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Dec. 16, 2022

Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

Highlights: Brick Build with the Cherokee Robotics Team!; Friendly reminders about 2022-23 ETSD Calendar; Staffing Needs; Superintendent Comments from Dec. 15 BOE meeting; Free/Reduced Lunch Application Packet 2022-23; Upcoming Prevention Plus Night Sessions; Friendly reminder for our 8th grade parents; Opportunities and Resources.

“Prepare the child for the road, not the road for the child.”

– Unknown

Cool upcoming event...[Brick Build with the Cherokee Robotics Team!](#)

Sat., Jan. 14, 12 pm - 2 pm, Grades 3-8...Registration Deadline Dec. 22 via link above

Friendly reminders about [2022-23 ETSD Calendar](#)

Friday, Dec. 23 is an early dismissal day. Monday, Jan. 2 is a full day of school. Jan. 2 is a school day so our school year can end Friday, June 16, pending weather. Any snow make-up days needed will be made up per the dates listed in the calendar linked above (also on our district homepage).

[Staffing Needs](#)

Among various roles for which we are currently seeking applicants, I'd like to highlight that we are in need of a part-time school nurse. Please see the link above for more info and to apply. Thank you to everyone who can help (lunch aide, bus aide, bus driver, classroom aide, ECC counselor, Teddy Bear Academy Assistant Teacher, and more).

Superintendent Comments from Dec. 15 BOE meeting

Informationally, I would like to let our families know that letters will be coming home next week along with the Individual Score Reports, or ISRs, from the Start Strong state assessment that was administered to students in grades 4 thru 8 in September. The reports are also available in



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the New Jersey Parent Portal. Parents must create an account to view the ISRs in that portal. This is the same portal that parents may have used to view their children's results from the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) earlier this year. Any parent who does not already have an account can use the claim code on the Start Strong ISR. This information will be in the letter home next week.

Among our district and school highlights since our last Board meeting two weeks ago, Van Zant held its 5th grade Student Council inauguration this morning, where the 14 students being inaugurated gave speeches about why they ran for Student Council and their ideas for the year, and thanked their families and friends for supporting their efforts. Deputy Mayor Heather Cooper attended and shared words of encouragement as well. I'd like to thank all the staff involved with Student Council, not just at Van Zant but at all our schools, for fostering leadership and service in our students, themes which are directly tied into our 5th grade Social Studies curriculum.

Among the Superintendent's items on the agenda, I would like to thank both the Evesham Township Administrators Association negotiations team and the Board negotiations team for their work together in coming to the terms of the new ETAA contract, 2023 thru 2026, in such an effective manner.

Lastly, I am very much looking forward to seeing many super talented ETSD alumni shining brightly in the cast and crew of "Elf The Musical" (tickets @ [Cherokee High School Theater](#)) tomorrow at 7 pm in the Cherokee Performing Arts Center. Tickets are still available for Friday night and Saturday night, which is Closing Night, but the shows are almost sold out, so act now to not miss out on this first-ever Cherokee production of Elf. It's important to recognize that those are ETSD alumni up there, once and always, and they found their voice here with us and carried it with them up to Cherokee, only growing in talent along the way.

Free/Reduced Lunch Application Packet 2022-23: reminder

[Free & Reduced Lunch Application Packet 2022-23](#). Please contact our Business Administrator John Recchinti at recchintij@evesham.k12.nj.us in case of questions.

USDA-provided free meals for all students ended with the start of the 2022-23 school year.



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Upcoming Prevention Plus Night Sessions

Our district is hosting Prevention Plus of Burlington County for 7 night sessions from January to February at Marlton Middle School. For more info: [Prevention Plus Event flyer.pdf](#) During this time, parents and students will attend activities to help build strengths of youth and families in order to address the challenges of children and adolescents, ages 9-14. Dinner, childcare, and visa gift certificates are involved. Space is limited. If interested, please contact Laura Mason, Blue House Counselor, masonl@evesham.k12.nj.us

Friendly reminder for our 8th grade parents

Cherokee course selections for incoming 9th graders (current 8th graders) are due by Friday, Dec. 23 at 12 pm. To complete this process, please visit <https://www.lrhhsd.org/Page/12196>.

Opportunities and Resources

- https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities
- Sat. Dec. 17 – [Free Food Distribution](#), 10 am - 12 pm
- Fri., Feb. 3 – [Give Kids a Smile](#) (free dental care)
- Fri., Feb. 10 – Double Down on Evesham Education fundraiser
 - [DD-sponsorship-flyer 2023.pdf](#)
 - [DD-sponsorship-registration-form-2023.pdf](#)
- Resources
 - [NJ Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund](#)

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith
Superintendent of Schools