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Dear ETSD Families,

Highlights: Schools Update; First Responders Day; Staffing Needs and Pay Rate Increases; Diwali Celebration Nov. 12; Yards Sciences; Community Activities; Friendly reminders; State Marching Band Championship at Cherokee tomorrow.

Schools Update

This week has been a great illustration of this year so far. It is school, after all. School, with Halloween Parades, back with gusto after a one year hiatus. Thank you to our PTAs for all their work in helping this fun happen. School, with visits all month from our Evesham Fire Department, which has done educational programs for every elementary grade, every school. Thank you to our Evesham Fire Department and Fire Inspector Doug Borgstrom for that awesome support. It is school, with Red Ribbon Week activities all this week that promote a drug free and healthy lifestyle and why it's important to stand together against drugs. Common elements include theme days, like one day wearing red, another day wearing the same color by grade to emphasize teamwork against drugs, and more, like food drives, poster contests, and ribbon decorating. We invite families to partner with us and discuss this message at home. A special shout out to the Evesham Alliance for their help and support of our district's Red Ribbon Week.

I have received a few reach-outs from parents regarding the availability of vaccination for ages 5-11, and I am excited to share that our district is in communication with our state health department about hosting vaccination clinics in each of our elementary schools (in part to make the process as comfortable as possible) at the earliest opportunity available, for families with children ages 5 and up. I will provide further information as this takes shape.

First Responders Day

Yesterday, Oct. 28, was First Responders Day nationwide. I would like to recognize all our ETSD staff, parents, and community members who serve as First Responders, whose job is to respond immediately (first) when there is an accident or emergency. It is people, individuals, who through varied roles of service help stitch and strengthen communities together. Thank you all First Responders for the important work you do within Evesham and throughout our region.



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Staffing Needs and Pay Rate Increases

An increase in pay rates for many support staff roles was approved at last evening's Board meeting. If you have any interest in joining our district staff team, the need (and now the pay) has never been greater. Please feel free to check our [Employment Opportunities](#) website and contact our Personnel Director Rich Dantine with any questions (his contact info is in the flyer linked below). And, it will not cost anyone a penny to join us as a bus driver. We will provide the training and cover the cost of the license and fingerprinting. We greatly appreciate any interest!

[ETSD Staffing Needs and Pay Rates effective 11.1.21 Flyer](#)

Diwali Celebration Nov. 12

It is exciting to share about the upcoming [Evesham Diwali Celebration](#) on Nov. 12 at 6:30 pm at the Gibson House. The celebration is free, and all are invited. Our community is so vibrant, I am really looking forward to this event, see you there!

Yards Sciences

Just around the corner in Mount Laurel, there is a company, Yard Sciences, that focuses on biomolecular and genetical engineering, human anatomy and physiology, and surgical subspecialties for high school and middle school students. Their goal is to help students have fun and learn new things. I met the doctors who run it while at Evesham's Cultural Day, and it was wonderful to see and learn how authentic and application-driven their programs are, embedded in the real practice of science and medicine. The website <https://yardsciences.com/> shares about the programs available.

Community Activities

New postings include a Little Chiefs Lacrosse Clinic and a College Admissions workshop.

https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities

Please Note: the Evesham Police Trunk or Treat at Savich Field has been moved to Friday, Nov. 5 due to inclement weather. Time: 6 - 9 pm.



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Friendly reminders

- [Free COVID testing site in Medford](#)
- **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.

And lastly but not leastly, if you are looking for great local events, tomorrow is the State Marching Band Competition (35 schools!) all day and evening at Cherokee HS! Cherokee performs at 7:30 pm. More info at: <https://www.chsbb.com/>. Our district is proud to support this event. One Evesham!

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith
Superintendent of Schools