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Dear ETSD Families,

This update highlights: a mask decorating contest; reminders about quarantine state travel and our Community Activities webpage; the free/reduced lunch application link; the extension of free meals for all students by the USDA; and Rice principal Ms. Aronow's retirement.

## Mask Decorating Contest!

Starting today, all students are encouraged to submit photos/images of masks they have decorated via their ETSD email addresses and the school-specific links below.

The idea is to celebrate our students and their creativity and art talent and to help make mask wearing more fun. My incredible secretary Ms. Esposito and I will review all the masks to find extra special ones. Then each month I will visit the student artists at their schools to give them certificates and maybe get to be in photos with the students and even their awesome masks. The masks will be displayed via our website, social media, and other means. Let's see how many creative ways our kids can decorate (without obstructing airflow)!

The submission deadline is always the last Friday of the month (e.g. Friday, Oct. 30). All masks submitted up through the monthly deadline day will be considered for that month. Masks not selected will automatically be considered for future months and do not have to be resubmitted.

- [Beeler October Mask Decorating Contest Submission Form](#)
- [DES October Mask Decorating Contest Submission Form](#)
- [DMS October Mask Decorating Contest Submission Form](#)
- [Jaggard October Mask Decorating Contest Submission Form](#)
- [MES October Mask Decorating Contest Submission Form](#)
- [MMS October Mask Decorating Contest Submission Form](#)
- [Rice October Mask Decorating Contest Submission Form](#)
- [Van Zant October Mask Decorating Contest Submission Form](#)

Here are some resources regarding masks including decorating.

- <https://www.jdch.com/blog/2020/06/how-to-help-your-child-get-comfortable-wearing-a-mask>
- <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/coronavirus-masks.html>
- <https://www.summitmedicalgroup.com/news/living-well/children-and-masks-what-parents-should-know/#:~:text=You%20can%20also%20draw%20an,a%20mask%20to%20my%20child%3F>
- <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/COVID-19/Pages/Cloth-Face-Coverings-for-Children-During-COVID-19.aspx>



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## Friendly reminder about travel to quarantine states

Just a friendly reminder for all of us as we are considering trips this fall and beyond, to please be mindful of this list:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/which-states-are-on-the-travel-advisory-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. Jersey Pride!

## Community Activities webpage

Just a reminder about our new [Community Activities](#) webpage, one-stop shopping for community-related activities, announcements, and events.

## Free/Reduced Lunch Application

We would encourage all families to apply if they may qualify, based on the application's income level chart. The application is available on our homepage and linked below. Please feel free to contact your school principal or secretary anytime if you would like a hard copy.

[Free/Reduced Lunch Application](#)

## Extension of Free Meals for Students by USDA

All ETSD students (and nationwide) may receive free breakfast and regular lunch (no a la carte) through Dec. 31, 2020 (or earlier if federal funds run out). The meals are ordered just like all our meals. In-person meals are ordered in school by the students. Meals for remote students and for Remote Learning Wednesdays are ordered via [MyPaymentsPlus](#) (linked on our homepage) and are delivered each Wednesday. For more information on this program, please visit

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/news-item/usda-035520>

## Principal Retirement

I'd like to share a few words about Rice Principal Ms. Aronow, who yesterday announced she will retire on Feb. 1, as her positive impact has been district-wide through her administrative leadership in multiple schools. Beyond her great care, intelligence, and attention to detail, she acts and speaks with precision, a precision that brings this anecdote to mind.

A former law clerk for Ruth Bader Ginsburg recently wrote an article about how, when she submitted legal writings to Justice Ginsburg, she got them back full of comments and edits in the margins. She made it her goal to improve her work and, by extension, earn fewer comments. Over time, the comments dwindled, until finally, in what she described as the most powerful feedback she ever received, Justice Ginsburg returned a paper to her with just two words penned at the top... "Just Right."



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“Just Right.” As a principal, that is Ms. Aronow. Full stop.

To the Rice community--staff, parents, students--we know how important this transition will be. We will identify an interim principal for February through June 2021 and a new permanent principal to start July 1, 2021. Our district's process for finding the right principal will be highly purposeful and incorporate the input and perspectives of staff, parents, and students. More information will be shared in the time ahead.

Thank you,

Dr. Justin Smith  
Superintendent of Schools