



# Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

**Highlights:** Principal Retirements and Search Process; October Abilities Recognition Month Calendar and events continued; Opportunities and Resources

## Principal Retirements and Search Process

DeMasi Principal Irene Romanelli will be retiring on Feb. 1, 2023, after over 30 years in education. Among many milestones throughout that time, Ms. Romanelli began working in ETSD as a teacher in 1989, and became principal of DeMasi Schools in 2010. The radius of her positive impact includes countless individuals (students, staff, colleagues, families) as well as fostering a caring school culture where students are seen, heard, and valued. I say that not only as superintendent but also as a former DMS parent grateful for how DMS staff and administration helped my own kids navigate those middle years. That's what we strive for for all our students. Thank you Ms. Romanelli for your dedicated service to our kids and community. You will be missed.

DMS/DES parents and MES parents (as Mr. Feldman's retirement date has shifted forward from July 1 to Feb. 1, 2023), please take a moment if you would like to complete the principal search input survey in Genesis by next Friday, Oct. 24. DMS/DES/MES staff received an input survey today as well. These surveys will help in our search process. The goal is to recommend the next MES principal and the next DeMasi principal at our Nov. 28 Board meeting, to facilitate a smooth transition and Feb. 1 start date for those new school leaders. That said, if more time ends up being needed to identify the right candidates, we may use an interim principal at either school during the spring, and aim for a later start date (e.g. July 1, 2023). We know how important this transition will be.



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## October [Abilities Recognition Month Calendar](#) and events continued

Today marks our second Official Challenge Day, our Mismatched Sock Day Challenge! Remember to post photos wearing mismatched socks today to [events@evesham-nj.gov](mailto:events@evesham-nj.gov) and indicate "10/14 Mismatched Sock Challenge". This challenge is in celebration of individuals born with that extra chromosome that causes Down Syndrome. Socks? Yes, because chromosomes look like socks and the more unique the better! Please check in tomorrow at 10:21 am on the [Evesham Township Facebook Page](#)...plenty of photos to like and share. Remember, prizes will be given for the most liked photos! So fun!

## Opportunities and Resources

- [Community Activities - Evesham Township School District](#)
- Sat. Oct. 15 – [Walk to Fight Suicide](#), Laurel Acres Park, 9 am start (NEW!)
  - To register: <https://www.afsp.org/burlingtonco>
- Thurs., Oct. 20 – [BCIT Discovery Night](#), 6 - 8 pm (for 8th grade parents)
- Fri., Oct. 21 – [Evesham Police Trunk or Treat](#), 6 - 8 pm
- Fri., Oct. 21 – [DeMasi PTA Cornhole Tourney](#) (NEW!)
- Thurs. Oct. 27 – [Cherokee High School Open House](#) (for 8th grade families) (NEW!)
- 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