



East Derry Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

- September 18 – No School - Act 80 Day
- September 25 – Remote Friday
- Sept.28- October 2 – Mobile Ag Lab Week
- October 2 – Remote Friday
- October 7 – Open House, 5:30-7:00pm
- October 9 – Remote Friday
- October 16 – No School - Act 80 Day
- October 22 – Home & School Meeting, 6pm
- October 23 – Remote Friday
- October 30 – Remote Friday
- November 6 – Remote Friday
- November 9 – Parent Conferences (4:30-7:30pm)
- November 10 – No School -Parent Conferences
- November 11 – No School. Veterans' Day
- Nov. 13 & 20 – Remote Fridays
- November 25 – Early Dismissal at 1:15 for elementary students
- November 26-27 – No School. Thanksgiving Break

Welcome Back!

We would like to introduce the new staff or changes at East Derry Elementary School:

- **Mr. Kelly Campagna is the new principal of East Derry. Mr. Campagna resides in Juniata County with his wife and two children. He was previously the assistant principal at Mifflin County High School for the past 7 years.**
- Mrs. Kepner is returning as the assistant principal at East Derry.
- Mr. Koleno joined our first grade team.
- Mrs. Houtz is part of our second grade team.
- Mr. Bowden is our new school counselor.
- Mr. Chilcote and Miss Smith have joined the special education team.
- Mrs. Kephart and Mr. Peters are new paraprofessionals at our school.

We are all looking forward to an amazing school year at East Derry Elementary!

Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe



The East Derry PBIS Team is excited to kick off another year of promoting 'Pawsitive' behaviors within our school! During the week of September 8th, all students participated in lessons to review Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe expectations. Ask your child to let you know when they receive a PAW ticket!

Home and School News

Our Home and School currently meets every other month on the 4th Thursday at 6:00pm. The first meeting will take place October 22nd via Zoom. Meetings are kid-friendly and run about 45 minutes. Our Home and School supports our students and staff with many activities throughout the school year. Please consider joining this group who help to make East Derry Elementary the wonderful school it is!

FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH!!

All students at East Derry Elementary School will receive a FREE lunch and breakfast until December 31, 2020 thanks to the Seamless Summer Option Plan from the USDA. You should still submit free & reduced lunch forms.



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 or there is a change in court ordered custody.

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.

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.

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 Mr. Campagna at East Derry Elementary School at 717-543-5615 or email him at ktc17@mcsdk12.org.

Important Reminders

- ✓ All kindergarten students **MUST** have a parent/guardian at the bus stop or the bus driver **WILL NOT** let the child off the bus.
- ✓ A written excuse is due to the main office within three days of the student absence. Failure to submit an excuse can result in an unexcused absence.
- ✓ If your child is **NOT** to ride the bus on a given day, a note is needed, otherwise students will be placed on their bus as usual. If an emergency arises or you forget to submit a note, please contact the school prior to 1:30pm so that proper notification can be provided to the classroom teacher.
- ✓ Please **DO NOT** drop your child off before 7:45AM. There are no teachers on duty until that time.
- ✓ At dismissal, busses are dismissed first. Parents picking up students should plan on entering the parking lot after all busses and vans have pulled away. Please stay in your vehicles for parent pickup.



Remote Friday computer lab availability:

If your child is unable to log into Class Dojo (Grades K-3) to complete Remote Friday assignments due to internet connectivity issues, you may call the school in advance of a Remote Friday to sign your child up for a computer lab session. Transportation is not provided by the district. Times offered are 8-10am, 10-12pm, and 12:30-2:30pm. Limited space will be available.

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 school counselor who can direct the family in the right direction.

A student is considered homeless if he/she is lacking a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence. Families may become homeless for a variety of reasons. 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 school counselors have access to those items.

Homelessness is a sensitive subject; therefore, we are asking that those who may need assistance reach out to Mr. Bowden, our school counselor. He can make sure the needs of the students and family are met. He 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 school counselor at their child's school. Our goal is to make an unfortunate situation tolerable for the family.

Tutoring

East Derry is looking to provide after-school tutoring to students during the 2020–2021 school year. Tutoring will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30pm beginning the week of September 25th.

- Parents/Guardians will need to provide transportation home from tutoring.
- Classroom teachers will begin to create a list of students who want to participate in tutoring.
- Please make your child's classroom teacher aware if you have interest in your child attending the after-school tutoring program.

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