



Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Families,

Highlights: Evesham Township Backpack/School Supplies Drive; Vaccination Opportunity at MMS August 4; Masks Survey Reminder; School Bus Advertising; Community Activities; Recognition of Service to the Children of our Town.

I hope this Update finds all of you, our families, well and enjoying summer.

Evesham Township Backpack/School Supplies Drive

Our district is delighted and grateful to partner with our Township in support of a backpack and school supplies collection drive, going on now through August 20. For more information, please see the [Evesham Backpack & School Supplies Collection Drive flyer](#). Monetary donations are welcome as well. Thank you in advance to everyone who can contribute in this effort to help all students be ready and prepared for school. Collection sites are at the Township Municipal Building, the Gibson House, and our Admin Building.

Vaccination Opportunity at MMS August 4

Our district is hosting a walk-in vaccination opportunity for anyone ages 12 or older at Marlton Middle School from 1 pm to 4 pm on Wednesday, August 4. Our district encourages vaccination against covid. Hosting a clinic is a way to help make vaccination as easy as possible, in the familiar and comfortable setting of our school grounds. Individuals under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. For more information, please see the event flyer [MMS Walk In Vaccination Clinic Flyer 8.4.21.pdf](#) or our [ETSD website](#).

Masks Survey Reminder

Friendly reminder, the deadline for the short (one question) masks survey in our [ETSD Genesis Parent Portal](#) is next Wednesday, August 4. So far, parents have completed the survey for 37% of our students. 58% of the completed responses support masks optional for students, and 42% support masks required for students. Since, per the NJ Dept. of Education [2021-22 Health and Safety Guidance](#), it is a local district decision to what extent, if at all, masks are required in schools, it would benefit our district to know the percentage of parents favoring masks being optional or required for students. Your responses will help us in considering our district's approach, along with the NJDOE's further guidance



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anticipated this summer. Our [ETSD Safe Return Plan](#), like all districts' plans, is a living document subject to change due to state guidance updates.

Following yesterday's announcement by the CDC regarding masking, Governor Murphy and NJ Dept. of Health Commissioner Persichilli today strongly recommended that vaccinated and unvaccinated residents wear masks in indoor settings with increased risk, i.e. crowded indoor settings involving activities with close contact with others who may not be fully vaccinated and/or whose vaccine status is unknown. Note: Only this survey is available in Genesis at this time. Our traditional Back to School forms will be released mid-August per our yearly process.

School Bus Advertising

Opportunities are still available to advertise on our buses! Added pluses of advertising can include, for example, having a bus parked in front of your business or elsewhere, for increased visibility. Open to ideas about how to help the advertising work for you, please feel free to contact us. For more info:

- Home | SchoolBusAds.org
- [Bus Advertising Cover Letter March 2021.pdf](#)

Community Activities

New postings on our [Community Activities](#) webpage for kids, including running/track, community service, and MRC softball and football!

Recognition of a Life of Service to the Children of our Town and Beyond

Our town recently lost a great man, Mr. Larry Kull. Mr. Kull served on the Board of the Evesham Education Foundation since its founding in 1995. He was a very generous supporter of EEF and efforts to help the children of Evesham over decades. His civic involvement was tremendous, encompassing not just EEF but also numerous other charitable organizations and initiatives including Cherokee turf fields, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, the Technical School of Cumberland County, and many more. The greatness of our town is rooted in the greatness of the people who live and work here. Mr. Kull created many points of light in and beyond Marlton that will continue to shine for years to come.



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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