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Dear ETSD Families,

Highlights this week: Thank you to our Mayor and Township Leaders, Preliminary 2021-22 Budget Presentation, Employment Opportunities, Reducing Gun Violence, MS Art Contest Update, Friendly Reminder for Parents of Rising 9th graders, and NJ Dept. of Health COVID resources for reference.

Just a reminder, as snow is in the forecast starting Sunday, if a snow day is needed next week, it will be a traditional “no school” snow day, as per the voices of our students, who voted for traditional “no school” snow days for the first 3 snow days, as needed, this winter.

Thank you to our Mayor and Township Leaders

Mayor Veasy spoke at this week’s Town Council meeting about our township’s work to create a way for it to put aside funds for our school district and our fire district from any pilot programs that the township has, as a help for the future, in the form of grants for such items including but not limited to public safety. Points of Light have been a theme of my weekly Updates in 2021. This is a tremendous point of light. Thank you Mayor Veasy, Deputy Mayor Cooper, our whole Town Council, Township Manager, and everyone involved, for this support. Our district greatly values and appreciates this help, and the work and care invested in this process. Our town is spectacular!

Preliminary 2021-22 Budget Presentation

Our preliminary budget presentation will take place at our February 25 Board of Education meeting.

Employment Opportunities

Currently, we are seeking applicants for positions including aides (classroom and lunch), school psychologist, custodians, nurse, teachers, Teddy Bear Academy, and transportation (bus driver and bus aide). To apply, please visit <https://www.applitrack.com/evesham/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1>

Reducing Gun Violence

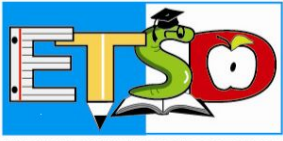
I am sharing on this information from a wonderful former ETSD teacher, Mr. Austin, who retired last June. This past fall, he became the local leader for a nation-wide group called Be SMART for Kids, which is dedicated to reducing gun violence, specifically the accidental shootings and suicides that take place across America each day because of unsecured firearms. Be SMART is a non-partisan campaign to raise awareness that secure gun storage – storing guns locked, unloaded, and separate from ammunition – can save children’s lives. Resources are listed below:

[Be SMART Gun Safety Intro Letter](#)

[About Be SMART](#)

[Safe Gun Storage](#)

[Facts and Resources on Child Firearm Suicide](#)



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MS Art Contest Update

The Prizes have grown. Up to 4 Top Winners will each receive a \$100 cash equivalent card, and the "Top Ten" winners will now receive a \$25 cash equivalent card. This art contest, "People of the Pines, People of Peace," involving Evesham's unique cultural heritage of tolerance, respect, and peace, 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, "to compose a country committed to all cultures, colors, characters and conditions of man" (from "The Hill We Climb" by National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman). If interested, please visit <https://blackrun.org/middle-school-art-contest/>. 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 contest deadline is April 16.

Friendly reminder for Parents of rising 9th graders

This [Cherokee 8th Grade Letter 2021](#) outlines how to create your Lenape Regional HS District Genesis Parent Portal and how to select courses for next year. *While noon today is the deadline, the sign-up process will stay active over the weekend.* Our district greatly values our collaboration with LRHSD to support all our Evesham students on their journeys of growth into HS and beyond.

NJDOH COVID resources for reference

- Primary resource for information, including FAQs: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine>
- Direct link to the state pre-registration page: <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>
- Volunteer with the Medical Reserve Corp: <https://www.nj.gov/health/lh/njmrc/>
- List of current vaccine sites can be found at:
<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/covid-19-vaccine-locations-for-eligible-recipients>
- NJDOH vaccine page, including the state's submitted vaccination plan:
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_vaccination.shtml
- To subscribe to the NJDOH e-newsletter, VAX Matters, please use this link:
<https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/vmsignup.shtml>
- NJDOH YouTube Channel with education and informational video clips:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOXWk66_cfg2MCIHHv4AAxA/videos

Sincerely,

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