

Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Families,

Every day of learning is something to celebrate.

This week's update highlights:

- Our district will go full remote, all schools, after Winter Break from January 4 through January 8. The remote learning this week will be as during any prior full remote period this fall. The schools will share more information with you regarding this full remote week before Winter Break.
 - Key reasons:
 - To provide, preventively, days of social distancing after the holidays.
 - To prepare for implementation of our shortened day schedule on Monday, January 11.
- Our district will reopen, all schools, for in-person learning on Monday, January 11.
 - Key reasons:
 - Our mission is to serve students. Students benefit from the option of in-person learning.
 - September through December have shown in-person learning can be safe.
- Our five-hour shortened day schedule will begin on Monday, January 11 and end on Friday, February 26, pending March's weather. All school start times remain the same.
 - Key reasons:
 - Any schedule shorter than five hours means we cannot reliably meet busing needs district-wide and for AM/PM preschool and kindergarten and full day kindergarten. Staffing during the pandemic, in all areas of district operations including Transportation, has been challenging to maintain.
 - The shortened day will eliminate lunch and reduce the amount of time that masks are off in classrooms while eating occurs. There will be snacks.
- Our full day schedule will resume Monday, March 1.
 - Key reasons:
 - It benefits students.
 - It works well.

All changes come after much consideration. You will receive communication from your school during the week of January 4th with more information such as the daily schedule. There will be no ECC or Remote Learning Care January 4 through 8. Starting January 11, ECC after school will begin at the end of the shortened school day. Students in ECC will be able to eat lunch at ECC at school.



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January 11 -- February 26 Shortened Day School Hours

| School | Start Time | AM Kindergarten Preschool | PM Kindergarten Preschool | 5 Hour Day Dismissal | Full Day Kindergarten Dismissal |
|----------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Beeler | 8:41 | 8:41-11:17 | 12:29-3:05 | 1:41 | 3:05 |
| DES | 8:41 | 8:41-11:17 | 12:29-3:05 | 1:41 | 3:05 |
| Jaggard | 8:06 | 8:06-10:42 | 11:54-2:30 | 1:06 | 2:30 |
| MES | 8:31 | 8:31-11:07 | 12:19-2:55 | 1:31 | 2:55 |
| Rice | 9:01 | 9:01-11:37 | 12:49-3:25 | 2:01 | 3:25 |
| Van Zant | 8:11 | 8:11-10:47 | 11:59-2:35 | 1:11 | 2:35 |
| DMS | 7:26 | | | 12:26 | |
| MMS | 7:26 | | | 12:26 | |

Thank you for all of your voices and perspectives. Thank you for all you do to help in our team effort of district, schools, and families, in our mission of serving students. I wish all of you a wonderful Winter Break. 2021 has a nice ring to it.

Best wishes,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools