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September 23, 2022

Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

Fri., Oct. 7: Back to School Movie Night, Savich Field, 7 pm

(see flyer [Movie Night in the Field - Oct 7.pdf](#) for more info)

Highlights: National IT Professionals Day, Sept. 20; Superintendent Comments from Sept. 22 BOE meeting; Bus Drivers and Aides Needed, Continued; One Additional Day, Oct. 3, of anticipated bus delays due to traffic detour; Evesham Education Foundation fundraiser Annual Fall Dinner; Opportunities and Resources

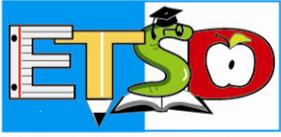
National IT Professionals Day, Sept. 20

Thank you to our entire technology department for the critical roles they play in supporting our teachers and staff and in managing and maintaining our technology systems and applications. This work, though often unseen, is essential to our district's operations and, by extension, our mission of fostering student learning and growth.

Superintendent Comments from Sept. 22 BOE meeting

I'd like to start by celebrating the excellent Back to School Nights that have been going on the past 2 weeks, and which just finished up last night. The magnitude of these is hard to overstate. For MS, for every parent, grade 6, 7, and 8, it was their first in person back to school night. For ES, for the majority of parents in the building, it was their first in person back to school night.

Another point of light: on the agenda for approval tonight is our first batch of extracurricular activities for the year. Our extracurricular programming is second to none. I'd encourage all families to talk with your children about signing up and discovering the fun, the belonging, the growth that comes with after school activities. The activities look a little different at each school depending on variables like staff availability and expertise. Gratitude to our staff who have committed to serving as advisors and coaches. Also among my items is the readoption of our Safe Return plan, which we updated due to having to re-adopt our emergency closure remote learning plan as required by the NJ Dept. of Education. Not that we plan to need it, but that emergency remote learning plan is required.



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I'd like to recognize that it is currently National Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from September 15 to October 15, and celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. Our Township's second-ever Evesham Cultural Day is taking place during this time frame, on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 11 am to 3 pm at Evesboro Downs Park. Anyone interested in volunteering and/or performing is encouraged to check out the registration links in my recent Updates, including tomorrow's Update.

Lastly I just want to thank our staff again because those first weeks (and we are now three weeks in) are such a critical time, such an inimitable time for making connections with kids, for personal relationship building. The bedrock, the foundation, of student growth for the entire year is laid in those first weeks. And I can't tell you how many times, as you move around our schools, you can see that happening in real time as kids make connections with teachers and staff of all roles, because it truly is a village effort in that way to help our kids really want to get up and come into school. And so thank you to everybody, from our bus drivers, to our teachers, to our paraprofessionals, to our administrators, clerk typists, secretaries, custodians, everybody, for seeing our kids, for hearing our kids, for valuing our kids, and making them feel that, so that they can learn. And that ends my comments, thank you Mrs. Ryan.

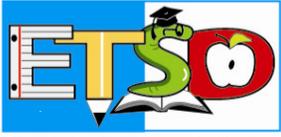
Bus Drivers and Aides Needed, Continued

Our district is in need of more drivers. All our drivers currently earn health benefits. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a bus driver, or learning more about it, please let me know. Our district provides all training and licensing at no cost. We have increased advertising and raised our driver hourly wage guide to bolster recruitment and retention, but the shortage remains, not just here in Evesham but statewide and nationwide. Note: we are also in need of bus aides (a great role, including for local college students).

One Additional Day, Oct. 3, of anticipated bus delays due to traffic detour

An additional day, Monday, Oct. 3, is needed for this road work to be completed. Construction will be 9 am - 3 pm to avoid rush hour traffic. There may be some PM and mid-day bus route delays as a result. Location: North Elmwood Road northbound at Main Street, resulting in a detour of northbound traffic on Elmwood Road from Main Street towards Route 70.

Southbound traffic will flow freely. Detour route = Old Marlton Pike to Troth Road ([Detour Route map](#)). An officer on extra-duty traffic direction will be at the intersection.



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Evesham Education Foundation fundraiser Annual Fall Dinner

Tickets and information are accessible via <https://eveshameducationfoundation.org/> or directly via this [EEF 2022 Fall Dinner Tickets link](#). Thanks EEF!

Opportunities and Resources

- [Community Activities - Evesham Township School District](#)
- Thurs., Sept. 29 – [EEF 2022 Fall Dinner Tickets link](#)
- Thurs. Oct 6 - Fri. Oct. 7 – [Jaggard's 50th Birthday Celebration](#)
- 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
 - [Vendor Application](#)
 - [Food Vendor Application](#)
 - [Performer Application](#)
- Thurs., Oct. 20 – [BCIT Discovery Night](#), 6 - 8 pm (for 8th grade parents)
- Fri., Oct. 21 – [Evesham Police Trunk or Treat](#), 6 - 8 pm
- 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