

EAST DERRY ELEMENTARY

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RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, 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.



3RS GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS:

The following students were awarded Golden Tickets for consistently showing EXEMPLARY 3RS behaviors during the first marking period! On November 7th, they will get to enjoy lunch with Mrs. Matthey!



Eli Boyer	Maverick Mason	Piper Hamilton	Parker Groce
Finnley Joyce	Allison Soccio	Lilah Demastrie	Amara Koch
Enid Shinskie	Adyson Stuck	Catherine Corbin	Finn Felmlee
Caseson Bowersox	Mason Haines	River Pellman	Oliver Croman
Cole Hess	Evan Plank	Andrea Benny	

PHYSICAL & DENTAL EXAM REQUIREMENTS:

All students are required to have a physical examination upon entry to school for kindergarten, in the 6th grade and in the 11th grade. All students are required to have a dental examination upon entry to school for kindergarten, in the 3rd grade and in the 7th 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 MCSD website or from the school nurse.

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 for Kindergarten and 1st grade 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 Parent Teacher Conference, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a meeting.

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



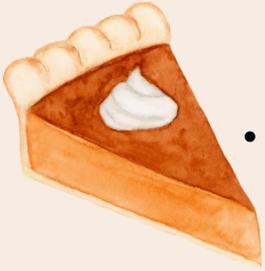
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- A note must be sent to the office for your child to be a parent pickup for the day.
*Calls after 2:00 pm will not be guaranteed a change in dismissal status
- 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.



HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK:



Pennsylvania Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Week recognizes and brings awareness to the importance of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the education needed to provide stability and consistency to students experiencing homelessness across Pennsylvania. Under federal law, children are considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence. Many people associate being homeless with living on the street, but homelessness is often hidden, especially in rural communities.

To date for the 2025/2026 school year, Mifflin County School District has identified 98 students that are doubled up living with other families, living at the homeless shelter or living in campers/RVs.

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 Thursday, November 20th and are encouraged to wear a red shirt to spread awareness on Red Shirt Day on Friday, November 21st.

If you are experiencing homelessness, please know that help is available. Please reach out to either of our district's homeless liaisons:

Nicole Frazier, LSW at 717-250-0414 or nrf56@mcSDK12.org

Kaitlin Marshall, LSW at 717-250-2423 or kjm07@mcSDK12.org



Scan the QR Code for more information!





SANTA'S WORKSHOP:

Get ready for some holiday fun! Santa's Workshop is a special store where children can shop for holiday gifts for their family and loved ones, all by themselves! 🎅🌟

It's a magical way for students to experience the joy of giving, with affordable gift options for everyone on their list. More details will be sent home closer to time, so stay tuned!

COMING UP:

- 11/3 - Class Pictures & Fall Picture Day Retakes
- 11/6 - Home & School Meeting
In the EDES Library at 6:30 pm
- 11/7 - Golden Ticket Lunch w/ Mrs. Matthey
- 11/11 - Veterans Day (No School)
- 11/24, 25, & 26 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/27-12/1 - Thanksgiving Vacation (No School)
- 12/9 & 12/10 - Santa's Workshop
- 12/18 - Music Concert (9:00-9:30)
- 12/22-1/2 - Christmas Vacation (No School)



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER



As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the changing temperatures. Mornings can be quite chilly, even though afternoons may warm up. Since students go outside for recess each day (weather permitting), we recommend sending them with layers, like a jacket or sweater, that can be added or removed as needed. Thank you for helping keep our students comfortable and ready to enjoy outdoor play!

Please reach out to the school if you need items such as coats, hats, and mittens for your student.

ATTENDANCE:



Early dismissals require a note to the Main Office. DO NOT use Skyward to submit early dismissals as they may not be seen by the office staff.

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.



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.



BUS SAFETY

We want all our students to have a safe and happy ride to and from school! Please remind your child to stay seated, use quiet voices, keep their hands and feet to themselves, and follow the bus driver's rules. Walking around, yelling, or throwing things on the bus can be dangerous for everyone. Let's work together to keep our bus rides safe and fun!

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.



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION:

The next Home and School Meeting is on Thursday, November 6th at 6:30 in the EDES Library.



Home & School would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to all of our students and families who sold Calendar Raffles!

We also want to give a special thank you to everyone who helped by asking for donations and to those who donated prizes. Your hard work and generosity help make our fundraisers a success!

Fundraisers like this are important because they help us pay for special events and fun activities (like field trips & Field Day!) for our students throughout the year. We couldn't do it without your support, so **THANK YOU!!!!**

OCTOBER AT EDES:

Fire Safety!



A special **THANK YOU** goes out to Chief Logan Volunteer Fire Department for coming to East Derry and talking about Fire Safety with our students!



Kindergarten explored the Barnyard!

