



EAST PIKELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL...A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At East Pikeland Elementary, "Reach for the Stars" has been our longtime motto and challenge for all East Pikeland students to do their best. Each year a new school theme focuses students on the challenge of "Reaching for the Stars": work hard and do your best. An incredibly hard-working, dedicated staff help provide a safe and comfortable environment where ALL students can be successful and thrive. The staff really work as a team to ensure student success. In addition to meeting and working collaboratively to analyze data and plan instruction, everyone participates in the Whole Faculty Study Group (WFSG) model of professional development. This data driven and student-focused model of professional development allows staff members to learn and work together to ensure school wide change and/or improvement and student achievement for all students. Our parent involvement is another key element in this success, as they provide ongoing support of their children and our staff.

Two awards programs are unique to East Pikeland. Both programs promote and reward positive student behavior. Each day, the Compliment Program recognizes students for safe, responsible and respectful behavior. The EP Pride Award is given to those special students who go above and beyond in their efforts, actions and talents, and are deserving of unique, individual attention.

Students have a wide range of experiences at East Pikeland. There are grade-level based activities—first grade celebrates the 100th day of school, all second graders perform in a musical production; school-wide events—Senior Family &

Friends Day, Student Appreciation Day, and Read Across America Day; and community service opportunities all year long, including the Adopt-a-Family program, UNICEF, and various other fundraisers for special projects. A highlight for individual classes is their annual "Lunch with the Principal"

The Home and School Association is a strong partner in everything we do at East Pikeland. From Family Bingo to the School Store and the Fun Fair—they create opportunities for our students to feel like they are a part of something wonderful.

SCHOOL PROFILE

East Pikeland Elementary is located in a rural area of East Pikeland Township. Enrollment for the 2012/2013 school year is approximately 315 students in first through fifth grades, with 15 classrooms and an average class size of 21. All of the elementary schools in Phoenixville Area School District are proud to have earned the Keystone Achievement Award for continued excellence in education.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The Phoenixville YMCA offers a child care program at East Pikeland Elementary both before and after school. In addition, students may be transported by bus to any of the child care programs located within the East Pikeland School boundaries.

CURRICULUM

A comprehensive elementary school curriculum includes the core subjects of language arts, mathematics, science and social studies along with physical education, library, music, art, and world language. Each curricular area is based on the Pennsylvania Academic Standards, and is evaluated and revised as needed. All of our elementary schools make wide use of technology to increase student learning, including interactive Promethean Boards in every classroom.

Collins Writing is implemented K-12, and provides consistency across the curriculum. Flexible grouping in Reading allows students to receive targeted instruction to meet their individual needs. A hands-on Science program stimulates student interest and involvement.

An instrumental music program is available to students in Grades 4 and 5, while the choral program begins in Grade 3. The exceptional music programs are on display in the concerts and dramatic productions at each building.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We are very proud of the active role that our parents take in the education of their children and in all aspects of the East Pikeland School community. Parents and community members support the teachers, students and staff and help plan a variety of programs through our Home and School Association, Homeroom Parents and Volunteer Groups. Ice Cream Socials, Family Bingo Nights, School Store, Student Appreciation Day, Assemblies, Fun Fair, Market Day, and Reading Incentive Programs are just a few of the many activities either planned or supported by our parents and community.

The students and staff at East Pikeland work together on community service efforts throughout the school year. K-Kids take the lead on many of the fundraising events, but the entire school contributes both time and money to many worthy causes.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A wide variety of activities are available for students after the school day ends. In addition to band and chorus, we have a Chess Club, Art Club, K-Kids Club, Safety Patrol, Science Explorers, Girls on the Run, and Phuture Phantoms Basketball.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Multiple layers of support exist for all students. All of the elementary schools have initiated a School Wide Positive Behavior Support Program which recognizes and rewards appropriate student behavior.

Response to Instruction & Intervention (RTII) uses student data to ensure all students are receiving the support they need to achieve maximum reading success. The Instructional Support Process helps to identify students who are struggling and puts Action Plans in place to help students achieve success in the regular education classroom. Students who qualify for specially designed instruction, are provided an Individual Education Plan (IEP), and receive additional services matched to their individual needs. After school and summer programs for both Reading and Math are in place for students who require additional support.

An enrichment program is in place for gifted learners, with services provided within East Pikeland Elementary.

STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

Students in third, fourth, and fifth grades take the PSSA state assessment tests in reading and math. The percentages of students who scored proficient or above in 2011 are listed below.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Science</u>
3 rd	95%	95%		
4 th	97%	91%		100%
5 th	96%	90%	89%	