



October 2021



East Derry Elementary School

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Upcoming Events:

October 7 – Fall Picture Day

October 14 – Home & School Meeting
in the Library – 6pm

October 15 – ACT 80 Day – No School
for Students

October 19–20 – Hearing/Vision
Screenings

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

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

November 24 – 1:15pm Dismissal

November 25–29 – NO SCHOOL –
Thanksgiving Vacation

Fall Festivities:

- Teachers will host a fall celebration in their classrooms on October 29th.
- Any snacks/treats donated for the celebration on October 29th should be pre-packaged and store bought.
- Weather permitting, we will be having the Halloween Parade once again this year. Please look for additional information in the near future.
- Any parents/guardians who volunteer at events such as this will need to have their clearances on file in the office.

PBIS UPDATES:

- Students are collecting paw tickets and working toward earning a schoolwide celebration. Keep being respectful, responsible, ready, and safe, East Derry students!

- The character traits of focus for October are respectful and responsible. Students who display these behaviors may be selected to earn the "Golden Ticket" and sign the HUSKY HERO WALL.



Physical and Dental Examination Requirements

All students are required to have a physical examination upon entry to school for kindergarten, in the 6th grade, and in the 11th grade. All students are required to have a dental examination upon entry to school for kindergarten, in the 3rd grade and in the 7th grade. School dental examinations are offered once during the school year in the early spring. It is preferred that your family dentist complete this examination. Please submit this information to the school nurse.



Attendance Reminders



Regular attendance in elementary school sets up a good pattern for your child's entire school career. Please remember:

- ❖ Students must submit a written excuse within three (3) school days following the absence. Excuses must include the child's full name, the date and reason for absence, and a parent/guardian signature. Failure to submit excuses can result in unlawful absences.
- ❖ Students arriving after 8:20am are tardy. Students arriving after 9:30am or leaving before 2:00pm will be marked absent for ½ a day.
- ❖ Students are able to take up to five (5) educational trip days per school year. Be sure to fill out the form and have it signed PRIOR to taking the trip. A report is due to the office within 3 days of returning from the trip to be considered lawful.



Home & School News



The first Home & School meeting of the school year will be held October 14th at 6:00pm in the library at East Derry Elementary School. Our school Title I policy and parent compact will be reviewed. Please join us 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!

Dress for the Weather:

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



Lock Down Drill:

As part of our safety practices, we will be conducting a Lock Down Drill in the month of October. During the 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 is practicing safe procedures.

Bus Stop Reminder: All kindergarten students MUST have an adult at the bus stop. If an adult is not present, the student will NOT be permitted to exit the bus & will need picked up at the bus garage.

