



East Derry Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

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- August 30 – No School. Act 80 Day.
- September 2 – No School – Labor Day.
- September 17 – 3rd Grade Farm Field Trip
- September 13 – No School - Act 80 Day
- September 26 – Home and School meeting at 6:00 in the library.
- – Book Fair
- October 10 – Individual/Group Pictures
- October 11 – No School – ACT 80 Day
- October 22 – OPEN House from 5:30 – 7:00
- November 8 – No School. Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 11– No School. Veteran's Day
- November 22 – Picture Retake Day
- November 27 – Early Dismissal at 1:15 for Elementary Students. Thanksgiving Break.
- November 28- December 3 – No School. Thanksgiving Break

Welcome Back!

We would like to introduce the new administrators at East Derry Elementary:

- **Mrs. Tonya Kepner is the new principal of East Derry. Mrs. Kepner resides in Juniata County with her husband and two children. She previously worked for the West Perry School District for 17 years as a 1st and 2nd grade teacher, gifted/instructional support teacher, and instructional coach. She has a very strong background in literacy best practices.**
- **Mrs. Jackie Shinskie is the new assistant principal at East Derry. Mrs. Shinskie resides in Mifflin County and has been employed in the Mifflin County School District for over 20 years as a teacher and administrator, most recently at Lewistown Elementary.**
- **Mrs. Diane Stewart will be returning as an assistant principal for the first few months of school until her retirement in the fall of 2019.**

We are very excited to become a part of the East Derry family, and we are excited to meet the students and families of East Derry within the next few weeks. Please feel free to stop in or contact us anytime. We are all looking forward to an amazing school year at East Derry Elementary!

Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe

In our 5th year of PBIS implementation, we continue to focus our attention on reinforcing positive behavior. The East Derry Team was awarded exceptional status for our PBIS program. This year our focus will be on the academic aspect of being a responsible, ready learner. Students will be rewarded, not only for behavior, but for showing responsibility and readiness in each subject area. For example, in math a responsible learner recognizes that the problem is difficult but perseveres and tries anything to come up with a solution. Giving up is NOT an option for a responsible learner. Golden Tickets will continue to be used to recognize exceptional behaviors/learners each marking period. Our goal is to acknowledge student in positive ways everyday at East Derry Elementary!



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 26th. Our Home and School supports our students and staff with many activities throughout the school year. Please join us in supporting our students!

- December 23 through January 3, 2020 – Christmas Break

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 MCSDK 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.

2019 - 2020 Cafeteria Prices

Regular Lunch - \$2.55

Breakfast - \$1.30

Reduced Lunch - \$0.40

Reduced Breakfast - \$0.30

Milk-\$0.55



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 Tonya Kepner at East Derry Elementary School at 717-543-5615 or email me at tmk20@mcsdk12.org.

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

Staff News

There are a few changes in staff for the 2019-2020 school year.

- We would like to welcome Mrs. Yerger, the new learning support teacher, to East Derry Elementary.
- Mrs. Shawver has moved from third grade to kindergarten for the upcoming school year.
