

Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

<u>Highlights</u>: Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) survey; Lunch Aides Needed!; Message from ETSD about our students attending Cherokee football games; NJ Dept. of Human Services Survey; October Abilities Recognition Month Calendar and events continued!; Opportunities and Resources

Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) survey

Please take a moment to complete a short survey under the "Forms" tab in <u>Genesis Parent Portal</u> for our district's special education parent advisory group. Deadline: Sat. Oct. 29, 9 am. SEPAG: is a state-mandated, district level/parent driven group to provide input on special education and related services within the district; helps improve educational outcomes for all students; helps identify unmet needs or improve upon current needs being met; helps shape the development of programs and services; and improves district culture and climate.

Lunch Aides Needed!

Any parents looking to earn extra money and help our students, please consider becoming a lunch aide. Lunch aide is a great first position for anyone looking to get involved with helping our district, it's just a few hours a day, and doesn't interfere with getting kids off to school or back home. Any interest and/or questions, please contact Personnel Director Rich Dantinne at dantinner@evesham.k12.nj.us. Pay = \$15/hour, ETSD Staffing Needs. We greatly appreciate every single person who can help.

Message from ETSD about our students attending Cherokee football games

ETSD is happy to see so many future Chiefs in attendance at Cherokee home football games. However, many elementary and middle school aged students who attend the games are unsupervised. To ensure everyone's safety, in cooperation with Cherokee, we are kindly requesting an adult accompany their ETSD child to the football games. Thank you in advance for your help in keeping these football games such positive community events.



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NJ Dept. of Human Services Survey

The Institute for Families is inviting community members to complete a brief survey in their preferred language, about experiences accessing social services. The survey is available via this link: https://tinyurl.com/jrt86s6d. The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Office of New Americans (DHS-ONA) is working with the Institute for Families (IFF) at Rutgers University to find out how people who live in New Jersey who speak limited to no English are accessing social services from the department, including nutrition (SNAP), childcare, domestic violence, housing and shelter, economic assistance (emergency cash assistance), aging, mental health and addiction, healthcare (NJ Family Care), and disabilities. The goal of this project will be to inform language access practices to increase access to services for individuals who speak limited to no English. If you have any questions about this effort, please feel free to contact Joy Melendez, NJ Dept. of Human Services, at Joy.Melendez@dhs.nj.gov

October Abilities Recognition Month Calendar and events continued!

October Abilities Recognition Month continues this week with the 3rd Week Exercise Challenge, symbolic to Trisomy 21, the clinical term for Down Syndrome. Everyone is encouraged to exercise 3 times a week for 21 minutes for 3 weeks or 3 times for 21 minutes over 3 weeks (outside of Physical Education class). This challenge is meant to support and bring awareness to some of the physical challenges people with Down Syndrome and disAbilities have. Part of the challenge can include using the opposite hand or foot in activities, or even gym class so students can appreciate how easily they can do things as well as realize how challenging and how much they have to work to do the same activity they normally do but with their opposite hand or foot. The hope is that students realize how hard others with disAbilities have to work just to do some of the things that are easy and/or come natural to them. Remember today to post photos of participating in this challenge to events@evesham-nj.gov and indicate "10/21 3rd Week Exercise Challenge". Please check in tomorrow at 10:21 am on the Evesham Township Facebook Page...plenty of photos to like and share. Remember, prizes will be given for the most liked photos!



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Opportunities and Resources

- Community Activities Evesham Township School District
- Fri., Oct. 21 <u>Evesham Police Trunk or Treat</u>, 6 8 pm
- Fri., Oct. 21 <u>DeMasi PTA Cornhole Tourney</u>
- Thurs. Oct. 27 <u>Cherokee High School Open House</u> (for 8th grade families)
- Sat., Oct. 29 <u>Trunk or Treat for Children with Special Needs</u>, 12 pm 2 pm
- Sun., Oct. 30 <u>Little Chiefs' Trunk or Treat</u> (NEW!!)
- Resources
 - NJ Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund
 - <u>Inspiring Life Together</u>: 501(c)(3) public charity with a mission to provide practical goods and services to women and their families while they are undergoing treatment for breast cancer (founded by ETSD parent)

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools