

Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

<u>Highlights</u>: Tentative Budget Presentation, March 19 BOE meeting; Briarwood MMS Walking Zone starting Monday, April 8; Friendly reminder, How to Help with our Budget Challenges; Lunch and bus aides needed!; Events, Activities, and Resources.

Events and More

March 20, 5:30 pm start, MMS-<u>All In Evesham Disability Awareness Event</u>, fun for all Including the <u>All-In Disabilities Awareness Kickball Game</u>

April 13, 8 AM, Rice-Black Run Preserve Poker Run, great local event

May 3 deadline, "All In" Poster Contest, https://www.njcie.org/poster-contest, New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education (NJCIE)

May 3, 5 pm start, Gibson House—Acton Children's Business Fair for all children in Grades 4 – 12 who already have a business or an idea for a business. Open to children to think about hobbies and things they like to do and turn it into a business. 3 categories, G4-G6, G7-G9, G10-G12. Cash prizes for the top three winners of each age group who move on to "Shark Tank" style event on May 16th.

ETSD 2023-24 Calendar Updated w/Snow Make Up Days applied

Tentative Budget Presentation, March 19 BOE meeting

Our Board of Education approved our 2024-25 tentative budget last evening. Our 2024-25 Final Budget Presentation will be in late April/early May (exact date TBD). I'd encourage everyone to view last night's tentative budget presentation, which starts at 41:20 linked here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqfqh2RnLkY&t=3s

The presentation powerpoint linked <u>here</u> will be posted on our website tomorrow and is best understood by watching the presentation via the youtube link above. Due to the length of the budget presentation, the slides about preschool will be shared at a later date.



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Briarwood MMS Walking Zone starting Monday, April 8

MMS will be sending more information to families affected. The crosswalk and signage were recently completed. This walking zone was originally slated to go into effect at the start of this school year.

Friendly reminder, How to Help with our Budget Challenges

Here are some steps anyone can take to help with our budget situation.

- Using our voices. All voices help--community voices even more than administrative (e.g. superintendents') voices.
 - Contacting state elected officials: <u>Sample Email to NJ Officials</u>
 - Receiving district webpage with links to NJ legislator contacts: https://www.lrhsd.org/Page/10200
 - Sign up to testify before the Senate and/or Assembly Budget
 Committees. I'll be testifying on behalf of our district on March 26.
 - https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/budget-hearings-registration
 - Developing a Fair Funding Committee. Local example: https://www.facebook.com/FairFundingCH/
- Using our "time, talent, and treasure" to support the great work of our PTA/PTO organizations.
- Supporting the Evesham Education Foundation
 (https://eveshameducationfoundation.org/), a non-profit formed to enhance the academic experience for all ETSD students.
- Donating directly to our district via our three-tier <u>ETSD Donation Form.</u>

Lunch and bus aides needed!

\$17 an hour. Apply to be a Lunch Aide! Apply to be a Bus Aide!

Events, Activities, and Resources

- https://raproom.org/home: Local resource to help and advocate for families and their loved ones struggling with alcohol and drug addiction.
- BookSmiles volunteer opportunity for students 16 years and older
- https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities: New additions!



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Sincerely,

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