

January 2024 Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024!

East Derry Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

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- 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
- Feb. 20 - No School
(Make-up Day #1)
- Mar. 15 - No School Act
80 day
- Mar. 29 - No School
Good Friday
- Apr. 1- No School Easter
Break (Make-up Day #2)
- Apr. 23 - No School
Primary Elections

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

One Book One School

Are you ready for a little CHAOS? Our One School, One Book event is starting January 16. This year we are reading 8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel/ 1 Dog = Chaos. Books and materials are coming home soon!



Note to Parents/Guardians



If the Mifflin County School District is in session and a parent/guardian determines that the roads are “unsafe” to travel due to poor weather conditions, the parent/guardian is permitted to have the student(s) remain at home for the day. To be granted an excused absence, the parent/guardian would need to submit an excuse to the school stating the roads are “unsafe”.

Home & School Association

Upcoming! Please keep an eye out for an R&K Subs fundraiser coming home this month. As a reminder, participation in fundraising is important so that we can provide field trips, field day, yearbooks, and more!

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

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.

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

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

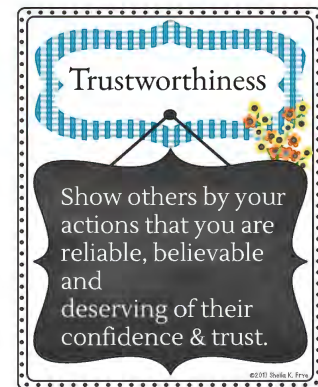
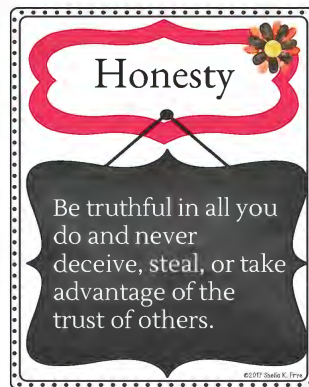
From the Nurse

When to Keep Your Child Home

Keep your child home if they have any of these symptoms. Nighttime bout of nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. Temperature of 100 degrees or higher. Temperature should be normal for 24 hours without fever reducing medication before returning to school. Persistent cough or thick nasal discharge. Eyes that are red, itchy or with discharge, earache. A rash with persistent itching over the body.

Respectful, Responsible, Ready, & Safe

In January we will focus on Honesty and Trustworthiness. Encouraging our students to be truthful in all that they do and showing others by their actions that they are reliable and believable.



Kindergarten Registration

If you have or know of a child who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2024, Please call the East Derry School Office for a Kindergarten Application 717-543-5615.

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.