



East Derry Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

- January 16 – East Derry Book Bingo & Swap at 5:30
- January 17 - Act 80 Day. No school for students.
- January 20 – 1st Designated Make-up Day
- February 8 – Kindergarten Readiness Workshop
- February 13 – Valentine's Day Parties
- February 14 – Act 80 Day. No school for students.
- February 17 – President's Day. No school.
- March 2-6 – Read Across America
- March 10-11 - Kindergarten Registration
- March 13 – Act 80 Day. No school for students.
- April 9 – Act 80 Day. No school for students.

Cold Weather and Recess

Children will go outside for recess as long as the Real Feel temperature is 32 degrees or above. Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for outside recess. If you are in need of appropriate outerwear for your child, please reach out to Miss Didomenico, our school guidance counselor.

Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe - 3RS

Teachers will spend January reteaching the 3RS lessons to ensure all students understand the expectations at East Derry. Please talk to your children about the 3RS tickets they are receiving and more importantly WHY they received their tickets. We are all very proud of the students at East Derry!



After School Pick-up List

Students who are to be picked up at the end of the day must have a note sent to school that includes the child's name and the person who is picking up the child. By sending a note, the child's teacher is aware of the after-school plan.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of families who have gotten into the habit of just calling the school's office and asking to have their child placed on the pick-up list. While this may not seem like much, the number of families using this method has become nearly unmanageable by our office staff. Many of the calls are coming very late in the day and do cause a disruption to the dismissal process.

We do our best to keep all of our children safe, therefore, we are going to respectfully request that all students who are being picked up bring a note to school so their teacher and the office staff are aware of the after-school arrangements.

We understand that there are a few emergencies that may necessitate a phone call to the office requesting a student to be picked up at the end of the day. We want to be sure we can handle those situations. Please use a note similar to the example below.

My student _____ will be picked up after school on _____ by _____ . Signature _____

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.

Home and School News

We would like to take this time to thank all of the members of our Home and School. Their dedication to the students and staff at East Derry is amazing. These people are the ones who lead the charge in fundraising, holiday activities, and so much more. Please consider offering your assistance to this group of dedicated individuals. Their next meeting is January 23rd at 6:00 PM in the school library.

2020 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 20 - 24.
- The Math testing window is April 27 - May 1.

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

EOY (End of Year) Reading Expectations

Kindergarten – Level D

Grade 1 – Level J

Grade 2 – Level M

Grade 3 – Level P

At this point in the year, a number of our East Derry students are reading at or above the EOY expectations. We are very proud of these students and want to salute them and their families for a job well done!

Kindergarten Readiness Workshop

If you have a child entering kindergarten in 2020-2021, please join us for our FREE Kindergarten Readiness Workshop. The workshop will offer both a math and a literacy session.

The literacy session will cover topics in which you will learn how to develop an awareness of sounds and how oral language and letter sounds affect reading. The math session will teach you how to help your child develop an awareness of number recognition.

Parents and incoming kindergarten children are invited to attend one session. The sessions will occur at each elementary building and you can attend the workshop that best fits into your schedule. Please call 717-248-0148 ext. 2546 to register, or if you prefer to email, send a note to mrf33@mesdk12.org.

The session dates are Strodes Mills – Saturday, January 11, 2020; Indian Valley – January 25, 2020; East Derry – February 8, 2020; and Lewistown Elementary – February 22, 2020.

