



# Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Families,

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

-- Helen Keller

Highlights: ETSD Safe Return Plan; LRHSD Bond Referendum; Friends of the Black Run Preserve (FBRP) Art contest winners announcement; Art Goes to School (AGTS); Juneteenth Book Donation and Volunteer Opportunity.

As this may be the final ETSD Update (#56) for the 2020-21 school year, I would like to wish everyone a fantastic summer full of fun and time with loved ones. Friendly reminder, Tuesday, June 22, our MS graduations will take place at the Cherokee football field, DMS at 5 pm, MMS at 7:30 pm. All are welcome, no tickets or seating limits, and masks optional. Rain date, June 23, same place and times.

Thank you to every person who has been integral to supporting our students this year, from our dedicated staff in all roles who went above and beyond each day, to our families, who worked to support the learning, remotely and in-person, to our PTAs/PTO, the Education Foundation, our Township leadership, our local community organizations providing resources, and more. It took, and takes, a village. And I would like to thank the students themselves, who kept moving forward together all year, including now as spring brings so many points of light, as life as we know it resumes.

## [ETSD Safe Return Plan](#)

This topic was first included in the 6.15.21 Update. Every district must submit a 2021-22 Safe Return Plan by June 24 in order to be eligible for federal funds through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act. The plan deadline and template have been set by the federal government. Our ETSD 2021-22 Safe Return Plan linked on our district homepage will be recommended for approval at our June 24 Board meeting. Our 2021-22 plan is modeled on the plan we followed all year since September and is based on current 2020-21 NJ Dept. of Education/NJ Dept. of Health guidance. 2021-22 NJ guidance has not yet been released. The plan is a draft, a living document, just like this year's plan, and our district will review any upcoming guidance in order to make adjustments as appropriate to be recommended for Board approval.



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Please feel free to share feedback via this [Safe Return plan feedback form](#). All thoughts are valued and will be considered in the plan's ongoing development throughout the summer and the coming school year. Our district will gather more feedback later this summer after the release (possibly in July) of the 2021-22 NJ guidance, and will share the plan again in August for continued consideration and conversation.

## **LRHSD Bond Referendum**

Our DMS and MMS 8th Grade Graduation programs will include a one-page insert from the Lenape Regional High School District (LRHSD) providing information about their November, 2021 bond referendum. I would like to make sure all our parents of all grades have information about the referendum, because the improvements targeted by it will benefit ETSD students of all grades, as they become LRHSD students. This [LRHSD Letter to K-8 Families](#) from Dr. Birnbohm, LRHSD superintendent, gives an overview of the referendum, with more information coming over the months ahead.

## **Friends of the Black Run Preserve (FBRP) [Art contest winners announcement](#)**

Please see the official FBRP announcement linked above for more information about the contest winners and other opportunities available to students and families this summer and throughout the year. We are so fortunate to have this natural treasure in our town.

## **Art Goes to School (AGTS)**

In a "normal" school year, the all volunteer, non-profit organization Art Goes to School visits our art classrooms in each elementary school to present a portfolio of fine art spanning centuries, genres, and mediums, carefully curated by the portfolio committee of the parent organization Art Goes to School of Delaware Valley. The Evesham chapter of Art Goes to School has served our district for 35 years! This spring, with our dedicated art teachers, Art Goes to School hosted a contest for the students, who were asked to create a work of art inspired by Charles Demuth's ["I Saw the Figure 5 in Gold"](#). Among many amazing student artworks, the winning ones from each school can be viewed in this [AGTS Art Contest Winners](#) folder. Each creation will be copied, framed, and presented to our schools. Many thanks to AGTS and our classroom teachers and art teachers who encouraged students to participate. For more information about AGTS, please visit [www.artgoestoschool.org](http://www.artgoestoschool.org).



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## Juneteenth Book Donation and Volunteer Opportunity

Friendly reminder, MS students are welcomed to volunteer (with kids' activities, arts/crafts tables, and more) at tomorrow's Township [Juneteenth Celebration](#). For more information, parents should contact Stacy Webb, Township Deputy Director of Community Development, via email at [WebbS@evesham-nj.gov](mailto:WebbS@evesham-nj.gov) or phone at 609-560-4609. Donations for the [DEON Book Drive](#) are still being accepted. The books will be officially donated tomorrow at the celebration. Many thanks for all donations thus far!

My next Update will likely be in July, after the anticipated release of the NJ Dept. of Education's guidance for the 2021-22 school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith  
Superintendent of Schools