

# **Evesham Township School District**

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Dear ETSD Families,

This week's update highlights: Substitute Teaching Need and Pay Increase (again), EFF Food Drive this Saturday, Post Winter Break Learning Plans Survey Deadline Extension, 2020-21 Revised Calendar, Board Meetings Live-Streamed and In-Person, and important COVID items.

A special shout out to our school nurses this week, every week, for all they do to help keep our students and staff healthy and safe.

Every day of learning is something to celebrate.

### **Substitute Teachers Needed**

Our daily sub pay has increased for the third time this year, now to **\$140 per day**. Please spread the word among friends, relatives, neighbors, and more. All districts are struggling with filling positions during these challenging times. We can use all the help we can get. Staffing shortages is a reason some districts have had to go full remote.

If you are interested in substituting, please contact Darlene Yerardi (856-983-1800 x5104) about the application process. Substitutes must have at least 60 college credits or a N.J. Teaching Certificate. A great way to make a difference.

https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/departments/personnel/substitute teaching in evesham

#### **Evesham Education Foundation Food Drive**

Please consider helping Marlton families by donating canned or boxed dry goods, as well as paper products, at the EFF Food Drive this Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 AM - 11 AM, at RE/MAX Realtors, 28 N. Maple Ave., Marlton. A flyer about this event is linked on our website Community Activities webpage.

#### Post Winter Break Learning Plans Genesis Survey deadline EXTENDED till 12 pm tomorrow

This survey was shared with parents of Cohort R (full remote) students on Oct. 30. The initial deadline was yesterday, Nov. 11, but has been extended until 12 pm, tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 13 in order to enable as many responses as possible. Any non-response will be considered as "continued full remote" for our planning purposes. We will communicate with all parents of all Cohorts later this month about any/all changes starting in January.

For more information, please see the survey introduction communicated via my Update for ETSD Families 10.30.20.



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### 2020-21 Revised Calendar

I am recommending this <u>2020-21 ETSD Calendar revised Nov. 2020</u> for Board approval at our Nov. 19 Board meeting. The revisions are highlighted in green. Four Remote Learning Wednesdays (RLWs)--March 17, April 21, May 5, May 19--have been converted to regular in-person Cohort A and B days. This conversion benefits students by increasing in-person learning. Most RLWs remain for health and safety reasons and to support teachers in their work to support students.

### Live-Streamed and In-Person BOE meetings

Our Nov. 19 Board meeting will continue to be livestreamed via this link <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgJ8sj9tvlr-wtxMjz2plLw</u> and, for the first time since last spring, the public is permitted to attend in person. The public entrance is the side door to the DeMasi cafeteria, NOT the school's front door. Anyone attending in person must wear a mask, undergo a temperature check onsite, sign a health assurance form onsite, and observe social distancing at all times. Speaking during Public Comment is available for in-person attendees only at this time.

### **COVID Section**

Sept. 7-11 = Evesham Township averaged less than 1 new COVID case per day Nov. 7-11 = Evesham Township averaged 15 new COVID cases per day

## **Daily Attestation Reminder**

Just a friendly, periodic reminder to please continue monitoring your children for symptoms and temperature. This <u>ETSD Student Health Assurance Form</u> each family completed as a Genesis Back to School form lists the symptoms. We staff have completed the staff version of this form, and are monitoring our symptoms the same way. Another reminder, the temperature of every student and staff member in our schools is checked daily. Please continue to be vigilant and, if your child is exhibiting any symptoms or feels sick in any way, he/she should stay home and participate remotely if possible.

## **Quarantine States Reminder**

Just a friendly reminder for us all as we are considering trips during the holidays and any other time, please be mindful of this list:

https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/which-states-are-on-the-travel-ad visory-list-are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey

Students and staff travelling to these states have to quarantine for 14 days. Thanks for your continuing effort to try to avoid travel to these states (45 currently). The list has never been longer. New Jersey is a great state to vacation in!



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### Family Plan for if School Must Go Full Remote

Some districts are having to go full remote for individual schools or district-wide. This full remote possibility is ever-present. I would encourage each family to make plans for that contingency, just in case. Closure can occur with less than 24 hours notice. The typical minimum closure length is 2 weeks. The learning would continue with every student learning remotely from home. Every day, we balance the importance of in-person learning with the importance of health and safety.

Thank you as always for reading to the end. I am sending this today instead of Friday due to the timeliness of some items above.

Thank you,

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Dr. Justin Smith Superintendent of Schools