



# East Derry Elementary School

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## Dates to Remember

- May 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip.
- May 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip.
- May 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip.
- May 10 – Kindergarten Field Trip.
- May 16 – Spring Concert at 10:00 AM.
- May 20 – Third Grade orientation at LIS.
- 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

In our 4<sup>th</sup> year of PBIS implementation, we continued to focus our attention on reinforcing positive behavior. Our East Derry Team was awarded exceptional status for their PBIS program. This year we tried to focus on specific character traits each month and use language with the students that demonstrated for them what the character traits represented. For example, in the month of September we focused on Adaptability, we chose students daily that showed what it meant to adapt, students were recognized on the announcements, awarded tickets and we even used the character traits to award our Golden Ticket winners. In the month of April our character trait focus was Optimism. We are working as a school to acknowledge students in positive ways every day. This year our students have earned approximately 75,000 Paw Tickets! And, that is PAWSOME!



## Home and School News

Field Day is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The rain date is May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We look forward to working with the students and staff for this fun event.

Box Tops are going digital next year. There will be a new app for your phones that will allow you to scan the receipts. So, for now, no more clipping box tops. However, if you have some that you have been saving, please send them to school as soon as possible. As of June, you will not see box tops on new products.

Thanks to an anonymous grandparent who donated the snack and juice for Field Day! We appreciate all of our East Derry family support!

## Elementary Band News

If your child is interested in participating in Elementary Band in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, please consider attending one of the following Spring Band Concerts. We hope to see you there!

Indian Valley Elementary Band	Lewistown Intermediate School
Indian Valley Elementary Center	Mifflin County Middle School Auditorium
Wednesday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM	Wednesday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM.

## 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.

## 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 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!**

## 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

- Students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for the 2019-2020 school year are required to have a dental exam.
- Please remember to pick up all medications from the nurse's office no later than June 5<sup>th</sup>. Any medications not picked up by this date must be discarded. Medication forms for next year are also available at this time.
- If your child will need medications at school for the 2019-2020, please bring the completed and signed paperwork to school prior to the first day of the new school year. All medication must be brought to school in the original container by a parent or guardian.
- If your child has a change in diet or health concern please be sure to update the nurse and complete a new health form prior to the start of the 2019-2020 school year.
- Reminder that all students must be up to date with immunizations prior to the first day of the 2019-2020 school year. If requirements are not met, possible exclusion from school will be implemented per State Guidelines.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me by calling 717-543-5615. Lanette Potutschnig, School Nurse.

## Maker Space News

East Derry Elementary's computer lab has been transformed into a Maker Space and a computer lab. K-3 students will not only learn computer skills during computer and library media class, but they will also get to work hands-on with some of the latest technologies. Resources available to students are Code n' Go Mice, Codeapillars, Ozobots, Spheros, Little Bits and a Green Screen. Many of these resources revolve around teaching our students coding. Research shows that learning how to code improves creativity, collaboration, persistence, problem solving and communication. More importantly, we are preparing our students for an important skill for future jobs. Over the next 10 years it is estimated that there will be 1.4 million jobs in computer sciences and only 400,000 graduates qualified to do them.

Classroom teachers will also bring their classes to the Maker Space to create, explore, and work collaboratively on projects. We will always accept any consumable donations that you would be willing to provide to our school. These materials include cardboard, paper towel rolls, tapes (masking, scotch and duct), batteries, popsicle sticks, Legos, Playdoh, clay, wrapping paper rolls, ect.



