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March 17, 2023

Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

Highlights: Tentative Budget Presentation, March 16 BOE meeting; Superintendent Comments from March 16 BOE meeting; Opportunities and Resources.

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

– Unknown

“Be Kind. Be Very Kind.”

– T-Shirt worn by an ETSD student

“Kindness Is Power”

– T shirt worn by an ETSD student

Upcoming Events

Legally Blonde Jr. the Musical, tonight 7 pm, tomorrow 1 pm & 6 pm, DeMasi

March 21– For World Down Syndrome Day, **Let's Rock Some Mismatched Socks in ETSD!**

District Wellness Night, March 22, 6:30 - 8 pm, DeMasi

ETSD SEPAG General Meeting, March 30th, 6 PM, DeMasi library

Teddy Bear Academy Open House, April 1

Tentative Budget Presentation, March 16 BOE meeting

Our Board of Education approved our 2023-24 tentative budget last evening. Our 2023-24 Final Budget Presentation will be at our April 27 Board of Education meeting. I would encourage everyone to view last night's tentative budget presentation, which runs from about 1:11:00 to 2:00:45 in the video linked here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7z8rBptN0s0> The presentation powerpoint is available on our [website](#) and is best understood by watching the presentation via the youtube link above.



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Superintendent Comments from March 16 BOE meeting

I will keep my Comments brief this evening as I talked plenty during the Tentative Budget Presentation. I can't resist plugging two exciting district events, first DMS's great spring musical, Legally Blonde Jr. with 3 performances: Friday, March 17th at 7 pm, Saturday, March 18th at 1 pm, and Saturday, March 18th at 6 pm. We are here in the Marlton Middle School cafeteria, prompting me to wear my Mustang maroon tie, because the DeMasi cafeteria is prepared for this great show.

The second event I'd like to announce is the return of our fabulous District Wellness Night next week on March 22, 6:30-8 pm at DeMasi. This event is designed to promote the overall health and well-being of adults and children alike. Students and their families will have opportunities throughout the night to learn about healthy eating, participate in fitness or mindfulness activities, read to our district therapy dogs (they are celebrities) and talk with various health experts covering topics such as: dental health, mental health, nutrition, child anxiety and more. Hope to see you there!

One last note related to wellness...3 years ago today, March 16, 2020, was a Monday, and was the first day that all schools were closed in the state of NJ due to the pandemic. Our district—our administrators, our teachers, our support staff—leapt into action to make that forced scenario of remote learning as rewarding as possible throughout Spring 2020, and then did the same through the rest of the pandemic, starting in September 2020 when we came back in person at the earliest moment possible, with full days of school and livestream instruction from Day 1 on and throughout. Every day I am grateful to our staff for their incredible work throughout that entire long period, every bit of effort, that matters so much to kids today and every day of their lives.

With that knowledge, I'd like to reinforce for all of us, staff, families, and the community, the importance of showing kindness, and keeping a calm mind. We can be sources of wellness for each other, through how we treat each other, through the kindness and calmness that we share and model.

Opportunities and Resources

- https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities
- <https://www.booksmiles.org/> (local resource)
- **Mar. 9:** [Youth Advisory Council Open House](#), 6:30 pm, Municipal Building
- **Mar. 22:** District Wellness Night, 6:30-8 pm, DeMasi



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- **Apr. 1:** [Teddy Bear Academy Open House](#), 10 am - 12 pm
 - **Apr. 22:** 2nd Annual Black Run Preserve Poker Run
 - [BRP Poker Run - Register Today.pdf](#)
 - [PokerRun2023.pdf](#)
 - [2023 BRP Poker Run Map Flyer.pdf](#)
 - **June 5:** [EEF Larry Kull Memorial Golf Classic](#)
 - **June 15:** 8th Grade Graduation, DMS 5:30 pm, MMS 7:30 pm, Cherokee Performing Arts Center

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools