

# EAST DERRY ELEMENTARY

# APRIL 2026

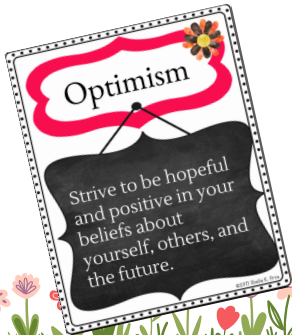
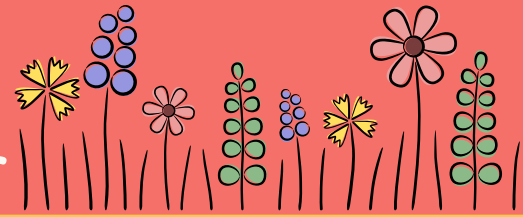
## newsletter

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## RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, READY & SAFE:

In April, we will focus on Optimism. Teaching students to strive to be hopeful and positive about themselves, others, and the future.



## 3RS GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS:



The following students were awarded Golden Tickets for consistently showing EXEMPLARY 3RS behaviors during the third marking period! On March 31st, they got to enjoy lunch with Mrs. Mattey!

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|----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Bristol Wilt   | Ellie Mann     | Obadiah Steele   | Jaelyn Bender   | Cortana Haines |
| Maci Williams  | Camden Hesketh | Skyleigh Solt    | Arabella Weiand | Sylvia Imler   |
| Piper Bitting  | Moana Ocasio   | Ryatt Wessels    | Hudsyn Hall     | Lillah Hebert  |
| Riley Ammerman | Jadon Sprengel | Memphis Kauffman | Myla Bay        | Evelyn He      |
| Wesley Burns   | Jacey Kratzer  | Rowan Bickle     | Karter Snyder   | Elliott Knapp  |

## COMING UP:



- 4/3 - No School
- 4/6 - School In Session (Snow Makeup Day)
- 4/15 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Chemistry Carnival (Rain Date 4/16)
- 4/21-23 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA PSSA Testing
- 4/23 - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip
- 4/24 - Smile Clinic
- 4/24 - Carnival
- 4/28-29 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math PSSA Testing
- 5/2 - MCS D Elementary Art Show
- 5/5 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip
- 5/12- Author Visit
- 5/13 - Spring Chorus Concert
- 5/19 - Field Day (Rain Date - 5/20)
- 5/27 - Beach Day
- 5/29 - Last Day of School (Early Dismissal)



## 3RD GRADE PSSA TESTING:

The Math and Reading (ELA) PSSA tests will be given to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on:

- Reading (ELA) - April 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Math - April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

It's very important for students to be at school during this time. Please avoid scheduling appointments or vacations on these dates.

## PSSA PREP TIPS:

- Get a good night's sleep (8-10 hours is best).
- Eat a healthy breakfast each morning.
- Arrive at school on time and ready to go.
- Encourage your child to try their best and take their time.
- Limit screen time the night before testing.
- Pack a positive attitude – confidence makes a difference!



# MCS D ELEMENTARY ART SHOW:

The MCS D K-5 Art Teachers will be hosting an Elementary Art Show on Saturday, May 2nd from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm for all MCS D elementary school students. It will be at Lewistown Elementary School.



# PBIS TWIN KISS FUNDRAISER:

Don't forget to sell Milkshake Cards for Twin Kiss! Order forms are due by April 10th.

**EAST DERRY'S GOAL:** For each student to sell at least 1 Milkshake Card.



# EAST DERRY CARNIVAL:

It is time for a fun family night with our 4th annual school carnival!! The carnival will be held at East Derry on Friday, April 24th 5:30-7:30 PM. There will be games, face painting, and food trucks!! Hope to see you there!!



# PSSA SPIRIT WEEK:

Help support the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders as they get ready to take the PSSAs!

- Monday (4/13) - Wear neon clothing
- Tuesday (4/14) - Wear workout clothing
- Wednesday (4/15) - Wear Husky clothing
- Thursday (4/16) - Wear your favorite hat
- Friday (4/17) - Wear red



# WEATHER REMINDER:

Warmer weather is on it's way, but early April is still a bit chilly. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold temperatures. Students go outside for recess each day (weather permitting) if the real feel is **30 degrees or higher**. We recommend sending them with layers to keep them warm while playing outside. Thank you for helping keep our students comfortable and ready to enjoy recess!



# HOME & SCHOOL:

There are still things to be done! Keep an eye on Class Dojo for the date of the upcoming Home & School Meeting!

# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

There is still time to register for Kindergarten and attend K-Camp!!!!

Do you have a child who will turn 5 years old on or before September 1, 2026? Please complete the form on the last page of this newsletter (or contact the school office for a copy) and return it to the EDES office ASAP.

And please help us spread the word! Tell friends, neighbors, and family members who have children starting kindergarten next fall. We can't wait to welcome our newest learners to the East Derry family!



**EAST DERRY  
K CAMP 2026**

**JUNE  
8<sup>TH</sup> - 11<sup>TH</sup>**



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Any notes sent in to the Main Office **MUST contain your child's full name**, their teacher, and the information you are sharing (ex - early pickup, bus rider, illness excuse, etc)
- 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.mcstk12.org](http://www.mcstk12.org)

## 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.

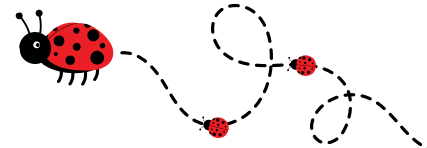
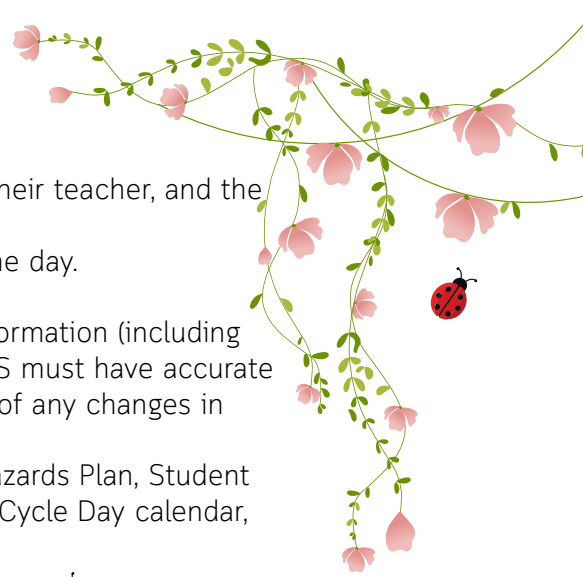
Please contact the School Nurse with any questions.

## 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.

Instructional Supplies Assistance - MCSD Policy 110 states that if provision of instructional supplies imposes a financial hardship on a family, the school district can assist with some of these costs. An application process for such materials is located under MCSD Policy 110, and is available for review on our website. Families may also contact Mr. Reeder to see if you qualify for any assistance with school materials.

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



Dear Parent:

The Mifflin County School District is conducting registration for children who will be eligible for enrollment in a kindergarten class for the 2026-2027 school year. A child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2026. There are no exceptions or provisions made for early entrance to kindergarten.

Information gathered from this form will enable the district to properly plan for its new enrollees and will provide an opportunity for school officials to communicate directly with parents and guardians concerning enrollment requirements.

Proper enrollment for school includes: a physical examination performed within one year of the start of the 2026-2027 school year, verification of birth date, proper immunization, proof of residence, and custody agreements/court orders (if applicable). Once enrolled, a kindergarten assessment will be administered to each child to determine learning potential. While this assessment has no bearing on eligibility for enrollment, it does aid the school in structuring meaningful and appropriate educational programs for new students. Once your child is registered you will receive more information about the assessment program.

**Please complete the form below and return it to your child's school :**

**East Derry Elementary School - Mrs. Aleisa Baumgardner - (717) 543-5615, alb50@mcsdk12.org**

**Indian Valley Elementary School - Ms. Rylie Kepner - (717) 667-2123, rek14@mcsdk12.org**

**Lewistown Elementary School - Mrs. Kaitlin Lorson - (717) 242-5823, kml29@mcsdk12.org**

**Strodes Mills Elementary School - Mrs. Amber Peterson - (717) 248-7154, alp35@mcsdk12.org**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: *Male or Female*  
Last First Middle Month / Date / Year

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable) Last First Middle

Child Resides with: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Mother/Guardian

Address where Child Resides \_\_\_\_\_  
Street / Box No. City

Name of a local friend or relative to contact if parents are not available.

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| Name | Address | Telephone | Relationship |
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