



# Evesham Township School District

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March 31, 2023

Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

Highlights: Bring Your Child to Work Day, April 27; 2023-24 Budget: New Walking Zones; 2023-24 ETSD Calendar; 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

**April 7-16: Schools Closed, Spring Break**

**Apr. 22: 2nd Annual Friends of the Black Run Preserve [PokerRun2023.pdf](#)**

**June 5: [EEF Larry Kull Memorial Golf Classic](#)**

## **Bring Your Child to Work Day, April 27**

Staff and parents, please note, our district will be participating in Bring Your Child to Work Day on Thursday, April 27, after a pandemic-induced pause for the past few years. Our schools will be sharing more information.

## **2023-24 Budget: New Walking Zones**

Last week's Update highlighted our budget's two separate proposal questions: the first for tuition-free full day kindergarten for all, and the second for additional mental health services for elementary and middle school students. This week's budget highlight is several new walking zones starting for the 2023-24 school year. Why new walking zones? 1) due to state aid reductions, our district has to reduce costs; 2) our district has a shortage of bus drivers. [Anyone interested in learning about becoming an ETSD bus driver, please contact me, and thank you for your interest. Our district provides all training and pays all fees. Great way to make a positive difference. All our drivers can earn health benefits if willing to work more than 30 hours a week.]



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Our district and our Township have been communicating about new walking zones for the past two years. Safety features (e.g. crossing guards, crosswalks) are a top priority and will be added/enhanced per ongoing determinations. Many thanks for Township's work with this. This year, new walking zones were implemented for DeMasi Elementary and Rice. This coming year, per our 2023-24 budget, new walking zones will be added for Jaggard, MMS, and Van Zant. Additional zones may be needed in future years. The March 16 tentative budget presentation provides details and runs from 1:11:00 to 2:00:45:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7z8rBptN0s0>. Watching it is the best way to understand the [presentation powerpoint](#). Slides 14-19 show the new walking zones. Our 2023-24 Final Budget Presentation will be at our April 27 Board of Education meeting.

## [2023-24 ETSD Calendar](#)

Next year's school calendar, approved at our March 16 Board meeting, is now available linked above on our website. Highlights: 1) no scheduled delayed openings (increases consistency for students, reduces burden on families); 2) the staff in-service traditionally scheduled on the first Tuesday in June due to primary election voting in our schools is instead scheduled for the Friday before Memorial Day weekend. Our district is working with our Township on moving election voting out of our schools (June primary and November general election) and to alternate locations in town. If this process is not completed by 2024, we may shift that May 24 in-service back to Tuesday, June 4. Our Township's effort here is greatly appreciated.

## Opportunities and Resources

- [https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community\\_activities](https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities)
- <https://www.booksmiles.org/> (local resource)
- **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



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Justin Smith  
Superintendent of Schools