



# Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

Highlights: Evesham Education Foundation “Double Down on Evesham Education” Feb. 10; Superintendent Comments from Jan. 26 BOE meeting; School Board Appreciation Month; New Jersey Conservation Poster Contest; Opportunities and Resources.

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

– Unknown

**SAVE THE DATE: [ETSD District Wide Hiring Fair, Feb. 9, 5:30 pm - 8 pm](#)**

## **Evesham Education Foundation “Double Down on Evesham Education” Feb. 10**

This February 10, join a night of fundraising fun at The Mansion in Voorhees featuring casino-style games, food, DJ, baskets, auctions, a limited-seating Poker Tournament, and more. Please visit the Evesham Education Foundation website to purchase tickets and for more details including sponsorships available. <https://eveshameducationfoundation.org/events/> Evesham Education Foundation is a vital, non-profit organization run by dedicated community and business leaders that raises money for the students and schools of Evesham, funding programs including the Coordinated Arts Program for Primary Students (CAPPS), the Genesis Counseling Program, the Metamorphosis Program, Literacy Support Program for Primary Grade Students, Tier III Enrichment Extensions, and technology. [Any staff, parents, community members interested in volunteering at the event, please let me know via smithj@evesham.k12.nj.us](mailto:smithj@evesham.k12.nj.us), and many, many thanks for your help.

## **Superintendent Comments from Jan. 26 BOE meeting**

This week, our schools are participating in The Great Kindness Challenge this week, which is a national campaign. And Kindness counts and matters every week in ETSD. Each school is celebrating kindness this week in various ways, from whole school meetings at Rice, to compliment cards at Beeler, to a coin drive at Jaggard, to sharing ways to be kind over the announcements, and ways to promote kindness and courage (another district theme this year) at school and at home. Thank you to all our staff for their passion, dedication, and creativity when it comes to helping our kids learn and show kindness. Your words, tone, and example carry tremendous weight.



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All of us together, students, staff, families, community members have a common stake in spreading kindness. In a world where much can seem beyond control to influence in a positive way, the "micro-moments" of countless daily interactions, as opportunities to lift each other up, is one variable we can control (to choose to be patient, to be kind), and individually and collectively they truly matter.

As this month is School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey, on behalf of our district, and personally, I would like to express deepest thanks to our Board of Education, for their countless hours and tireless work, all voluntary, in dedication to the best paths forward for our children, whose education and growth is nothing less than the most important responsibility as human beings.

Lastly, I would like to plug 2 important upcoming events, Feb. 9, 5:30-8 pm at Rice, our district is hosting a job hiring fair. A chance to learn more about various roles in our district, and get help with applying as desired.

And the very next night, Friday Feb. 10, is the Evesham Education Foundation's annual gala fundraiser, Double Down for Evesham Education night, at the Mansion in Voorhees, 7 pm to 10:30 pm, all proceeds benefiting Evesham students. See you there!

## School Board Appreciation Month

I'd like to pass on these comments, these windows, shared by our Board President Lea Ryan at last evening's meeting:

"January 2023 is the annual School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey, a time to raise public awareness of the roles and responsibilities of local boards of education and to thank your community's school board members for their efforts. I couldn't lead this school board without the support and help and diligence from all the members here, so I just wanted to say a few words about each of our members..."

Dave Bock, newly elected BOE member, has a son in the 2nd grade. He is currently on the Technology and Finance committees and is the Community Outreach Chair. He will be serving as the board liaison for Town Council and Planning Board. Dave will also be the board representative on the SEPAG committee.

Tracy Fox is also a newly elected BOE member and has a daughter in high school. She is currently on the Curriculum and Community Outreach committees. She will be serving as the alternate liaison for MRC, Town Council, and Rap Room.

Bill Thompson is also a newly elected BOE member and has two children under 2 who will be entering the school district in the next couple of years. He is currently on the Policy and



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Community Outreach Committees. He will be serving as the board liaison for EEF and MRC. Bill will also be the board representative for NJSBA.

Jamie Lee is currently serving her 2nd year as a BOE member while finishing her degree at the University of Delaware. She is currently on the Curriculum Committee and Chairperson of the Policy Committee, which will be good practice for Law School. She will be serving as the board liaison for the Human Rights Advisory Council.

Marianne Capello is serving her 3rd year as a BOE member and has four children of various ages. She is currently on the Policy and Technology Committees. She will be serving as the Chairperson of the Curriculum Committee, something she works at in her daily life.

Aneesh Kanthan is serving his 4th year as a BOE member. He is currently Vice President of the BOE and as such serves on the Personnel/Negotiations Committee with the President. He serves as a de facto member of the Community Outreach, Finance, and Technology Committees. He also serves as the leadership advisor for various board liaisons.

Janis Knoll is serving her 6th year as a BOE member. She is currently serving on the Finance Committee and is chairperson of the Technology Committee. Janis also serves as the Board representative on the Rap Room and is an alternate representative on the SEPAG committee.

Joe Fisicaro is serving his 14th year as a BOE member. He was the former BOE President and brings unlimited knowledge and experience to the current board. He is currently serving as the Finance Committee chairperson and will also serve as the Board representative when the ballot question is proposed to the public.

I appreciate every single member of this Board of Education. Many thanks to you this month and throughout the year.”

To add a few words about Mrs. Ryan, she is currently serving in her 2nd year as Board President, and 6th year on the Board. As such she serves on the Personnel/Negotiations Committee and as a de facto member on the Curriculum and Policy Committees as well as the PTA/PTO Liaison. And her three children are all graduates of ETSD!

## [New Jersey Conservation Poster Contest](#)

This annual contest, sponsored by the NJ Department of Agriculture, the NJ Association of Conservation Districts and the Burlington County Soil Conservation District, aims to promote a better understanding of the connection between natural resources and humans, in a fun and creative way that engages students throughout the county, state and nation. Entry deadline: 4 pm, March 10, 2023. More info via the link above.



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## Opportunities and Resources

- [https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community\\_activities](https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities)
  - New additions! Spring Soccer, YMCA of the Pines, Voorhees Summer Theater
- Fri., Feb. 3 – [Give Kids a Smile](#) (free dental care)
- Thurs., Feb. 9 – [ETSD District Wide Hiring Fair](#)
- Fri., Feb. 10 – Double Down on Evesham Education fundraiser
  - [DD-sponsorship-flyer 2023.pdf](#)
  - [DD-sponsorship-registration-form-2023.pdf](#)

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools