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June 24, 2022

Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

**Best wishes to all our ETSD 8th graders graduating today! You make us proud!
(DMS 5:30 pm, MMS 7:30 pm, Cherokee field, all welcome)**

New date: [Marlton Day, July 17](#)

Highlights: Superintendent Comments from June 23 BOE meeting; Evesham Child Care Fall Registration Information for Families of K-G4 Students; Free Summer Meal Program thru Prince of Peace Church; Evesham Township July 4th Parade; Upcoming Opportunities.

Superintendent Comments from June 23 BOE meeting

After all those wonderful student presentations, with 63 students recognized, including 57 Student Council fifth-graders who raised nearly \$4,000 for a K-9 memorial for Evesham Police, I will try to keep my remarks short and sweet. These students recognized tonight are Change Makers. Speaking of change makers, earlier today, 6ABC news aired a segment about a project created by one of our 4th graders, Natalie Rogers, to raise funds for the non-profit organization RefugeeStrong, after reading the book *When Stars are Scattered*. If you would like to watch the inspiring segment, we shared it out via our ETSD Twitter @EveshamSchool. She and her friends sold their handmade loom bracelets at the school's book fair and raised a total of \$501.79 with the motto, "Every penny counts." With the help of the Van Zant PTO, the author of the book, Omar Mohamed, visited the school to talk with the whole 4th grade (The author was a refugee and is the creator of RefugeeStrong. The book is his story.) *When Stars are Scattered* is a core literature book in grade 4.

And speaking of Change makers, I would like to recognize Teddy Bear Academy and TBA Director Leah Perlmutter for 2 recent accomplishments. Teddy Bear Academy was approved for a \$60,000 NJ American Rescue Plan Stabilization grant. The funds can go to past, present, and future operational costs. Furthermore, 26 TBA staff members each earned a \$1,000 Retention Bonus Grant by completing extra voluntary training, through a grant for licensed child care centers in NJ. So that makes \$86,000 in alternative funding secured by Teddy Bear Academy staff this Spring. Ms. Perlmutter and our TBA staff have been working hard all year to support our families, and this grant is a deserved support for them in turn.



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To reiterate key points about a couple current topics, our Health curriculum will be updated this summer per the most recent NJ curriculum standards. Our district will share that updated curriculum with all families in the 2nd half of August, along with the annual information from our Curriculum Office regarding the option to opt out. For our #1 District Goal of Full Day Kindergarten, our district will be forming a stakeholder committee in late summer that will begin meeting after school resumes. And our middle school graduations are Friday, June 24 at the Cherokee field, DMS at 5:30 pm and MMS at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to cheer on our awesome 8th graders, no tickets needed.

Lastly, I would like to recognize the work of every person who has been integral to supporting our students this year, from our staff in all roles who went above and beyond each day, to our dedicated Board of Education, our PTAs/PTO, Evesham Education Foundation (with its most successful Golf Classic ever this June), Township leadership, local community organizations, and all of our parents and families. It took, and takes, a village, and ours is called Evesham. Our district wishes all our staff and families a wonderful and well-deserved summer.

Evesham Child Care Fall Registration Information for Families of K-G4 Students

Families of K-G4 students interested in registering for ECC (before and after school child care) for the coming school year, please see this important [Evesham Child Care - Fall Registration Information](#) letter from ECC Director Leah Perlmutter.

Free Summer Meal Program thru Prince of Peace Church

[Prince of Peace Lutheran Church](#) is preparing for the fifth year of its Free Summer Meals Program. The Summer Meal Program will run June 21st to September 2. Families can pick up bagged meals at the church during their regular food pantry hours: Mondays 5-7 pm or Thursdays 9-11 am. This free program provides students with bagged breakfast, lunch, and snacks for five days a week. All food is individual serving size and shelf stable. This [POP Summer Meal Flyer](#) shares more info.

Thank you Prince of Peace for this service for our students and families!

Evesham Township July 4th Parade

Our Township would love to have our students and families join in the July 4th Celebration Parade. Colorful clothes along with fun and appropriate music are encouraged. The parade will be held on Monday, July 4th at 11 am. Anyone interested will meet in the parking lot of Marlton Greene Shopping Center around 10:30 am where there will be volunteers to guide and direct students and families to waiting spaces by school. School groups (teams, clubs, etc.) are welcome too. For more info or to register to walk in the parade, please contact Ken D'Andrea at kpd1@verizon.net.



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Upcoming Opportunities

- [Community Activities - Evesham Township School District](#)
 - New postings: Marlton Cross Country, MRC Field Hockey
- June 24 - 8th Grade Graduation at the Cherokee football field, 5:30 pm DMS, 7:30 pm MMS
- July 4 - Township 4th of July Parade...participation encouraged!
- July 17 - [Marlton Day](#) (rescheduled from June)
- July - ETPD [Junior Police Academy](#)
- Family Resource: [NJ Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund](#)

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith
Superintendent of Schools