

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

East Derry Elementary School

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Important Dates:

April 2 – No School (Good Friday)

April 16 – Kindergarten Registration packets due

April 20, 21, 22 – ELA PSSA Testing (Grade 3 only)

April 27, 28 – Math PSSA Testing (Grade 3 only)

May 31 – No School (Memorial Day)

June 3 – Last student day; 12:15pm dismissal



Kindergarten Registration & K Camp:

- ❖ If you have a child who will be starting kindergarten or know of a child who will be starting (neighbor, relative, friend, etc.), please make sure that they are registered. Please call the East Derry main office at 717-543-5615 to request the appropriate registration forms.
- ❖ Those entering kindergarten in the fall of 2021...please reserve June 21-25 as a tentative date for "Camp on Your Way to K." Alternate dates are reserved for July 12-15 and August 2-5.



Character Trait of the Month:

The character trait of the month is OPTIMISM. Teachers and staff will be watching for students who strive to be hopeful and positive in their beliefs about themselves, others, and the future.



"Golden tickets" will be handed out to those students who model this character trait. Those who receive golden tickets will also receive recognition during the morning announcements and a spirit stick.

As always, paw tickets will be given to students daily as they display *respectful, responsible, ready, and safe* behaviors. Keep up the great work, East Derry! We are proud of you!

PSSA Testing Reminders:

In April, students in Grade 3 will begin taking the Pennsylvania School System of Assessment (PSSA) English Language Arts and Math Assessments. Please note the testing schedule:

English Language Arts (3 Testing Sessions; once daily starting at 8:40 AM)

Tuesday, April 20th

Wednesday, April 21st

Thursday, April 22nd

Mathematics (2 Testing Sessions; once daily starting at 8:40 AM)

Tuesday, April 27th

Wednesday, April 28th



You can help with the assessment process by having your child go to bed early, eat breakfast at home or through our breakfast program, and be at school on time. Scheduling appointments after testing hours would also be beneficial. Also, please note that absolutely no electronics will be permitted within the testing rooms. Any behavioral disruptions will be handled in accordance with the Mifflin County School District policies & procedures.