



# Evesham Township School District

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March 3, 2022

Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

Highlights: Women's History Month: Women in Leadership; School Zone Shift; Masks Optional Starting Monday, March 7; Rice principal position transition; Friendly reminders from prior Updates.

## **Women's History Month: Women in Leadership**

To mark the start of Women's History Month this March, I would like to highlight that women fulfill important leadership roles throughout our district, from our Board of Education President Lea Ryan to our Board members Marianne Cappello, Trish Everhart, Janis Knoll, and Jamie Lee, who together are a majority of our Board. They balance their Board responsibilities along with their many other important roles in their families, professionally, and more. Furthermore, half of our district administrators are women, across director and supervisory roles and principal and assistant principal positions. The value of each person's contributions cannot be overstated as it takes many minds and hearts working together to achieve our mission of helping children. And that work, that teamwork, includes our district community. Women in leadership are the driving force within our PTAs, as all of our PTA Presidents are women, as are nearly all the members of every school PTA Executive Board. And that work, that teamwork, includes our larger town community and the valued leadership of women including Mayor Veasy, Deputy Mayor Cooper, Councilwoman Espinoza, and Councilwoman Hansen. The topic is personal for me in part as my mom was an educational leader as a superintendent, principal, guidance counselor, and teacher.

## **School Zone Shift**

Starting with the 2022-23 school year, the Barton Run neighborhood will attend Marlton Elementary School (MES), and no longer attend Rice Elementary School. The families of rising 5th graders (current 4th graders) in Barton Run have the choice for their children (including any younger siblings) to continue at Rice for one more year in 2022-23 or begin at MES in 2022-23. This shift is being made for several reasons. Among our elementary schools, Rice has the largest enrollment, and MES has the most available space. This shift will make enrollment at both schools about the same. MES is our most recently built school, and its classrooms are the largest elementary rooms in the district. This shift frees up classroom space at Rice, which is currently at capacity, for other purposes including possible implementation of full day kindergarten for all at no extra cost (free FDK) in any future year. Starting in 2022-23, this freed up space at Rice will enable our kindergarten autism program to move from Jaggard to Rice, enabling students in our preschool autism program (based at Rice) to remain at Rice for an additional year in kindergarten. This shift of the kindergarten autism program from Jaggard to Rice also frees up classroom space at Jaggard, which is currently at capacity, for other purposes including, again, possible implementation of full day kindergarten for all at no extra cost (free FDK) in any future year.



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This Barton Run zone shift will happen in conjunction with one other zone shift explained in the Feb. 24 Board meeting preliminary budget presentation, namely, the shift of the students residing west of Greenbrook Dr. to attend and walk to DeMasi Elementary School (DES) instead of attending and being bused to Beeler Elementary School. As with the Barton Run shift, the families of rising 5th graders (current 4th graders) west of Greenbrook Dr. have the choice for their children (including any younger siblings) to continue at Beeler for one more year in 2022-23 or begin at DES in 2022-23. This shift frees up classroom space at Beeler for future needs, including possible implementation of full day kindergarten at no extra cost (free FDK) in any future year. More communication will be shared with the families in those specific zones.

## Masks Optional Starting Monday, March 7

As a friendly reminder, starting on March 7, masks will be optional throughout Evesham Township School District, including on school buses. It is an individual choice. No one, student to student, staff to student, student to staff, any person to any person, should pressure another individual in any way about wearing or not wearing a mask. As always, let us let kindness, understanding, and common courtesy be our guide. And as always, please continue to monitor your children for symptoms and keep them home if symptomatic.

Please note:

- As much as eagerness as there may be to move beyond masks, it cannot be ruled out that masks could be required again at some point, for example, through a statewide determination.
- Staff are not responsible for ensuring students wear or don't wear masks.
- Masks will still be required in certain instances such as:
  - during days 6-10 for any individual returning from quarantine due to close contact or covid positive status.
  - if a student is displaying signs of sickness in the school nurse office.

## Rice principal position transition

After the current school year ends in June, Ms. Kelly Camm, Rice principal, will return to her prior role as Supervisor of Curriculum. She has admirably fulfilled the role of principal since assuming that position in February, 2021. The need for excellent school leadership is always great, perhaps never more than it has been in the pandemic. Her service as principal to Rice students, staff, and community, and our district as a whole, has been and continues to be vital and appreciated.

The Rice principal position will be posted soon. Search input surveys will be shared with Rice staff and families over the coming days, among other steps. The anticipated timeline is to recommend Rice's next principal at the April 28 Board of Education meeting, enabling a July 1, 2022 start date.

## Friendly reminders from prior Updates

- COVID testing at the Blue Barn, 1004 Tuckerton Rd., NEW SHORTENED HOURS: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 10 am - 2 pm, and Sun, 1 pm - 5 pm. [Burl Co COVID Testing Sites.pdf](#)
- [March 24—"All In" Disabilities Awareness Night](#)



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- NEW EVENT, SAVE THE DATE: April 2, 8 am, [1st Annual Poker Run](#)
  - [https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community\\_activities](https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities)

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith  
Superintendent of Schools