



East Derry Elementary School

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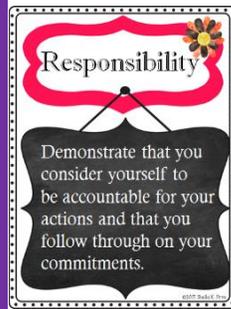
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Dates to Remember

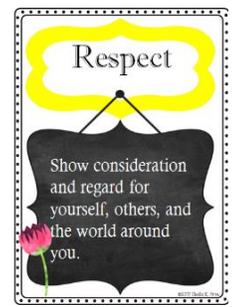
- October 2 – Remote Learning Friday
- October 9 – Remote Learning Friday
- October 16- Act 80 Day- No School for Students
- October 23 – Remote Learning Friday
- October 30 – Remote Learning Friday
- November 6 – Remote Learning Friday
- November 9 – Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30pm
- November 10 – No School for Students (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- November 11- No School for students, Veterans' Day
- Nov. 13 – Remote Learning Friday
- Nov. 20 – Remote Learning Friday
- November 25- Early Dismissal at 1:15 for Elementary Students
- November 26th-27th – No School, Thanksgiving Vacation
- Dec. 24 – Jan. 1 – No School, Christmas Vacation

Golden Ticket Winners

Each marking period every teacher will award one student in their class the 'Golden Ticket' for showing exceptional behavior as related to the month's character trait. In September, the entire student body focused on ADAPTABILITY. Throughout the month, teachers complimented students on adapting easily to changes in schedules or routines.



When a student wins the Golden Ticket, he or she receives recognition from Mr. Campagna and/or Mrs. Kepner. The student is also given a random space on the Principal's Board in the cafeteria. Once a row or column is filled with names, those students win a special prize.



October's character trait focus is on both RESPONSIBILITY and RESPECT.

Dress for the Weather

This time of the year brings many changes in weather. Please be sure your child has the appropriate layers for both cool mornings and warm afternoons.

3RS Positive Behavior

East Derry staff and students continue to work on our positive behaviors this year! We are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, READY, and SAFE! Ask your child to let you know when they receive a PAWsitive ticket at school so you can share in their joy!



Home and School News

The next Home and School meeting will be held October 22nd at 6:00pm via Zoom. A Zoom link will be shared with families through a Skylert message closer to that date. Our school Title I policy and parent compact will be reviewed at the October meeting. Please "Zoom in" to see what the meetings are like. We love to have new people join to hear new ideas and suggestions to support the students at East Derry Elementary!

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 and soon will need a driver's license.

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.*

School Bus Safety

October 19-23 is National School Bus Safety Week. Please remind your children to keep everything in his or her backpack, never walk on to the street until the bus has stopped, look both ways before crossing the street, never stop to pick up a dropped item, and always be alert while at the bus stop. Stay sitting safely in the seat and don't stand up on the bus until the bus stops completely. Following these tips can help to keep everyone safe on and off the bus.

Lock Down Drill

As a part of our safety practices, we will be conducting a Lock Down Drill on October 21st. During the Lock Down Drill, our staff will secure the students in a safe location. The local Emergency Management Agency, the local police, and the state police are invited to attend this drill. You can rest assured that East Derry Elementary School is practicing safe procedures.

Remote Friday Attendance Reminders

We appreciate all families helping their children learn remotely on Fridays. Below you will find some tips so that your child is reported as present instead of absent on a Remote Friday:

- ❖ **By 9:30am**, please report through Class Dojo that your child will be attending on Friday. If you are unable to report through Class Dojo, please do one of the two following:
 - Call the school office between 5:30-9:30am; Leave a message with child's full name, grade, and date of birth
 - Email the attendance secretary (pem55@mcsdk12.org) between 5:30-9:30am with the child's full name, grade, and date of birth.
- ❖ **Complete all work provided by the teacher.**

Reporting as present **AND** completion of work is required or a student will receive an unlawful absence.

If internet connectivity is an issue, families may request a computer lab time by calling the office in advance of each Friday. You may also contact your child's teacher if you are in need of paper copies of the assignments.

Christmas Assistance

The Salvation Army has released an online application for Christmas Assistance. The deadline is November 1st. If you have questions about the program call 717-248-8338. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/Salvation20> to complete the application.

Open House

Due to COVID social distancing guidelines, we will be unable to host Open House in the building as originally scheduled. We are looking into offering a Virtual Open House. More information to come!