

EAST DERRY ELEMENTARY

MAY 2026 *newsletter*

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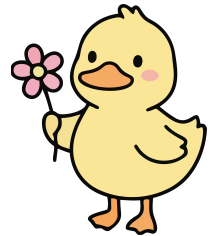
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RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, READY & SAFE:

In May, we will focus on Loyalty. Showing others that you are faithful and dependable when you have a commitment to them.



FROM NURSE NIKKI:

If your child has any medication at school, it will need to be picked up by May 29th. **No medication will be sent home with students.** Any medication that is not picked up at school by May 29th will be properly disposed of.

END OF YEAR REMINDERS:

- Final Report Cards will be sent home with students on the last day of school.
- Be sure to pick up any student medications from the Nurse's Office by the last day of school.
- Forgotten items will be sent to the office for pickup over the summer. Items are available for pickup Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.



END OF YEAR EVENTS:

- **Field Day - 5/19** - This is a day of fun and games organized by Home & School.
- **Beach Day - 5/27** - Students will receive their yearbooks and will have a chance to have them signed by friends and staff members.
- **Move Up Day - 5/29** - Students will learn who their teacher will be next year, spend some time in their new classroom, and meet their new classmates.

COMING UP:

- 5/2 - MCSD Elementary Art Show
- 5/5 - 3rd Grade Field Trip
- 5/12 - Author Visit
- 5/13 - Spring Chorus Concert @ 9:00
- 5/18 - Home & School Mtg @ 6:30
- 5/19 - Field Day (Rain Date - 5/20)
- 5/25 - No School
- 5/27 - Beach Day
- 5/29 - Last Day of School (Dismiss @ 12:15)
- 6/8-6/11 - Kindergarten Camp (for incoming EDES Kg students only)



4TH GRADE ORIENTATION:

New Student Orientation at Lewistown Intermediate School will be held on **August 13th** at **10:00 am** or **5:00 PM.**

East Derry Elementary is proud to announce that we have earned a perfect 100% on our annual Tier I and Tier II PBIS Fidelity Evaluation! Many thanks to the staff and students that make East Derry such a positive place!





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.mcscdk12.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.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

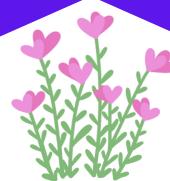
There is still time to register for Kindergarten and attend K-Camp!!!!

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
8TH - 11TH**





East Derry Elementary
School presents...






KINDERGARTEN CAMP 2026



We would love it if your K-Camper would join us and attend each day! However, if they can only make a few days, that is okay, too!

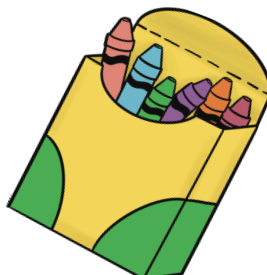
Thursday, June 11th is Parent's Day. Parents are welcome to join us from 10:00 am - 11:30 am to see all the things their child has been doing!

Your K-Camper will get the chance to ease into Kindergarten by:

-  riding the school bus
-  meeting the Kindergarten teachers
-  making new friends
-  learning important skills to help them be successful in Kindergarten
-  having fun!!!

TO REGISTER:

Complete the K-Camp Registration Form and submit it to Miss Aleisa in the office.



JUNE
8th - 11th
9:00am -11:30am

Have a question?

Call Miss Aleisa at 717-543-5615
or email her at alb50@mcsdk12.org



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.

| Name | Address | Telephone | Relationship |
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