

December 2023 Newsletter



East Derry Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

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- Dec. 14th - Holiday Concert 10:00 am
- Dec. 15th & 18th - Santa's Secret Workshop
- Dec. 21st - Santa visits East Derry
- Dec. 22nd thru Jan. 2 - Christmas Vacation
- Jan. 3 - Return to School
- Jan. 15th - No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 26 - No School Act 80 Day
- Feb. 16 - No School Act 80 Day
- Feb. 19 - No School President's Day

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



East Derry Holiday Concert



Our Holiday Concert will be on **Thursday Dec. 14th at 10:00 am** in our gym/auditorium. **Doors will open at 9:30 am** and parking will be available up on the playground.

Santa's Secret Workshop

Santa's Secret Workshop is a gift shop that will be set up at our school on Friday, December 15th & Monday, December 18th. Imagine the children's excitement as they will be able to bring in money to do some Christmas shopping for their parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, etc! (More details will be sent home closer to the workshop.)



Home & School Association

Congratulations to our November calendar raffle winners! A special thank you to all individuals, families, and businesses who donated in support of our school!

As a reminder, Home and School fundraises in order to be able to provide field trips, field day, yearbooks, and so much more for our school. Without fundraising participation, these things would not be possible so please keep this in mind for upcoming fundraisers this school year.

There are lots of things happening in December that are provided by Home and School including Christmas crafts, hot chocolate and cookies, and a visit and treat from Santa!

Next Home & School Meeting is: January 18th - 6:30 pm EDES Library

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

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 8:20 am 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 an educational trip form **PRIOR** to your trip and approval. A one page report is due to the office within three (3) days of return from the trip for absences to be considered lawful.

Dress for the Weather

This time of the year brings many changes in weather. Please be sure your child has the appropriate layers for cold weather. Students are going outside for recess if the real-feel temperature is 32 degrees or higher. Please be sure they have coats, hats, and gloves to keep warm while playing outside.



Respectful, Responsible, Ready, & Safe

For December, we will focus on taking Initiative. Encouraging our students to take responsible actions on their own without prompting from others. Taking initiative with their own learning.



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.

