

# November 2023 Newsletter



## East Derry Elementary School

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### Dates to Remember

2316 Back Maitland Road, Lewistown, PA 17044

717 - 543 - 5615

### Parent Teacher Conferences

- Conferences will be held in person or by phone
- Conferences are scheduled into 15 minute blocks of time. Issues or concerns requiring more time can be scheduled for another date and time.
- Report Cards will be distributed at Parent Conferences
- 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 8th or the morning of November 9th, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a meeting.

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

**Respectful, Responsibility, Ready, & Safe**



For November, we will focus on having Courage & Compassion. Courage in facing difficulty in learning and with others. Compassion by showing kindness for others and helping out whenever possible.

### Physical and Dental Exam Requirements

All students are required to have a physical examination upon entry to school for **kindergarten**, in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. All students are required to have a dental examination upon entry to school for **kindergarten**, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. School dental and physical examinations are offered once during the school year in the early Spring. It is preferred that your family healthcare provider complete the examination. Forms are available on the MCSDK website or from the school nurse.

● **Nov. 8 – Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 7:30**

● **Nov. 9 – No School for Students - Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 - 11:30 am.**

● **Nov. 10 - Veteran's Day - No School**

● **Nov. 22 - Early Dismissal 12:15**

● **Nov. 23 - Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Vacation**

● **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**

**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 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

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## Homeless Awareness Week

Schools and communities across the nation set aside the week before Thanksgiving to recognize the challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness. To assist those in need, MCSD staff will be raising money for the district's student homelessness fund. In exchange for a \$5 donation, staff will be able to dress down on Friday, November 17th and are encouraged to wear a red shirt to spread awareness.

If you or your child would like to join in the effort, monetary donations can be sent to the Administration Building, located at 201 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Lewistown to the attention of Michelle Siruc, the district's homeless liaison. Checks can be made out to Mifflin County School District. Funds are used to purchase clothing, toiletries, and school supplies for displaced students. **Students can also show your support by wearing a red shirt on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.**

If you are experiencing homelessness, please know that help is available. Please reach out to your child's teacher, principal, nurse, or counselor. They will connect you with one of the district's social workers, who can assist you with securing necessary resources.

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## Pizza Hut Book It!

East Derry Elementary is participating in the Pizza Hut Book It! program this year. Students who read 15 minutes a day for at least 4 days a week can earn a free personal pizza from Pizza Hut each month. Calendars and discussion questions were sent home with students. Return your calendars to school at the end of the month to receive your free pizza voucher. Happy Reading!

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## Student Pick up

If you need to pick up your student any day - Please send in a note and/or call before 2:00 pm. Any calls after 2:00pm, we cannot guarantee all communication can occur to switch their dismissal status.

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## Home & School Association

**Next Home & School Meeting is Thursday Nov. 16th  
6:30 pm EDES Library**

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## Lunch Buddies

We have a new Lunch Buddies Bucket Reward. Students who demonstrate Respectful, Responsible, Ready and Safe behaviors can be chosen and win a week of sitting at a special lunch table with a buddy of their choice. Please ask your student to tell you how they can earn tickets in the lunchroom.

# Mifflin County High School Mini-Thon

## What is Mini-THON?

MCHS Mini-THON is a club that empowers students to take a stand against childhood cancer by raising money for Four Diamonds at Penn State Health Children's Hospital. One of the many ways MCHS Mini-THON raises money and awareness is through Gold Out Events. At these events, students, spectators and the athletes wear Gold Out apparel as an act of solidarity with the children and families battling pediatric cancer. There are also many opportunities for the public to donate at these events through raffles, canning or merchandise sales.

## Gold Out Clothing Sale!

As the winter draws near, MCHS Mini-THON is gearing up for the Winter Sports Gold Out Events! We are offering our Gold Out apparel DISTRICT-WIDE!

Mifflin County Mini-THON is having a winter Gold Out clothing sale just in time for all the winter sports Gold Out events! You can order your merchandise by scanning the QR codes on the posters or on social media posts. Hurry, this sale ends on November 21! All orders must be paid for before Thanksgiving. Scan the QR code below for ordering information. Orders will be delivered to and distributed at students' home buildings.

