

**Evesham Township School District** 

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September 30, 2022

Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

Fri., Oct. 7: Back to School Movie Night, Savich Field, 7 pm (see flyer Movie Night in the Field - Oct 7.pdf for more info)

<u>**Highlights:**</u> October Abilities Recognition Month Kick Off and Challenges; One Additional Day, Oct. 7, of anticipated bus delays due to traffic detour; Opportunities and Resources

#### **October Abilities Recognition Month Kick Off and Challenges**

The Evesham Township Disability & Veterans Affairs Advisory Board would like to invite everyone throughout October to celebrate Abilities Recognition Month here in Marlton. Our district is excited to take part! All month our Township will be celebrating individuals living with Visible and Invisible disAbilities as well as recognizing October as an Awareness Month for Down Syndrome, National disAbility Employment, Physical Therapy, Rett Syndrome, and Spina Bifida, recognizing Mental Illness Week from Oct. 2-8 as well as Oct. 6 World Cerebral Palsy Day, Oct. 8 World Physical Therapy Day, Oct. 10 World Mental Health Day, Oct. 13 National Depression Screening Day, and Oct. 22 International Stuttering Recognition Day. At 10:21 am each day this month, the Advisory Board will post challenges, info, interviews, and videos celebrating individuals with Visible and Invisible disAbilities on the Evesham Township Facebook page. Everyone is invited to check in daily to see, like, and share the posts.

The month is full of fun weekly challenges! Oct. 2-8 is the Physical Therapy Posture Challenge (Posture Matters & What is a school physical therapist). For our students, staff, families ... let's get ready, stand up straight and tall with our shoulders back, keep our head level, and in line with our body, then have a picture taken! Please post your photos to <u>events@evesham-nj.gov</u> by Friday each week by 3:21 pm for the weekly challenges and indicate which challenge you are posting your photo for (e.g. for next week reference your photo "10/7 Physical Therapy Posture Challenge"). Visit the Evesham Township Facebook Page each Saturday at 10:21 am to like and share your photo so you can win a prize. The photos with the most likes will win. Then, check back on Monday mornings at 10:21 am to see if your photo won. The Advisory Board and our school district thank everyone for participating in these activities for October! All are encouraged! More info including about upcoming challenges will be shared in future Updates.



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- Fri., October 7th, Physical Therapy Posture Challenge
- Fri., October 14th, Mismatched Sock Challenge
- Fri., October 21st, 3 Week Exercise Challenge exercise 3 times a week for 21 minutes a time outside of gym
- Fri., October 28th, Kindness Challenge

<u>Highlights tomorrow, Oct. 1</u>: At 10:21 am the Evesham Twp Facebook Page will premiere the interview with MMS students Giulianna Rinaldi, Ben Cohen, Lukas Petrakis, and Jacqueline Stalcup, along with Giulianna's aide Mrs. Keane. Please visit the Facebook page again at 3:21 pm for other interviews with individuals who have Down Syndrome and their family members. First, an interview with Advisory Board members Dr. Erin Sappio and Kimberly Touch Rinaldi, talking about raising her daughter Giulianna Rose. Next, an interview with former Advisory Board member Marilyn Tana and Samantha Connolly on how Samantha celebrates World Down Syndrome Day. Then, an interview with former Advisory Board member Steve Baselice as he talks about life with his brother Danny. Lastly, an interview with ETSD Special Education teacher Nicole Hall. Also, informational posts including: Down Syndrome and What to Say and Not Say; Recommended Language When Discussing Down Syndrome; Valuable Resources Re: Down Syndrome; and more.

### One Additional Day, Oct. 7, of anticipated bus delays due to traffic detour

An additional day, Friday, Oct. 7, is needed for this road work to be completed. *Monday, Oct. 3 will no longer be used.* Construction will be 9 am - 3 pm to avoid rush hour traffic. There may be some PM and mid-day bus route delays as a result. Location: North Elmwood Road northbound at Main Street, resulting in a detour of northbound traffic on Elmwood Road from Main Street towards Route 70. Southbound traffic will flow freely. Detour route = Old Marlton Pike to Troth Road (Detour Route map). An officer on extra-duty traffic direction will be at the intersection.

### **Opportunities and Resources**

- Community Activities Evesham Township School District (new: Art Goes to School)
- Thurs. Oct 6 Fri. Oct. 7 Jaggard's 50th Birthday Celebration
- Fri., Oct. 7 Back to School Movie Night sponsored by Evesham Education Foundation at Savich Field, 7 pm
- Sat., Oct. 8 Evesham's Annual Cultural Day, 11 am 3 pm



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- Vendor Application
- Food Vendor Application
- Performer Application
- Thurs., Oct. 20 <u>BCIT Discovery Night</u>, 6 8 pm (for 8th grade parents)
- Fri., Oct. 21 Evesham Police Trunk or Treat, 6 8 pm
- Sat., Oct. 29 Trunk or Treat for Children with Special Needs, 12 pm 2 pm
- 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