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Dear ETSD Families,

Highlights: Letter to the Governor re: Virtual Learning Option for Medically Fragile Students; Returning to School; Gnoming Around Town; Friendly reminders; Save the Date! Evesham Cultural Day, Oct. 17.

Letter to the Governor re: Virtual Learning Option for Medically Fragile Students

Today I submitted this [Letter to Governor Murphy](#). I am asking him to restore the virtual learning option for medically fragile students. I feel it is unethical to deny this choice for these students and families. My letter explains the rationale. Thank you to our parents who have communicated with me about this topic.

Returning to School ([ETSD Safe Return Plan](#))

Like last year, school this year in ETSD means typical full days with lunch and recess. Three main variables this year are different from last year. First, there will be 20% more students in our buildings (more kids in school is a positive!), as we ended last year with 20% of our students on full remote, and our state is not currently permitting the full remote option this year. This variable means, depending on class size, social distancing will be similar or less than last year, and at least 3 feet. The second variable is extracurricular activities (a positive!). Last year, we didn't offer any. This year, we are. This means an increase in interaction between students of various classes. We believe it can be done safely, and for input, have looked to high schools, which offered extracurricular activities last year. The third variable is Delta, which is more contagious than last year's variants. This means continued emphasis on our layered mitigations, including masks (required at all times), distancing, hygiene, sanitation, ionizers, ventilation, and our families helping by checking their children for symptoms and keeping them home when they show symptoms, per the Health Assurance form in Genesis Parent Portal. We are no longer doing temperature checks every morning. Our families are proactive, and last year showed that our parents kept children home when they had a fever.



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As a reminder, like last year, lunch is outside every day in elementary school, and only in inclement weather is inside in the classrooms and cafeteria to maximize distancing. Like last year, lunch in middle school is inside every day, in the cafeteria and other spaces, to maximize distancing. We expanded from 2 to 3 lunch periods at Marlton Middle School to increase distancing, as MMS's cafeteria is a bit smaller than DeMasi Middle's.

[Gnoming Around Town](#)

This super fun activity just came my way and will be posted soon on our [Community Activities](#) webpage. It's called [Gnoming Around Town](#), and is organized by local Girls Scout Troop #28518. I encourage you to check it out! This [Halloween Pet Parade](#) flyer sponsored by the same troop will appear on our webpage soon as well.

Friendly reminders

- Please check Genesis Parent Portal for your child's bus route info.
- The [Evesham Backpack & School Supplies Collection Drive](#) ends tomorrow August 20. Supplies may be dropped off at our Town Hall on Tuckerton Rd. Thank you for all your contributions!
- Vaccination Walk-In Opportunities
 - Mondays, from 2 PM to 6 PM, at the Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center, 53 Academy Drive, Westampton (drive-thru clinic);
 - Tuesdays, from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Palmyra Community Center, 30 West Broad, Palmyra;
 - Wednesdays from noon to 4 PM at the Weimann Building, 400 Delanco Road, Edgewater Park;
 - Thursdays from 3 PM to 7 PM at the Bordentown Township Senior Center, 3 Municipal Drive, Bordentown.

Save the Date! [Evesham Cultural Day, Oct. 17](#) (more info to come)

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith
Superintendent of Schools