

September 2021 Newsletter

East Derry Elementary School

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Important Dates:

September 7 – First day for students

September 15 – Open House
(5:30-7:00pm)

September 27 – October 1 – Mobile
Ag Lab

October 7 – Fall picture day

October 15 – ACT 80 Day – No
school for students

November 11 – Parent-Teacher
Conferences (4:30-7:30pm)

November 12 – No school for
students; Parent-Teacher
Conferences (8:00-11:30am)

November 17 – Fall Makeup Picture
Day

November 24 – K-7th students dismiss
@ 1:15pm

November 25-29 – No School;
Thanksgiving Vacation

WELCOME BACK:

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

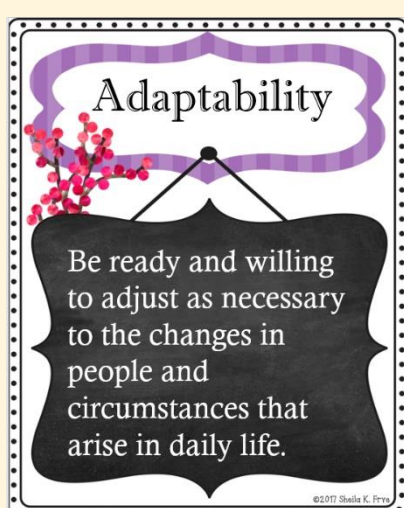
- ❖ Wynter Adams joined our 1st grade team
- ❖ Hannah Van Horn joined our 3rd grade team
- ❖ Shannon Specht will be one of our Health/PE teachers
- ❖ Jill Hartsock returned to our Title I team
- ❖ Cheyenne Prough will be one of our learning support teachers
- ❖ Nicole Hosler is returning to the Health Room Aide position
- ❖ Erica Bell will be our technology facilitator
- ❖ Dianne Kauffman and Ashley Herto will be joining our paraprofessional team
- ❖ Elizabeth Pent will be a floating health room aide for the district
- ❖ Lauren Shields will be the mental health coordinator for the district

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



Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe - - - The PBIS Way!

The East Derry PBIS Team is excited to kick off another year of promoting “pawsitive” behaviors within our school! During the week of September 7th, all students will participate in lessons to review RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, READY, and SAFE expectations across all settings in the building. Ask your children to let you know when they receive PAW tickets!



Golden Ticket: Each month, every teacher will award one student in his/her class the “**Golden Ticket**” for showing exceptional behavior as related to the month’s character trait. In September, the entire student body will focus on ADAPTABILITY. Adaptability means being ready and willing to adjust as necessary to the changes in people and circumstances that arise in daily life.

When a student wins the “**Golden Ticket**,” he/she is recognized on the morning announcements and receives a spirit stick. The student is also given a random space on the “Principal’s Club” bulletin board in the cafeteria. Once a row or column is filled with names, those students win a special prize.

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. Pick-up time for students who are not riding the bus home is 2:50PM.

Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up:

- Parent Drop-Off from 7:45-8:20am (main office area):
- ✓ Please pull all the way forward to the cone. This keeps the traffic from backing up onto the road.
 - ✓ Parents/Guardians should remain in their vehicles.
- Parent Pick-Up at 2:50pm:
- ✓ K-1 students get picked up near the gym entrance **AFTER** the buses have pulled away.
 - ✓ 2-3 students get picked up at the main office entrance after the buses have pulled away.
- *NOTE: Any family with both a K-1 and a 2-3 student should pick up their children at the gym entrance.
- ✓ Parents/Guardians should remain in their vehicles.

FREE Breakfast & Lunch!!



All students at East Derry Elementary School will receive a FREE lunch and breakfast the entire 2021-2022 school year thanks to the Seamless Summer Option Plan from the USDA. You should still submit free & reduced lunch forms.

Title I:

East Derry Elementary receives Title I funding. If you would like to review the Schoolwide Title I Plan, you may access it on the district's website at:

- www.mcscdk12.org
 - Students/Parents tab
 - Federal Programs tab
 - Schoolwide Plans tab
 - Title I - EDES

Tier 2 Behavioral Supports:

East Derry has systems in place to identify and assist students in need of behavioral supports. Each month, a Tier 2 team analyzes discipline referrals to determine if students are in need of more support. If your child has frequent "minor" discipline referrals or any "major" discipline referrals, a team member will be in contact for parent permission to help eliminate barriers and assist the student. Parents may also reach out to their child's teacher or the school counselor to see if Tier 2 supports may be of assistance.

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@mcscdk12.org.