



From the Superintendent

Ambrose F. Duckett, III

Greetings Eastampton Families – I trust that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday. Usually, around this time of year I start to reflect on things that I am thankful for. The first is the school community, comprised of staff, students, administrators, BOE members and you, our families. I consider myself fortunate to work in such a caring community where all stakeholders place the education and safety of our students first. I can tell you from firsthand experience that our staff works diligently in making sure that our students have what they need to succeed. I encourage our families to keep in regular contact with your child's teacher and monitor their progress on PowerSchool. Secondly, engage your child in school conversations asking deeper level questions such as, "How did that math test go?" Or, "Are there any big assignments coming up?" If your children are anything like my two, you are going to have to dig deep to get an answer more informative than, "School was fine today."

We're happy to be adding two new members to our staff. Nicole McGann will be joining our administrative team as Curriculum Supervisor. She comes by way of Greenwich Township Public Schools where she was a middle school inclusion teacher and grade level chairperson. Nicki brings over fifteen years of knowledge and experience to Eastampton, and we are excited to have her on our team. We also have a new middle school special education teacher, Samantha Gladis. She taught the last six years in Hamilton Township School District. We are fortunate to have found somebody of Samantha's caliber mid-year. Sam cited the positive things that she heard about our school and community as one of the reasons why she wanted to work in Eastampton. That is a testament to what we have collaboratively built in our small, caring town. Nicole and Samantha will officially start on Monday, December 4, 2023. Please join me in welcoming them to our school community.

Finally, I want to acknowledge our School Resource Office Horne for being the 2023 recipient of the *Safety Star of the Year* award. This award is sponsored by the Joint Insurance Fund and is highly competitive. As I have said before, we have the best in Officer Horne and I am overjoyed that she is finally getting the recognition she is due. When you see her during drop-off and pick-up, please congratulate her on this well deserved recognition. If you don't have an opportunity to congratulate her in person you can email her at khorne@etsdnj.us.





SBA Ashlee Caldwell; Superintendent Ambrose F. Duckett, III; SRO Kelley Horne; DS Tim Horne

PTA Happenings

Kati Rutkowski, President

Hello Eastampton Community! As we enter December and the Holiday Season, I just wanted to remind everyone of a few upcoming events with the PTA. First and foremost, our Holiday Shop is returning and the students will be visiting next week (Dec 4-8) during their library times. Envelopes went home that you can use to send in money and also create their wish list with them. A live preview will be posted on our Facebook page so we can view what items and pricing we have this year before your student visits. If you are not a follower on our Facebook page, please join today!

On December 16th, the PTA will be hosting a *Breakfast with Santa* in our cafeteria from 9-11am. Santa will be arriving around 9:30 for fun and photos. There will be plenty of food, games, and crafts for all. Please sign up at the link that is also available on our Facebook Page.

Classroom Holiday Parties will take place on December 21st. If you are interested in helping with future events, you must be signed up as a PTA member. We are always looking for help and would love to have you, so sign up today!

We are looking ahead to our second annual *Ladies Night Out* event in May; we would like to give each class the opportunity to create a basket for our raffle. A list went out with items needed by grade. If you are interested in helping your students create a basket, please consider donating items.

Please feel free to reach out with any and all questions at eastamptonpta@gmail.com. Join our Facebook page to stay up to date on all things happening with the PTA.

Thank you for your continued support!

Kati Rutkowski
PTA President

Veterans Day Program 2023







