

## **Evesham Township School District**

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Dear ETSD Staff and Families.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

-- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

<u>Highlights</u>: Jan. 18 Community Conversation about Hate follow up and video link; New COVID Testing site in Evesham starting today; Change to NJDOH definition of fully vaccinated for ages 12+; Evesham Education Foundation Fundraiser Feb. 25; Updated CDC mask information; Friendly reminders from prior Updates.

### Jan. 18 Community Conversation about Hate follow up and video link

The video recording of our Community Conversation about Hate is linked below: https://www.jlink-snj.org/jcrc/videos/conversationabouthate

(On the bottom right of the video there is a close captioning button that can be clicked on) Many thanks to panel participants Congressman Andy Kim, Mayor Jacky Veasy, Rabbi Jerry David of Temple Emanuel, Missionary Wakas Khurshed of Al-Nasr Mosque, Father Joe Wallace of Christ the Redeemer Parish, and Priest Sudhir Jha of India Temple Association, as well as to the Jewish Community Relations Council of Southern New Jersey and Helen Kirschbaum, the Director of their Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Education Center, for their work to make this conversation possible. Additional info that may help as we think about ways to continue these conversations:

- Ideas/Steps: <u>jcrcsnj.org/100waystoendhate</u>
- Books compiled by the Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Education Center that are age appropriate for grades K-5 and may be helpful as ways to talk with younger students about kindness and diversity
  <a href="https://cdn.fedweb.org/fed-14/2/JCRC%2520Book%2520Synopsis%2520Version%252011">https://cdn.fedweb.org/fed-14/2/JCRC%2520Book%2520Synopsis%2520Version%252011</a>.
  4.21.pdf
- Suggestions from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) on talking with students about hate and violence around them:
  <a href="https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/discussing-hate-and-violence-with-children">https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/discussing-hate-and-violence-with-children</a>
- Opportunity on International Holocaust Remembrance Day to learn and be inspired by how one person made a difference: <a href="https://jcrcsnj.org/un">https://jcrcsnj.org/un</a>
  - https://jfr.org/rescuer-stories/edmonds-master-sgt-roddie/



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Each school is communicating with students and families about actions and activities related to the Great Kindness Challenge next week (Jan. 24-28).

#### New COVID Testing site in Evesham starting today

Starting today, COVID testing at the Blue Barn, 1004 Tuckerton Rd., Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 8 am - 2 pm, and Sun, 12 pm - 6 pm. More information here: Burl Co COVID Testing Sites.pdf

#### Change to NJDOH definition of fully vaccinated for ages 12+

Per the Jan. 19 guidance update linked below (p. 11-12), effective Feb. 1, close contacts who have to quarantine will also include ages 12 and older who completed the primary series of covid vaccination but have not received a recommended booster shot when eligible. Up to now, ages 12 and older who completed the primary series but have not had the booster when eligible did not have to quarantine. Parents of ETSD students ages 12 and older, please email your school nurse if you have questions regarding this change and/or booster eligibility.

NJDOHRecommendationsForLocalHealthDepts\_K12Schools 1.19.22.pdf

#### Evesham Education Foundation Fundraiser: "Double Down on Evesham Education" Feb. 25

This February 25, join a night of fun at The Mansion in Voorhees featuring casino-style games, food, DJ, baskets, auctions, a limited-seating Poker Tournament, and more. Please visit the Evesham Education Foundation website to purchase tickets and for more details including sponsorships available. https://eveshameducationfoundation.org

Evesham Education Foundation is a vital, non-profit organization run by dedicated community and business leaders that raises money for the students and schools of Evesham, funding programs including the Coordinated Arts Program for Primary Students (CAPPS), the Genesis Counseling Program, the Metamorphosis Program, Literacy Support Program for Primary Grade Students, Tier III Enrichment Extensions, Art Goes to School, Smart Boards, and Sports Uniforms.

#### **Updated CDC mask information**

Thank you for your cooperation in helping our students be well-masked.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/effective-masks.html

Masks are required for students and staff in all NJ schools. NJ's mask mandate in schools was extended last week likely for at least 30 days through Governor Murphy's reinstatement of the public health emergency. My 1.18.22 Update incorrectly said 45 days.

https://www.nj.com/education/2022/01/nj-could-still-drop-school-mask-rules-later-this-year-murphy-said-i-think-theres-a-real-shot.html



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#### Friendly reminders from prior Updates

- Community Activities: <a href="https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community/activities">https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community/activities</a>
- Weather-Related Information for ETSD Parents, 2021-22
- Free Dental Services for Ages 13 & Under, 2.4.22
- Feb. 25–Evesham Education Fundraiser <a href="https://eveshameducationfoundation.org">https://eveshameducationfoundation.org</a>

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools