

Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

<u>Highlights</u>: Holiday Message; Check out our latest ETSD Staffing Needs Flyer!; Friendly reminder, Monday, Jan. 2 is a full day of school; New Jersey Conservation Poster Contest; Free/Reduced Lunch Application Packet 2022-23; Opportunities and Resources.

"Prepare the child for the road, not the road for the child."

- Unknown

Cool upcoming event...<u>Brick Build with the Cherokee Robotics Team!</u>
Sat., Jan. 14, 12 pm - 2 pm, Grades 3-8...<u>Registration Deadline today!</u>

Holiday Message

I'd like to share a message for our ETSD Community adapted from my Holiday Message to Staff, as the work of our district is in tandem with the work of our families, toward a common mission of helping children grow. What a year 2022 has been. If we can think back, it started off with the absolute peak of COVID in early January, followed finally, at long last, by the state mask mandate ending in March, which meant for some of our staff and students, for the first time, getting to see full faces of people they'd spent two years with in school. That all seems like well more than just a year ago. And this year, with very appreciated support from our families, everyone, all staff, all roles, are working as hard as ever, to establish a new normal, to continue to help students find success within full school routines, expectations, structures, and learning, a process composed of millions of moments, one to one interactions, a student and a staff member, and within our larger community, a student and a parent, a coach, a neighbor, as it truly takes a village. The lessons and takeaways from those interactions are always ongoing, and become part of the fiber of every child's being, how they understand what it means to be a person, a person in a community, and how they themselves should be. A person of kindness? A person who listens? A person who leans into what they do, investing effort and care?

Thank you to all our staff and families for every investment made in another person, in a student, in any member of our community, daily, hourly, "minutely"...each of those moments matters, alone and also cumulatively, as they add up to a giant lever of human connection that, in the spirit of Archimedes, can move the world.



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Thresholds, spatial or temporal, like the passage from one year to the next, can be opportunities to pause and reflect. If we pause for a moment under the stars one evening before January, may we take strength and renewed vigor for the work ahead, of our district, of our larger Marlton community, for the work that will outlast us all, which is raising children to be capable for the roads ahead, capable of contributing to communities just like ours, and much, much more.

Check out our latest **ETSD Staffing Needs** Flyer!

I'd like to highlight that we are in need of a part-time school nurse, as well as lunch aides, bus aides, bus drivers, classroom aides, ECC counselors, Teddy Bear Academy Assistant Teachers, and more. Thank you!

Friendly reminder, 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 <u>2022-23 ETSD Calendar</u> (also on our district homepage).

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.

Free/Reduced Lunch Application Packet 2022-23: reminder

<u>Free & Reduced Lunch Application Packet 2022-23</u>. Please contact our Business Administrator John Recchinti at <u>recchintij@evesham.k12.nj.us</u> in case of questions. <u>USDA-provided free meals for all students ended with the start of the 2022-23 school year.</u>



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Opportunities and Resources

- 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