



# East Derry Elementary School

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## Dates to Remember

- February 13 – Valentine Day Parties.
- February 14 – Act 80 Day. No school for students.
- February 17 – President’s Day. No school for students.
- February 19 – Spring Pictures. There will be no make-up day for these pictures.
- February 20 – Mary Poppins Play Preview K-3
- February 28 – Family STEAM Night 5:00 – 7:00.
- March 2-6 – Read Across America Week
- March 10-11 – Kindergarten Registration.
- March 13 – Act 80 Day. No school for students.
- March 16 – No school for students.
- March 17 – 2nd Grade Field trip to Dutch Apple Theater.
- April 7 – 3rd Grade Field Trip to Shaver’s Creek.
- April 9 – Act 80 Day. No school for students.
- April 10 – Good Friday. No school for students.

## Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe - 3RS and the Internet

Students at EDES have discussed internet safety, being a good digital citizen and cyber bullying in computer class. Below are some of the rules we discussed:



1. Guard my personal information from people I don’t know.
2. Remember that I can give my personal information to people I know and trust.
3. Tell an adult I trust if something I see or hear on the Internet makes me feel uncomfortable, scared, or sad.
4. Tell an adult I trust if someone I know makes me feel uncomfortable, scared, or sad.
5. Treat other people how I would want to be treated.
6. Do not respond to cyber bullies, save the evidence, and report it to an adult I trust.

## Home and School News

Our next two meetings are March 26 and April 23 in the library. We begin at 6:00 PM. We would love to see you there!

## PBIS Tier II Support

Our PBIS program has supports in place to assist our students who struggle in following the 3RS – Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe. We have a team of professionals who meet regularly to look at data concerning student behaviors. If a student is struggling, we make sure that student receives extra support. That support may be in the form of a Social Skills Group with Dr. Erney, our school psychologist, Mrs. Rowe from Second Step, Ms. Frazier the MCSD social worker, or Miss Didomenico, our guidance counselor.

Another support is called Check-in/Check-out. Mrs. Hartsock and Mrs. Hassinger run that program and work with individual students daily. Both programs have been highly successful with the students.

Some students go through times when they struggle with coming to school. This would be more than, “I’m tired and don’t want to go to school today.” These students truly have some concern about leaving a parent or guardian. We can assist with that as well.

While we do use data to drive our decisions about which students to include and what program to use, we also respect parent requests for assistance. If you believe your child would benefit from Tier II support, you can download the form on the East Derry website

## 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.

(located under Forms and Flyers) and send it to school with your child. You can also request the form from the office. However, if you prefer, you may reach out to Mrs. Shinskie, assistant principal, to discuss your concerns.

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### Kindergarten Readiness Workshop

If you have a child entering kindergarten in 2019-2020, 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 do not need to attend the one where your child will go to school. Please call 717-248-0148 ext. 2546 to register, or if you prefer to email, send a note to [mrf33@mcsdk12.org](mailto:mrf33@mcsdk12.org).

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### Help for the Homeless

If you know of a family who has school-aged children and is currently homeless, please let them know that there is help available. Each school in the Mifflin County School District has a guidance counselor who can direct the family in the right direction.

There are many reasons that families may become homeless. Our concern is for the health and well-being of the family unit and the education of the children. With that in mind, the Mifflin County School District has received countless boxes of donations of clothing, toiletries, school supplies, and other items. Our guidance counselors have access to those items.

Homelessness is a sensitive subject; therefore, we are asking that those who may need assistance reach out to Miss Didomenico, our guidance counselor. She can make sure the needs of the students and family are met. She also may know of other resources through the community that would be of help to the family. If you know someone who is homeless but does not attend East Derry, please encourage him or her to reach out to the guidance counselor at their child's school. Our goal is to make an unfortunate situation tolerable for the family.

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### 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.

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### 2019 PSSA Testing Dates

The Math and Reading PSSA tests will be given to the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

