



# Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

**Highlights:** Superintendent Comments from Dec. 1 BOE meeting; Inclusive Schools Week, Dec. 5 - 9; Cherokee's Fall 2022 Show "Elf the Musical"; Free/Reduced Lunch Application Packet 2022-23; New Hires Including Two New Principals; Opportunities and Resources.

## **Superintendent Comments from Dec. 1 BOE meeting**

I'd first like to highlight a few points of light among our schools since our last Board meeting. Our district-wide Winter Concert schedule started today with Jaggard, followed by our other schools throughout these next few weeks leading up to Winter Break. I'd encourage all our families to attend, and I'd like to thank our district's entire Music Department for their efforts in making these events possible and so wonderful.

Today was also the opening day of registration for our [full day kindergarten program](#) and [preschool integrated program](#). Deadline is Feb. 17th. More information available under the Parents Welcome tab on our website. Just a reminder, our district's #1 goal for the 2022 to 2025 school years is to make free full day kindergarten, no more tuition-based kindergarten, a reality for all district families for the start of Sept. 2024, via a ballot question next Fall in 2023. Our district will share more information about the ballot question and next steps in this effort after we finalize our tentative budget this coming March.

Another point of light was DeMasi's first-ever Thanksgiving Dinner for DeMasi ESL students and their families, held on Tuesday, Nov. 22 in this very cafeteria. Special thanks to ESL teachers Allison Spence, Sara Smith, and Rob Fox for making it happen, as well as other paraprofessionals and teachers including Dr. Maria Krzdlo, and huge thank yous to the DeMasi staff as a whole for generously donating the food. The warm smiles and togetherness felt that evening among the families was a great illustration of not only what Thanksgiving, that special American holiday, is all about, but also what our district is all about.

That ends my public comments, thank you Mrs. Ryan. I will reserve a bit of time for two later spots in the agenda, once to read a thank you letter when we get to Donations, and then again to speak a bit about our two new principal recommendations.



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## **Inclusive Schools Week, Dec. 5 - 9**

Join us in celebrating Inclusive Schools Week, Dec. 5-9, 2022. Inclusive Schools Week is an opportunity to celebrate the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population. Since the beginning of time, unity and connection have been essential to thriving communities...together we are ALL stronger! The theme for this year is Unity Within Our Community. What does inclusion mean to you? Click [here](#) to view the virtual exhibition from the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education (NJCIE) that showcases what inclusion means to our students (ETSD submissions account for 42% (!!)) of the entries statewide, evidence of our community's positive level of engagement). Save the date for our next ETSD Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) meeting and parent training on December 13th @ 6:30PM. Click [here](#) for more info.

## **Cherokee's Fall 2022 Show "Elf the Musical"**

**Tickets going fast!** Dec. 9, 10, 16, 17 at Cherokee's Performing Arts Center. 7 pm start. Tickets (\$15) at <https://www.cherokeedrama.org/>. Incredible cast, crew, and production!

## **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](mailto: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.*

## **New Hires Including Two New Principals**

First, I'd like to thank each and every person who's joined our district recently, every new ECC counselor, clerk typist, lunch aide, Teddy Bear staff member, classroom aide, bus driver, computer technician, custodian, and more. We thank you for joining our district, for serving others, especially children, in important ways. In particular, I'd like to highlight 2 new appointments from last night's Board meeting, both effective Feb. 1: Traci Bowles, as the new principal of Marlton Elementary School, and Beverly Green, as the new principal of DeMasi Middle School and DeMasi Elementary School. They shined their way through paper screening, then an interview with our Cabinet, then an interview with staff and parent stakeholders from DeMasi Middle, DeMasi Elementary, and Marlton Elementary, along with



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other components. Ms. Bowles is currently a principal in Lumberton, and Ms. Green is a principal in Logan Township. Both bring a diverse range of administrative experience, along with a strong work ethic, care, and commitment to serving students and families and supporting staff in that work as well. It is the best possible outcome of our search process that they are joining the MES/DES/DMS communities and our district community as a whole.

## Opportunities and Resources

- [https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community\\_activities](https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities)
- 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