



East Derry Elementary School

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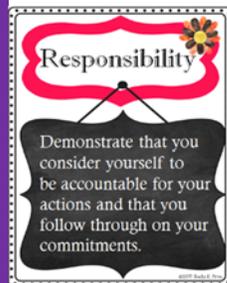
Dates to Remember

- October 19 – No School – ACT 80 Day
- October 22-26 – National School Bus Safety Week
- October 23 – OPEN House from 5:30 – 7:00
- October 24 – Wear Orange to Stand up against Bullying
- October 25 – Individual and Group Pictures
- October 31 – Classroom Halloween Parties.
- 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

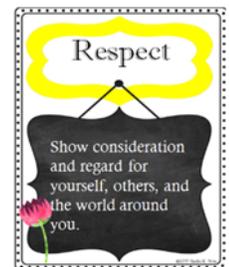
Golden Ticket Winners

Each month every teacher will award one student in their class the 'Golden Ticket' for showing exceptional behavior as related to the month's character trait. In September, the entire student body focused on

ADAPTABILITY. Throughout the month, teachers complimented students on adapting easily to changes in schedules or routines.



When a student wins the Golden Ticket, he or she is invited to a special lunch with Dr. O'Donnell or Mrs. Stewart. The student is also given a random space on the Principal's 100 Club bulletin board in the cafeteria. Once a row or column is filled with names, those 10 students win a 'Golden' t-shirt.



October's character trait focus is on both RESPONSIBILITY and RESPECT.

Dress for the Weather

This time of the year brings many changes in weather. Please be sure your child has the appropriate layers for both cool mornings and warm afternoons.

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!

Lock Down Drill

As a part of our safety practices, we will be conducting a Lock Down Drill this month instead of a Fire Drill. During the Lock Down Drill, our staff will secure the students in a safe location. The local Emergency Management Agency, the local police, and the state police were to attend this drill. You can rest assured that East Derry Elementary School is practicing safe procedures.

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.

The MCS D 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.*

Volunteer Clearances Information

To be able to help with events this year, you must have your clearances in the office and have signed the yearly forms for confidentiality. You cannot begin your volunteer services until all requirements and clearances have been completed and placed on file in the school's office. You will need your:

1. Child Abuse Clearance
2. Criminal History Clearance
3. FBI Finger Print or Volunteer Affidavit in Lieu of Finger Print

In addition there are three forms in the office that must be completed YEARLY:

1. Volunteer Acknowledgement
2. Reportable Offense Obligation
3. Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement

If you have already submitted your clearances and are still unsure of what forms need to be completed, please call the school office.

Home and School News

We are very excited about our upcoming fundraiser! We have decided to go with a beef raffle. Tickets will be coming home in early October. Who wouldn't want to win a ¼ beef that is vacuum packed and ready to go! More details to come early this month.

We also will have classroom raffle baskets at Open House for family and friends to purchase tickets with a chance to win the class basket. We are expecting some good things in those baskets!

Our next meeting is November 29th at 6:00 in the library. Please join us!

School Bus Safety

October 22-26 is National School Bus Safety Week. Please remind your children to keep everything in his or her backpack, never walk on to the street until the bus has stopped, look both ways before crossing the street, never stop to pick up a dropped item, and always be alert while at the bus stop. Following these tips can help to keep everyone safe.

How was your School Day?



Can you share with me what is in your backpack?

Who did you play with at recess?

Who did you sit with at lunch?

What was something that made you proud?

What's one thing you learned today?

Do you have anything you would like to read to me?

Were you Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe today?

