

# August/September 2023 Newsletter



## East Derry Elementary School

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### Dates to Remember

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- August 30 First Day of School
- Sept. 4 No School Labor Day
- Sept. 12 Picture Day
- Sept. 15 Lockdown Drill 9:30 am
- Sept. 18 Home & School Meeting 6:30 pm EDES Library
- Sept. 19 3rd Grade Farm Field Trip
- Sept. 18 21 Mobile Ag Lab for all grades
- Sept. 22 No School Act 80 Day
- Oct. 11 Open House 5:30 7:00
- Oct. 20 No School Act 80 Day
- Oct. 30 Fall Makeup Pictures
- Nov. 8 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30 7:30
- Nov. 9 No School for Students Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 11:00 am.
- Nov. 10 Veteran's Day No School
- Nov. 22 Early dismissal 12:15
- Nov. 23 Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Vacation

## Welcome Back

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

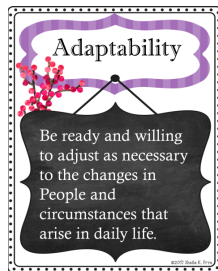
- ❖ Robert Reeder, Principal
- ❖ Leah Riden, Third Grade
- ❖ Mallory Hockenberry, Building Substitute
- ❖ Deborah Diernbach, Life Skills Teacher
- ❖ Lou Salyards, Custodian

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

## Respectful, Responsibility, Ready, & Safe

The East Derry PBIS Team is excited to kick off another year of promoting “pawsitive” behaviors within our school! During the week of Aug. 30th, 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, each 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’s picture is also placed on the “Principal’s Club” bulletin board in the cafeteria..



## Free Breakfast & Lunch at East Derry

East Derry Elementary has qualified to be a Community Eligibility Provision school. Which means we will be offering FREE Breakfast and Lunch for all students who attend East Derry for the entire 2023/2024 school year.

## Title 1

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.mcsdk12.org](http://www.mcsdk12.org)  
➤ Students/Parents tab ➤ Federal Programs tab ➤ Schoolwide Plans tab  
➤ Title I - EDES

- Dec. 22 Jan. 2  
Christmas Vacation

## Important Information

Family Access is the main source of family contact for important district information. To relay messages to parents/guardians EDES must have accurate information stored in Family Access. Please notify EDES office immediately of any changes in contact information.

717-543-5615

All visitors must sign-in at the Main Office.

Attendance: Students arriving after 8:20am will be marked Tardy.

Students arriving after 9:30am or leaving before 2:00pm will be marked absent for a ½ day.

Excuses must be returned within 3 days of an absence to avoid absence being marked unexcused.

The MCSD 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](http://www.mcsdk12.org)

Be sure to submit a "Permission to Give Medication" form for

## 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. Aurand at East Derry Elementary School at 717-543-5615 or email him at [cna41@mcsdk12.org](mailto:cna41@mcsdk12.org).

## Academic Assistance

If your child is struggling academically or not attaining the academic standards at the proficient level, please reach out to your child's teacher or the building principal for information about our tutoring programs and accessing additional academic assistance.

## School Board Policy 105.1

Mifflin County School District School Board Policy 105.1 requires annual notification to parents/guardians and students that parents/guardians and students have an opportunity to review instructional materials and have access to information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques. Requests to review instructional materials and access information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques should be made by submitting a written request to the building principal.

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.*

## Instructional Supplies for Students

If provision of instructional supplies imposes a financial hardship on a family, the school district can assist with some of these costs. - An application process for such materials is located under MCSD Policy 110, and is available for review on our website. - Families may also contact Mr. Reeder to see if you qualify for any assistance with school materials.