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Dear ETSD Families,

This week's update highlights: Community Holiday Resources, Township Thanksgiving Meals, 2020-21 Revised Calendar, Substitute Teachers Update, and Snow Days.

Every day of learning is something to celebrate.

Day 49 today. Every day, our teachers and students are deepening connections--teacher to student, student to student--that will sustain and keep our students learning and growing regardless of what may come in terms of temporary closure. Safety is always first. Each day brings new data, locally and in larger contexts, that we monitor and analyze. I am in daily communication with the county health department and superintendents from our region as we all work to make the best decisions. Every day, we balance the importance of in-person learning with the importance of health and safety.

Community Holiday Resources

Any time can be a time of food insecurity and other needs, especially during the pandemic and economic downturn. Please contact your school nurse as a resource if your family could use assistance. The efforts of our Township and community organizations to provide resources are greatly appreciated.

Township Thanksgiving Meals

Evesham Township, in conjunction with Marlton Rotary and the Evesham Veterans and Disabilities Committee, is offering free turkeys and pantry items for the Thanksgiving holiday. If you are interested, please RSVP by calling 856-988-4425 or emailing Covid19help@evesham-nj.gov. Please provide your name, address, telephone number. All information is kept confidential. Orders will be taken until November 25. Families can pick up the items from the [Gibson House](#), 535 E. Main St. 8 am- 4 pm, or arrangements will be made for deliveries.

2020-21 Revised Calendar

Please see our updated [2020-21 ETSD Calendar](#) approved at last evening's Board meeting. 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.



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Substitute Teachers Update

Our Board just approved new substitutes last evening, including recent Cherokee graduates and even at least one Shawnee grad, some of the Lenape District's finest. Exciting development! Thank you all for continuing to spread the word. We could really use more substitutes. If you are looking for a way to pitch in for our team effort--district and families--to keep our schools open, subbing is a huge help (plus, we pay \$140 per day). 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

Snow Days

In case of snow or inclement weather this winter, our district will use a full remote day for safety and so learning can continue, with staff and students at home. For Cohort R students, the day will be like any Cohort R day. For Cohort A students, the day will be like a Cohort B day. For Cohort B students, the day will be like a Cohort A day. For Cohort AB students, the day will be like any Cohort AB day, except remotely. Lenape Region districts, as well as many others state-wide, are using this approach. It enables us to preserve the continuity of learning and our calendar, with less disruption. More information will be shared prior to any snow day.

A happy and safe Thanksgiving to you all, from the Smith family.

This Thanksgiving will be the smallest one ever in our family, for safety reasons.

It will help us appreciate Thanksgivings past and future, and give thanks for the blessings in our lives. Among those for me, gratitude for our staff, our families, and the opportunity to serve.

Thank you,

Dr. Justin Smith
Superintendent of Schools