



# Evesham Township School District

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October 28, 2022

Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

**Go Phillies!!**

**Congrats to all our Spanish 1 students and teachers  
for their fantastic, first-ever “Night at the Museum” this past Wednesday!**

**New Upcoming Event! [K9 Memorial Unveiling, Newest K9 Welcome, Nov. 6, 12 pm](#)**

**Highlights:** Superintendent Comments from Oct. 27 BOE meeting; Help improve walking and biking safety; Township Safety Grant; Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) survey; Lunch Aides Needed!; October Abilities Recognition Month Calendar and events continued!; Opportunities and Resources

## **Superintendent Comments from Oct. 27 BOE meeting**

I'll keep my comments brief this evening given that we already had 2 presentations.

In the past 7 days, our ETSD community has had both a student and a parent critically injured as pedestrians by motor vehicles, two separate accidents, two different areas of town. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families now and ahead.

This is heartbreaking. I would just ask, for all of us, and anyone we know, please, let's drive slower, let's keep our heads up and eyes forward, let's do what we can to keep our roads and walkways safe. Especially as the days get shorter, it gets dark earlier, and the weather gets worse.

My Update for Staff & Families tomorrow will have information and a [survey link](#) from The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. [DVRPC](#) serves as the regional planning agency for the Greater Philadelphia area, providing guidance and assistance to build a sustainable and livable region. DVRPC is currently seeking input from all Marlton residents specifically to create a safer pedestrian and bicycle network. They use this information to develop recommendations and work together with our county to improve safety. I would encourage everyone to take a moment to complete this survey and add your voice. That ends my comments, thank you Mrs. Ryan.



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## Help improve walking and biking safety

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) is conducting a Downtown Bike and Pedestrian study for Burlington County in Marlton, Maple Shade, and Mansfield/Columbus. The Commission is interested in understanding where people walk and bike—and where they avoid walking and biking. Feedback provided by residents will be used to evaluate existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the downtown areas of Burlington County. The study will end on November 30th, 2022. For more information about the study and to submit your feedback, visit the [study webpage](https://publicparticipation.dvrpc.org/burlington-bicycle-and-pedestrian/maps/biking-and-walking-survey-from-downtown-maple-shade-evesham-marlton). Study link:

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## Township Safety Grant

Thank you to our Township for providing our district with a grant of nearly \$12,000 for security cameras! This grant was approved at yesterday's Board meeting. Our district is upgrading all security cameras throughout the district. This work started last year and is expected to be completed by the end of this school year.

## Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) survey

Please take a moment to complete a short survey under the "Forms" tab in [Genesis Parent Portal](#) for our district's special education parent advisory group. Deadline: tomorrow, 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, 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 Dantine at [dantinner@evesham.k12.nj.us](mailto:dantinner@evesham.k12.nj.us). Pay = \$15/hour, [ETSD Staffing Needs](#). We greatly appreciate every single person who can help.



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## October [Abilities Recognition Month Calendar!](#)

October [Abilities Recognition Month](#) continues this week with the 4th Week Kindness Challenge for October 28th! Today is the perfect day to start, it's our 3 Random Acts of Kindness Challenge. For this challenge, we ask that you perform 3 Random Acts of Kindness for this week. Ideas: You can write down and take a photo of what you did for someone else that was kind and/or you can take a photo of yourself or someone else being kind to another. Remember, you can always perform a random act of kindness for a parent, family member, friend, teacher, associate, and anyone. Then, email your photos to [events@evesham-nj.gov](mailto:events@evesham-nj.gov) and indicate "10/28 Random Acts of Kindness Challenge" by today. Please check in Saturday 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!

## Opportunities and Resources

- Sat., Oct. 29 – [Trunk or Treat for Children with Special Needs](#), 12 pm - 2 pm
- Sun., Oct. 30 – [Little Chiefs' Trunk or Treat](#) (before the Eagles game!)
- Resources
  - [NJ Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund](#)
  - [Inspiring Life Together](#): 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