



From the Superintendent

Ambrose F. Duckett, III

Greetings Eastampton Community, we are finally at the last quarter of the school year. We are proud of the progress we have made and excited for the last forty days of school. Please join us as we are encouraging our students to finish the year strong. Academically, our students are making good progress, but for many there is some room for improvement. When your child comes home, ask specific school related questions such as, “What did you learn today in Science?”, or “Tell me about what you are learning in Math”, or “What project are you working on in Art?” These conversations reinforce the value of the work they are accomplishing each day. We want our collaborative efforts to encourage our students to continue to push to make progress each day.

Currently, administration, the teachers, and I are formally planning for the 2024-2025 school year. Please be mindful that teacher requests are only granted on a limited basis for academic purposes. Our team works hard to ensure that our students are placed with teachers who best meet their needs. This may mean your daughter or son may have a different teacher than their friend. Please be assured that there are plenty of opportunities for students to socialize with their friends throughout the day, but this also presents an opportunity for your child to forge new relationships.

Please be mindful of the dates below:

- Apr 26 – Community Basketball Game, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Apr 30 – Board of Education Meeting – Library, 7:00 pm
- May 14 – Band 4-5 & Chorus 2-5, 6:30 pm
- May 15 – Band 6-8, 6:30; Chorus 6-8, 7:30 pm
- May 28-31 – Summer Reading BOGO Fair
- May 30 – Middle School Field Day (rain date June 5)
- June 7 – Elementary Field Day (rain date June 12)

From the Office of Curriculum

Nicole McGann

Testing dates for the state-required NJSLA assessment are below:

Spring 2024 Testing Schedule

May 2024				
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
ELA Unit 1 (Gr. 3-8)	ELA Unit 2 (Gr. 3-8)	Math Unit 1 (Gr. 3-8) Alg. Unit 1	Math Unit 2 (Gr. 3-8) Alg. Unit 2	Math Unit 3 (Gr. 3-8)
13	14	15	16	17
Science Units 1 & 2 (Gr. 5 & 8)	Science Units 3 & 4 (Gr. 5 & 8)	Makeups	Makeups	Makeups
20	21	22	23	24
Makeups	Makeups	Makeups	Makeups	½ Day PD
27	28	29	30	31
No School	Makeups	Makeups	Makeups	Makeups

For more information on the NJ Student Learning Assessment, parents can visit:
<https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/>

Tips for Success:

- Please make every effort to have your child arrive on time to school. Students who arrive after testing sessions have begun will be waiting an hour or more to join their class. Also, they will need time out of the classroom for make-ups.
- No phones or outside devices are allowed in testing areas. (Phones/ Apple watches must be turned off and kept in lockers!)
- During the week of testing, make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.
- Encourage your child to do their best and remain positive! Thank you to all our families for your support!

Assistant Principal

Jenna Carrell

Spring time is off to an exciting start at ECS!

The lottery for incoming 2024-2025 preschool students was conducted on April 8th. Congratulations to all those who will be joining us in September! Unfortunately, the amount of interested families greatly exceeded the number of seats we have available. We are requiring all families who received a seat in the program to complete the registration process ASAP. Please refer to our preschool handbook for more information [HERE](#). We will contact those on the waiting list in the event that a seat becomes available. If you would like an update regarding your waiting list spot, feel free to contact jcarrell@etsdnj.us

Preschool students, families and siblings gathered on April 12th for an Earth Fair event! Thank you to everyone who sent in your recycled materials!



Please take note of our upcoming preschool events:

Mother's Day - May 8th at 1:00pm (families invited - moms or loved one)

Preschool Field Day - June 4th (weather permitting - please wear sneakers and active clothing!)

Father's Day - June 12th at 1:00pm (families invited - dads or loved one)

Preschool Graduation - June 12th at 3:45pm (families invited - ceremony begins at 4:00 in the elementary gym)

Kindergarten registration is ongoing. Please contact Barbara Ortiz - bortis@etsdnj.us to schedule a registration appointment for kindergarten 2024-2025. Currently enrolled preschool students do not need to complete registration for kindergarten; they will be automatically enrolled. More information is available [HERE](#).

Special congratulations to Ms. Converse's kindergarten class for publishing their own book on Flamingos!

Keep up the great work Golden Knights!!

Assistant Principal

Ray A. Robinson, Jr.

Hello Eastampton Township Families, Community and Friends,

It's Mr. Robinson with a few important announcements.

In the upcoming weeks, **students currently in grades 5-7 will be choosing their Electives for the 24/25 school year.** The choices will be a full year of band, chorus/music, or art enrichment. Please start to have conversations with your students now, as we'd like to make sure that students are in a content area where they can thrive at ETSD.

The Community Basketball Game is this Friday, April 26th from 6-8PM in our Middle School Gym. Come on out for a night of family fun as the members of our school staff and students put their basketball skills on display. It's going to be a great time!

For those of you who aren't aware, **The World Famous Harlem Wizards are coming!!!** That's right. The Harlem Wizards have partnered with ETSD to host a fundraising event which will culminate in **the Harlem Wizards playing against members of the ETSD community on Tuesday, May 21st at 7PM in the Rancocas Valley High School Gym.** We're still looking for volunteers for multiple spots on the night of the event so if you're interested, please email me at robinson@etsdnj.us and put Harlem Wizards Game in the subject line.

Currently, our PK-5 students are taking the WizFit challenge where students participate in a number of high intensity, kid friendly workouts as a lead up to the game. As the driving factor in the fundraiser, students have been asked to **register for the WizFit Challenge and share their registration link via email, social media or text.** Students have hit their first fundraising goal and **earned a pajama day which will be next Tuesday, 4/30/24. Students can wear pajama bottoms that are sewn in the front (no button front pajamas).**

Our students still have a way to go to hit their fundraising goals though so please register your students and have them share the link. If students hit their fundraising goal they're going to mummify me with toilet paper and then pie me in the face!!! Here is the [registration link](#). **Make sure you come out to see the Harlem Wizards on 5/21/24.** Have a look at some of the highlights from their past events [here](#).

Lastly, it's that time of the school year where the cold weather is starting to break. Please make sure your students are compliant with the ETSD Dress Code. You can find our [ETSD Dress Code here](#).

I look forward to seeing you all soon and in the words of one of my favorite cartoon characters...



Mr. Robinson
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

CST Update *Dawn Dilliplane*

April is Autism Acceptance Month. This month we raise awareness to promote autism acceptance, celebrate neurodiversity and individual differences, and continue to promote inclusivity and connectedness throughout our school community. Last week the students and staff participated in a spirit week to promote Autism acceptance. Each day there was a theme and the students and staff wore themed clothing to coincide with that theme. On a daily basis, it is evident that our school community demonstrates acceptance and inclusivity.

Ms. Hughes's and Mrs. Henderson's classes had the wonderful opportunity to attend a Community-Based Instruction (CBI) trip to the Burlington County Library. The trip began with a comprehensive tour of the library. The students were eager to learn where they could find their favorite book series, comic books, and DVDs. Next, the students had a chance to go outside to participate in the Story Walk. The Story Walk is an outdoor reading experience displayed page by page as the students walked along a path near the amphitheater. The stories displayed on the Story Walk are updated often to promote literacy, physical activity, and family time outdoors! After the tour, the students split into groups and completed a variety of STEM activities including a marble maze, Lego building, and bridge making. They were encouraged to use their creativity and team building skills to complete their projects with a partner or as a group. In addition, each student had the opportunity to check out a book of their choice. The students were issued library cards to encourage them to visit the library over the summer months.



Please visit the Burlington County Library Events page on their website to find free events for your child to enjoy at <https://www.bcls.lib.nj.us/events>. The library hosts several events each month, such as their most recently held STEM amusement park engineer day!

Grandparent Sock Hop





American Legion Coloring Contest Winner



ECS Honors Band



WizFit Challenge

