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Dear ETSD Families,

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

-- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

To choose a single quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. means to face a happy conundrum, as countless quotes from him are powerfully applicable. Points of light, the power of light, was a theme of last week's Update. This quote, one of 14 on the Inscription Wall of his memorial in Washington DC, highlights how love is a force for good. Service to others--a hallmark of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, our National Holiday this Monday--can be powered by love, love for our community members, our country, our fellow Americans, love for those in need, love for where we live. A few resources are below (tiny covid-safe example, my family will be picking up trash near our neighborhood).

<https://americorps.gov/newsroom/events/mlk-day>

[MLK Day Legacy of Service](#)

[MLK Day Legacy of Service PSA](#)

[Virtual events to celebrate MLK with kids](#)

<https://blog.flipgrid.com/>

Our classes are learning about him and his work in various ways this week and next week. For example, some students may engage in discussion and writing activities after exploring Dr. King Jr. digital libraries which include watching videos and listening to books.

Start of Shortened Day Schedule on January 19

In-person learning is resuming as scheduled on Tuesday, January 19. All Cohorts (A, B, AB, and R) will continue as they have been. Friendly reminder, January 19 and 20 are A days, January 21 and 22 are B days. Our [2020-21 ETSD Calendar](#) will be updated to reflect snow days once winter is past. School start times are the same, and AM buses and bus times are the same for all students, all grades. School end times are earlier, thus PM bus times are earlier for grades 1-5 based on the shorter schedule. PM bus times are earlier for kindergarten too, though kindergarten still ends at the same time, since PM kindergarten buses are just bringing kindergarteners home. The PM buses are the same in most cases. Preschool PM buses and times are the same. *Parents are encouraged to check Genesis to review their children's bus times.*



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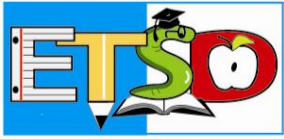
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January 19 -- February 26 Shortened Day School Hours

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	----

MS Art Contest “People of the Pines, People of Peace”

For all MS parents and students, if you would like to learn more about Evesham’s unique cultural heritage of tolerance, respect, and peace, then you may be interested in a special art contest, one that not only celebrates the past, but also asks middle school students to interpret West Jersey’s history and provide an artistic response in an effort to inspire a peaceful culture in our time. If interested, please go to our Community Activities Page @ https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities for more detailed information about this art contest *People of the Pines. People of Peace*. The contest is sponsored by a partnership of community groups: Friends of the Black Run Preserve, Evesham Township School District, Evesham Middle School PTA, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Delaware Valley, and Evesham Township’s Human Rights Advisory Council. The flyer on our Community Activities page explains how to sign up for a Zoom presentation about the contest that will take place on Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30 pm.



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Friendly reminder: Steps we can take are points of light

- Practicing social distancing, limiting close contact, wearing masks, washing hands, and monitoring for symptoms.
- Keeping our children home if they show COVID-compatible symptoms (e.g. fever, headache, sore throat, fatigue, congestion/runny nose, cough, shortness of breath).
- Joining COVID Alert NJ to reduce the spread of COVID-19 via <https://covid19.nj.gov/app>.
The app is easy to download and use.
- Avoiding non-essential travel. All non-essential interstate travel is discouraged.
<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey>
- Pre-registering for COVID vaccination via NJ's COVID vaccine scheduling system
<https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>

We look forward to more points of light as vaccinations expand statewide.

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith
Superintendent of Schools