



# Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

Highlights: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week; Seeking Submissions for Inspirational Video for Staff Opening Day 2023; Help Improve Walking and Biking Safety; 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

**NEW: [Junior Upstander Award Opportunity for Grades 4 & 5 \(deadline May 25\)](#)**

**May 19, 20, 26, 27: [Cherokee's “The Addams Family!”](#)**

**May 22 - June 5: [ETSD Art Show, Art Show Gala Opening, May 22, 5 pm](#)**

**June 4: [Marlton Day 6.4.23](#)**

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

**June 27: [ETSD ECC Hiring Event \(ages 16 and up\)](#)**

**[ECC Registration now Open! \(deadline Aug 20\)](#)**

## **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**

Countless thanks to our Teachers and Staff for all their hard work every day all year, and so valuably supporting the growth of our students. Within the larger context of losing 49% (and counting) of our state aid over the past years, the pandemic, the rising challenges of social media/technology, mental health, increasing student needs, and more, the choice to work in education, to serve students, has become even more important, and deserving of appreciation. Careers in education are opportunities to actualize what may be the highest intrinsic rewards: the knowledge of a life having meaning for others, as part of a team of individuals working toward the same...those hours, years, decades, invested in giving, are part of how we move forward and upward as a larger community. With gratitude and appreciation to all our staff and teachers for that service!

Huge, heartfelt thanks as well to our PTAs/PTO for their creativity and care in celebrating our staff this week through positive messages, displays, treats, prizes, and so much more! The embodiment of appreciation!



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## Seeking Submissions for Inspirational Video for Staff Opening Day 2023

*Are you an ETSD Graduate with a story to share about staff who made a difference for you?*

As part of planning an Opening Day In-Service Kickoff on Aug. 30 with All Staff Together for the first time in 20 years, our district is looking to put together a video of graduates talking about their ETSD experiences, and how our staff made a difference in their lives.

Please spread the word, we'd love to hear from as many graduates as possible. Thank you!!

Anyone interested, two options for how to contribute...1) email your video (any format) to Cindy Esposito at [espositoc@evesham.k12.nj.us](mailto:espositoc@evesham.k12.nj.us) or 2) stop by our Administration Building (25 S. Maple Ave.) anytime and record your video with us.

Submission Deadline: Monday, June 5      Ideal video length = +/- 30 seconds

## Help Improve Walking and Biking Safety

Please feel free to provide feedback on The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)'s recommendations for improving walking and biking safety in Marlton:

<https://publicparticipation.dvrpc.org/burlington-bicycle-and-pedestrian/brainstormers/downtown-access-public-feedback-marlton> (then click "View More" to see the maps)

These recommendations were developed in part via your feedback submitted via surveys I shared in prior Updates (11.4.22, 10.28.22) and other means. DVRPC visited the MMS PTA meeting in April and will visit Beeler's May PTA meeting for more ideas, and will be at the [Evesham Library on May 11](#). DVRPC's support is 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)
- [South Jersey Innovation Center](#) (great place for chess player development too)
- **June 5:** [EEF Larry Kull Memorial Golf Classic](#)
- **June 6:** [Marlton Baseball Night at the Phillies game](#)
- **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