25 – Individual and Group Pictures
- November 12 – No School. Act 80 Day
- November 13 – No School. Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 21 – Early Dismissal at 1:15 for Elementary Students.
- November 22-27 – No School. Thanksgiving Break
- November 30 – Picture Make-up Day
- December 24 through January 2 – Christmas Break

Welcome Back!

We would like to make note of some staff changes at East Derry this year.

- Mrs. Shona Baker is joining us from years at Indian Valley Elementary School. She is our Speech Teacher.
- Mr. Gordon Hall is also joining us. Mr. Hall is our School Psychologist. He shares East Derry Elementary School with Indian Valley Elementary School.
- Mrs. Jamie Reigle is joining East Derry and will be teaching art to our students.

We are very excited to have these three professionals join us at East Derry. We are all looking forward to a stellar year with our students!

Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe



East Derry staff and students continue to work on our Positive Behaviors this year! We are **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, READY, and SAFE!** Ask your child to let you know when they receive a 3RS ticket at school so you can share in their joy!

Home and School News

Our Home and School meets at 6:00 PM in the library. Currently, the meetings are scheduled for every other month on the fourth Thursday. Our first meeting is September 27th. Our Home and School supports our students and staff with many activities throughout the school year. Please consider joining this group who help to make East Derry Elementary School the wonderful school it is!

2018 - 2019 Cafeteria Price

Regular Lunch - \$2.45

Breakfast - \$1.30



Reduced Lunch - \$0.40

Reduced Breakfast - \$0.30

Milk - \$0.55

Entrance Change

Over the summer, our office area was renovated. All parents who are dropping off a student or picking up a student will do so through the new secure entrance on the side of the building closest to Lewistown. Morning drop-offs will also enter on that side of the building. We are hopeful that transition will be a smooth one for everyone.

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 or there is a change in court ordered custody.

All visitors must sign-in at the Main Office.

The MCSKD website has the following important pieces of information: All Hazards Plan, Student Handbook, Bullying Policy, Curriculum Links, District Calendar, Lunch Menu, CYCLE Day calendar, and much more! Check it out at www.mcsdk12.org

Be sure to submit a "Permission to Give Medication" form for students who need to take meds/inhalers at school.

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.

Accident Insurance for your child can be found at www.BollingersSchool.com/mifflincounty. If your child is uninsured, call 1-800-986-KIDS for CHIP.

Right to Know

As a parent of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paraprofessional(s) who instruct your child.

Federal law requires every Title I school district to comply and to provide you with the requested information in a timely manner.

We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additional right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include
 - subject matter tested,
 - purpose of the test,
 - source of the requirement (if applicable),
 - amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
 - time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Kevin O'Donnell at East Derry Elementary School at 717-543-5615 or email me at kjo47@mcsdk12.org.

We look forward to the upcoming school year, and together we will make a difference in your child's life.

Sincerely,
Kevin J. O'Donnell

Summer Reading Program

Congratulations to all of our students who attend the E. Dairy Farm Summer Reading Program! The numbers are in....

- 315 books were checked out
- 236 retells were completed
- 306 parents, grandparents and children attended
- 8 ducklings hatched and ready for courtyard display!



