



From the Superintendent

Ambrose F. Duckett, III

On March 14, 2023, the Eastampton Township Board of Education approved the tentative 2023-2024 Budget. According to the Governor's release of State Aid on March 2, 2023, we are anticipating an increase of \$362,427 in state aid and \$783,756 in Preschool Education Aid. This is great news for our district as we have experienced losses in state aid since the 2018-2019 school year. With these funds and anticipated funds from the Eastampton Township Pilot program, the district will be able to maintain programming, add a fourth preschool classroom, and provide more support for our staff and students. The next step is for the Burlington County Office of Education to approve our tentative budget by April 20, 2023. In charge of managing our very tight budget, we have our new Business Administrator, Ashlee Caldwell. Ashlee takes over for Pat Austin, who served our district with distinction for the last two and the half years as Interim Business Administrator. Ashlee previously served as the Assistant Business Administrator at Mercer County Special Services. She comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge. Ashlee will be presenting the budget at our public hearing on April 25, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the media center.

Last week, I had the pleasure of watching our students sing, play instruments, and display artwork at the [Teen Arts Festival](#) held at RCBC. Words can't express the pride that comes from watching our students perform so well while being judged by professionals in their respective fields. I had an opportunity to hear a few other schools perform and see their artwork displayed. They were no match for our Golden Knights. This was all done under the masterful direction of Mrs. Smith, Ms. Mauro, and Ms. Fischer. Kudos to our staff and students for a job well done.

Congratulations to Katie Douglas who read 4,639 minutes to take the top honor of most minutes read by an Eastampton student. I am working with the PTA for Katie's special prize, Superintendent for a Day! I will make sure that it's a full day for Katie, with meetings, important decisions, and lots of paperwork! Katie and Cadence Touchette also won a Chick-fil-A lunch with Mr. Duckett for beating the top reader from last year, each reading more than 2,709 minutes. First grade student, Saleem Razak, was the elementary school winner who won a ride to school on a fire truck. Thank you to all the students who participated and helped our district read over 175,000 minutes!

From the ECS PTA

Stephanie McHugh, President

Our annual Read-a-Thon was a great success. We are so very proud of our students! Over 175,000 minutes read. Thank you to our ECS staff, students, and families along with the Eastampton Police Department and the Eastampton Fire Rescue Department for making this such an amazing program.

From our School Resource Officer – Parking Lot Safety

Officer Kelley Horne

Dear Parents,

The last several weeks I have noticed and received complaints regarding the traffic during morning and afternoon drop off. Violations may begin if the following behaviors are observed:

- U turns in lanes of traffic
- Dropping off or picking up students in traffic lanes
- Driving against traffic
- Double parking in traffic lanes
- Parking on the corner at the stop sign; obstructing traffic
- Double lanes of drop off in parking lot
- DO NOT cut off traffic by making a left hand turn from the parking lot to drop off in front of the school. Cars exiting the parking lot on the Learning Lane side should turn right onto Learning Lane.
- No parking in the fire lane opposite Preschool and Kindergarten doors.

Parents/Guardians/Visitors who visit our campus must park in the designated parking spots and walk the student to the appropriate door if there is no parking available curbside.

We are asking parents who are dropping off in the first row of the parking lot to make a right hand turn at the stop sign toward the back of the parking lot and circle around to Student Drive to help alleviate congestion on Learning Lane.

By working together we will keep all students safe!

CST Update

Dawn Dilliplane

Eastampton Community School continues to be committed to the well-being of our students, staff, and families to create a safe and healthy learning environment. In support of our ongoing commitment, we partnered with Care Solace to provide an additional layer of care for our community.

Care Solace helps individuals find mental health care providers and substance use treatment centers. The Care Companion team is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days per year to quickly connect you to carefully verified providers in your community.

If you are interested in counseling-related services for your child, yourself, or another family member, please contact Care Solace for valuable assistance. This is a complimentary resource provided by Eastampton Community School. Additional information about Care Solace and how to access it can be found on the school website. The Child Study Team and guidance department

are always available to support you and answer any questions about Care Solace. This partnership will be a helpful resource for the Eastampton Community.

Office of Curriculum

Linda Fulleylove

Hopefully you have seen some of the pictures that were taken here at ECS during Read Across America week. Watching our older students partner up with younger students to promote reading was inspiring. We hope teachers will continue this partnership for future activities.



The state of NJ has established the schedule for required testing, and the ECS dates are below.

May				
1 ELA Unit 1	2 ELA Unit 2	3 ELA Unit 3	4 Math Unit 1	5 Math Units 2 & 3
8 Makeups	9 Makeups	10 Makeups	11 Makeups	12 Makeups
15 Science Units 1 & 2	16 Science Units 1 & 2	17 Science makeups	18 Science makeups	19
22	23	24	25	26 No School
29 No School	30			

Dean of Students

Ray A. Robinson, Jr.

Hello Eastampton Township Families, Community and Friends,

I hope that this entry finds you all well as Old Man Winter is making his last round and saying his final goodbyes (fingers crossed)!

Thank you all for your continued support throughout this school year. I just wanted to reach out about a couple of things.

Please continue to touch base with your students about maintaining the expectations of our ETSD Norms, as they have done an outstanding job to this point in the year. I want to place an emphasis on having our students continue to use kind words when interacting with each other, as well as managing & maintaining their belongings.

There have been a few (expected) instances where our staff has successfully mediated peer conflicts, and we are grateful for your hand in helping us navigate through those situations to make ETSD an even better place for our students.

As we are living in a technological society, every student here at ETSD has been issued a Chromebook and the use of that technology in the classroom has been great! We have been experiencing some accidental damage to Chromebooks and chargers being misplaced which is to be expected in our line of work. However, I would be remiss if I didn't solicit your support in trying to address these items together. Please continue to have the conversations with your students about how things are going for them while they're here and to be mindful of taking care of their devices.

We are a mere 6 school days away from the end of the 3rd Marking Period and 10 away from the start of Spring Break! Please encourage your students to finish the marking period strong to set the tone for academics for the upcoming 4th Marking Period.

We look forward to continuing to partner with you in doing what is the best interest of your students and our district.

Best Regards,
Mr. Robinson

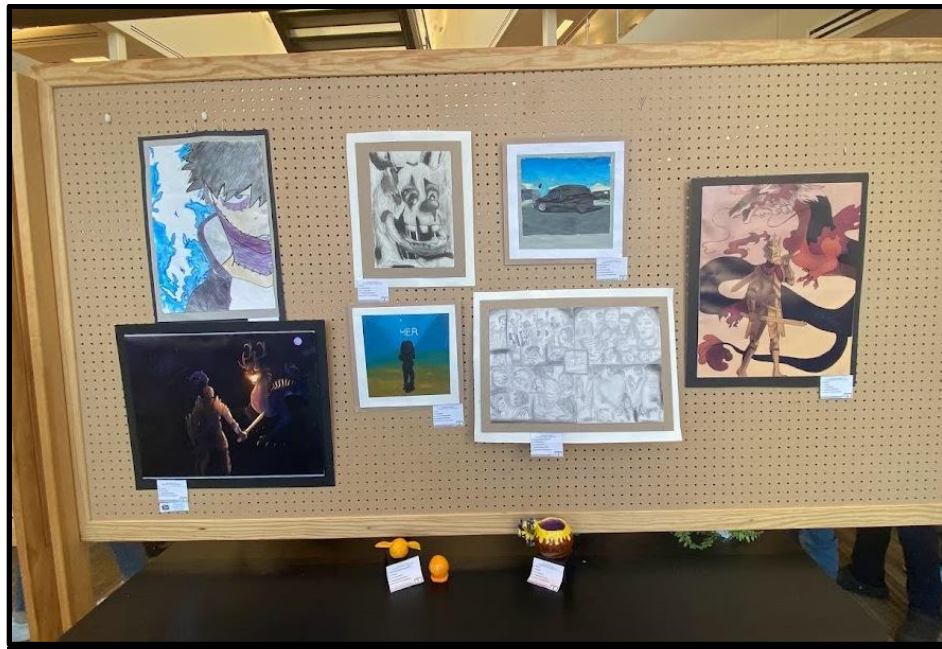
Kindergarten 2023-2024

We are attempting to locate children who are eligible for kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are a resident of Eastampton and have a child who will be five (5) years of age on or before September 30, 2023, please go to our website – etsdnj.us – click on *Student Registration* and select '*Kindergarten 2023-2024 School Year Enrollment*' to complete a questionnaire. Once the information is received, a registration packet will be mailed to you.

Registration began the week of March 20th by appointment only.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Wolf at 609-267-9172 x135 or email swolf@etsdnj.us.

Burlington County Teen Arts Festival







Gateway to Technology





Fire Truck Transportation to School!

