



# November 2021



## East Derry Elementary School

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### DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

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

November 24 – 1:15pm Dismissal

November 25-29 – NO SCHOOL –  
Thanksgiving Vacation



### Parent-Teacher Conferences:

- Conferences will be held via Zoom, phone conference, or in person
- Conferences are scheduled into 15 minute blocks of time. Issues or concerns requiring more time can be scheduled for another date and time.
- Please adhere to your time so that teachers may maintain the integrity of their schedules.
- If you haven't yet set up a meeting for the evening of November 11<sup>th</sup> or the morning of November 12<sup>th</sup>, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a meeting.

*We look forward to providing you with updates on your child's education!*

### PBIS UPDATES:



- Students just had their first schoolwide celebration by earning enough paw tickets! Keep being respectful, responsible, ready, and safe, East Derry students!

- Each marking period, students who received a GOLDEN TICKET will have lunch with the principal. These students also receive a spirit stick and recognition on the morning announcements. The character traits of focus for November will be compassion and courage.

*Fall Picture Makeup Day will be November 17th for anyone who missed Picture Day.*

## One-to-One Technology Waiver

All students were provided with a one-to-one technology waiver on November 1st. Parents may complete these and return them if they would like for their children to bring home an iPad or laptop should remote learning be required for either quarantine or weather-related situations.



## 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.

## Homelessness Awareness Week – November 15-19

Schools and communities across the nation set aside the week before Thanksgiving to recognize the challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness. In honor of this week, MCSD staff will be raising money to help the local homeless shelter. In exchange for a \$5 donation, staff will have the opportunity to dress down on Friday, November 19th. If you or your child(ren) would like to join the district's effort in helping the local shelter, please call Jane Neff at 717-248-0102 for more information.

You can also help by wearing a **red shirt** on Friday, November 19th or by letting families in need know that help is available. A student is considered homeless if he/she is lacking a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence. Mifflin County School District has a clothing, toiletry, and school supply pantry. Our school counselors can assist students in securing items they need from the pantry and can direct families to other resources throughout the community.



Flexible Instruction Days (FIDs): MCSD will use up to (3) FIDs if needed for snow days. In order to be counted as "present" on a FID, each child must check in for attendance between 5:30-9:30am AND complete the required work.

