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Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

[Thank you video from our National Champion Marlton U10 baseball team](#) (awesome!)

SAVE THE DATE: Fri., Oct. 7: Back to School Movie Night sponsored by the Evesham Education Foundation, Savich Field, 7 pm (rescheduled from the spring)

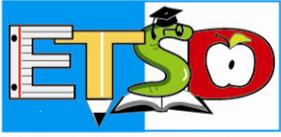
Highlights: Opening Message; COVID guidance; Back to School Nights 2022-23; Full Day Kindergarten Ballot Initiative; ETSD now hiring!; Opportunities and Resources (many new additions!)

Opening Message

School is just a few days away! It's been wonderful to have all our staff back this week as we prepare to welcome our students on Tuesday. I am sharing here with all our families my [Opening Message for Staff](#), as it highlights how the resources of not only our district but also our entire community with countless stakeholders support our teachers toward our district mission: student growth. As I say near the end of the video, the most important school-based factor in student growth is classroom instruction, is what happens in the classroom. Example of community support: the Evesham Township backpack/school supply drive is enabling 203 backpacks filled with school supplies to be distributed to students next week. Many thanks to all who donated, the Township of Evesham, and Hands Uniting Generations (HUGS), with special shout out to ETSD alum Madeline Miller for packing and organizing so many backpacks!

COVID guidance

Based on the [NJDOH guidance for schools released 9.2.22](#) today, masks continue to be optional. In-school contact tracing and notification letters ceased in March, 2022. Parents, please continue to monitor your children for symptoms and to notify the school nurse of any positive test result. Anyone regardless of vaccination status who tests positive must stay home for at least 5 full days after the onset of symptoms or, if asymptomatic, after the positive test



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(day of symptoms is day 0; if asymptomatic, day the test was performed is day 0). If they have no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 5 days and they are fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medication, they can return to school and must wear a mask for an additional 5 days (days 6-10) (including participation in any extracurricular activities). Please note: ETSD no longer offers remote classroom instruction for students home due to covid. Those students will have their teacher's Google classroom as a resource for asynchronous work, as with any other absence.

[Back to School Nights 2022-23](#)

We are excited to have our BTSNs in-person this fall for the first time in three years. Dates and times by school linked above. Our schools will share more info leading up to these nights.

Full Day Kindergarten Ballot Initiative

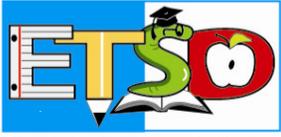
If interested in helping with our [District Goal #1, FDK for All](#), please email my secretary Cindy Esposito anytime at espositoc@evesham.k12.nj.us to let us know. Help will be needed especially starting in Spring 2023 thru November 2023 to "get the word out" around town, once the wording of the ballot question is finalized. Our district will draft the ballot question itself during this coming fall and winter, as we develop our 2023-24 budget, since this ballot question may also be needed for other items in addition to FDK, given our district's mission to support our students by maintaining our excellent educational programming despite the state aid reductions past, present, and projected.

ETSD hiring for many positions! For more info: [ETSD Staffing Needs and Pay Rates](#)

To apply: <https://www.applitrack.com/evesham/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1>

Free/Reduced Lunch Application Packet 2022-23 now available

NEW: School Nutrition Assistance (SNA) created a one-minute video in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) for families about school meal changes for 2022-23, to ensure that families who apply for free and reduced-price meals submit their applications as soon as possible. *The US Department of Agriculture program that provided free meals for all students during the pandemic will end with*



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the start of the 2022-23 school year. Any interested families, please complete ETSD's Free/Reduced Lunch application available now on the Food Services webpage on our district website, or via direct link here: [Free & Reduced Lunch Application Packet 2022-23](#). Paper copies are available in our schools' main offices. In case of questions, please contact our Business Administrator John Recchinti at 856-983-1800, ext. 5040 or via email at recchintij@evesham.k12.nj.us.

Opportunities and Resources

- [Community Activities - Evesham Township School District](#): new addition [Join Girl Scouts](#)
- Tues., Sept. 13 - Tues., Sept. 20 – ETSD [Back to School Nights 2022-23](#)
- Wed., Sept. 14 – [Join Cub Scout Pack 4049](#) for the kickoff to scouting, 6:30-8:30 pm
- 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
- Fri., Oct. 21 – [Evesham Police Trunk or Treat](#), 6 - 8 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 an ETSD parent)

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools