

EAST DERRY ELEMENTARY OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Respectful, Responsible, 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.



Hearing & 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 your student brings their glasses if they have them.**

Fall Festivities

East Derry's Halloween Parade (weather permitting) will be Fri. Oct. 31st at 1:15pm. More information regarding parking and the parade route will be sent via Class Dojo and Skyward closer to time.

****Please send costumes in backpacks, students should NOT wear costumes to school (they will change into costumes before the parade).**

Home & School

Home & School's next meeting will be held on November 6th, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Library. Hope to see you there!

Important Reminders

- Family Access is the main source of family contact for important district information (including Sky Alerts for weather delays). 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.
- 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
- 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 1 week 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.

Coming Up!

10/1 - Open House
(5:30pm-7pm)
10/9 & 10/10 - Hearing & Vision Screenings
10/13 - No School
(Act 80 Day)
10/24 - Smile Clinic
10/31 - Halloween Parade
11/3 - Fall Picture Day Makeups
11/6 - Home & School Meeting
In the EDES Library at 6:30 pm
11/11 - Veterans Day
(No School)
11/25 - Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
11/26 - Morning Parent Teacher Conferences
11/27-12/1 - Thanksgiving Break
(No School)

Red Ribbon Week

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MONDAY 10/27: WEAR PINK

TUESDAY 10/28: WEAR RED

WEDNESDAY 10/29: WEAR CAMO

THURSDAY 10/30: WEAR PJS/SWEATS

FRIDAY 10/31: WEAR BLACK/ORANGE
OR FALL THEME

HALLOWEEN PARADE IS 10/31

Medication Policy

Over-the-Counter Medication forms were handed out to students on the first day of school. This form must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian in order for students to receive medication from the school nurse. If your child has not submitted the Over-the-Counter Medication form to the Nurse's Office, your child will not receive medication at school. Forms are available in the nurse's office.

As a reminder, students are NOT permitted to carry any medications on their person during school hours. This includes cough drops, medicated creams, eye drops or anything used for medicinal purposes. Any medication that is required to be taken at school MUST be transported to and from school by a parent/guardian or designated adult and accompanied with a physician's order. Parents and guardians are required to sign medications into the nurse's office at drop-off.

If your child requires an inhaler, a new physician order must be submitted to the school nurse EACH school year before your child can carry an inhaler on their person. Failure to do so is a violation of the MCSD Medication Policy.

Please contact the School Nurse with any questions.

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.

MCSD Policies

Parents are encouraged to share concerns through the proper channels. Policy 906 outlines the steps for addressing complaints. The full policy is located on the MCSD website.

You can view all MCSD policies on the MCSD website by clicking the School Board tab and then selecting the Board Docs box.



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