

October 2023 Newsletter



East Derry Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

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**Oct. 10th & 11th -
Scholastic Book Fair
during school**

**Oct. 11th - Book Fair
open 5:30 - 7:00pm
during Open House**

**Oct. 11 - Open House
5:30 - 7:00**

• **Oct. 13th - Wear Black
to support Huskies
football for a Blackout**

**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**

• **Dec. 22 - Jan. 2 -
Christmas Vacation**

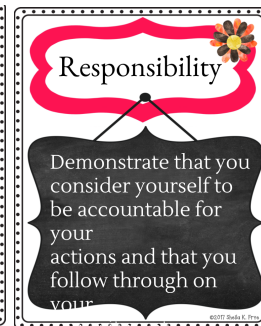
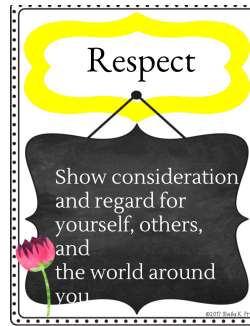
Important Information

**Family Access is the main
source of family contact for
important district**

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!

Respectful, Responsibility, Ready, & Safe



In October, the entire student body will focus on RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY. Respect is showing consideration and regard for yourself, others, and the world around you. Responsibility is demonstrating that you consider yourself to be accountable for your actions.

Fall Festivities



East Derry's Halloween Parade (weather permitting) will be Fri. Oct. 28th at 1:15pm. Students will parade out the cafeteria doors, through the parking lot, around the front of school, and conclude the parade by entering the doors at the third grade end of the building. In case of rain, the parade will be held in the gym and be recorded. Parking is allowed in either parking lot and the playground will be opened at 1:00pm for parent parking - families will have to walk down to the front of the building from the playground for the parade. Please send costumes in backpacks, students should NOT wear costumes to school (they will change into costumes before the parade).

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.

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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

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.

Hearing and Vision Screenings

Hearing and vision screenings will be conducted by the Intermediate Unit in October. If the student fails either the hearing or vision screening a referral will be sent home with the student. The referral will indicate that the student needs to be further evaluated. Please ensure students bring their glasses if they have them.

Lunch Buddies Reward



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.

Educational Trips

Educational Trip forms must be completed before your trip and 1 page report must be turned in 3-5 days after trip or absences will be unlawful.

Home & School Association

Our Home & School Association will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair at East Derry on Oct. 10th & 11th during school day and evening of Oct. 11 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Open House.

Families are able to set up an e-wallet (pre-pay with a credit card) by going to <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/eastderryelementaryschool>

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

Red Ribbon Spirit Week

Help us celebrate Red Ribbon Week, a national campaign to raise awareness and prevent drug abuse among youth and adults.

Monday 10/23: Wear Pink

Tuesday 10/24: Wear Red

Wednesday 10/25: Wear Camo

Thursday 10/26: Wear PJ's/Sweats (regular shoes please)

Friday 10/27: Wear Black/Orange or Fall Theme
