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Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

-- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Highlights: Mask mandate update; Opportunity to thank a teacher; Opportunity for Families: Learning about Dyslexia, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 5 pm; Community Input Meeting for Residents Who Experience Disabilities, Feb. 15; Friendly reminders from prior Updates.

Mask mandate update

Noting the significant decline of statewide COVID-19 metrics, Governor Murphy announced this week that, effective March 7, 2022, masks will no longer be mandated in schools and childcare centers. Starting Monday, March 7, Evesham Township School District will go mask optional, based on individual choice, and continue to assess and evaluate based on data as part of ongoing consideration of all aspects of what we do. Masks would still be welcome and encouraged. My Feb. 4 Update for Staff & Families addressed this topic as well. The NJ Dept. of Health will release updated guidance later this month. Our district will communicate additional information with staff and families over the time ahead.

As a friendly reminder, Executive Order 251 requiring masks in all NJ schools, and all Executive Orders, have the weight of law. All NJ districts are responsible for enforcing masking until March 7, less than a month away. EO251 is a legal obligation for districts, not a choice. If a parent refuses for their child to wear a mask in school, the child will be sent to the main office, and the school will contact the parent to pick up their child. Thank you for your continued support.

Opportunity to thank a teacher

Sharing this great opportunity for a student, parent, or staff member to thank an ETSD teacher by nominating them to be a Phillies All-Star Teacher. From the nominations, 10 All-Star Teachers will be selected to be honored on the field before the May 6th Phillies-Mets game (also Teacher Appreciation Night) at Citizens Bank Park. Nominations are due Friday, March 18, with details at www.phillies.com/teachers. So many who deserve this honor!



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Opportunity for Families: Learning about Dyslexia, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 5 pm

Our ETSD Learning Disability Teacher/Consultants will be presenting about this topic via Google Meet for interested families. Please see this [Dyslexia Presentation flyer.pdf](#) for more info.

Community Input Meeting for Residents Who Experience Disabilities, Feb. 15

Township residents who experience disabilities are invited to share information about their experiences in Evesham during an upcoming Evesham Township Community Input Meeting on Feb. 15 at 1 pm. The meeting is also open to family members of those who experience disabilities and other residents who want to contribute to this important conversation. The in-person portion of the meeting is in the Evesham Township Municipal Building. To attend virtually, use this Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_b7wXq8nSRH2bAFQ6jbhGOW

Learn more via this [Community Input Meetings](#) flier or our township website:

<https://evesham-nj.org/government/news/531-evesham-to-host-community-input-meetings-for-residents-who-experience-disabilities-on-jan-31-and-feb-15>

Friendly reminders from prior Updates

- COVID testing at the Blue Barn, 1004 Tuckerton Rd., Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 8 am - 2 pm, and Sun, 12 pm - 6 pm. [Burl Co COVID Testing Sites.pdf](#)
- https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities:
 - New addition: Spring Rec Baseball registration till Feb. 15. Fun program for all levels of play features the fast-paced Quickball for boys and girls ages 4-5 and baseball for kids 6-16. Season kicks off with “Spring Training” in late March followed by Opening Day April 23. Details and registration information at www.marltonreccouncil.org/marltonbaseball.
- [Weather-Related Information for ETSD Parents, 2021-22](#)
- Feb. 25–Evesham Education Fundraiser <https://eveshameducationfoundation.org>
- March 24–“All In” Disabilities Awareness Night

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith
Superintendent of Schools