



# 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 this week:** Schools Update: Point of Light; Book Drive!; Board Resolution Supporting Equitable State Funding; Community Activities; School Bus Advertising; and Autism Acceptance Month.

## **Schools Update: Point of Light**

This is the first week since the week of March 9, 2020 that we have provided five full days of school for all parents seeking it. Our in-person middle school students came to school every day this week, completing the process begun two months ago of reducing to just two cohorts, our in-person cohort (78% of students) and our remote cohort (22% of students). Our plan is to continue on this path for the rest of the school year, and to use the experience from these coming weeks, as well as from all weeks this year, in our planning for September. Many thanks to all our staff, across all roles, for their tireless efforts this entire school year to provide the best support possible for all our students, in person and remotely. There is so much to be proud of this year for our staff and families, about what we as a district community have accomplished.

## **Book Drive!**

This Wednesday marked the start of a book drive by DEON (Diversity & Equal Opportunity Network), going on now through June 21. As stated at the kickoff event at our Evesham Township library: *“Reading a variety of books with a broad range of diverse characters and experiences fosters understanding, engagement, knowledge, visibility, and empathy in children. These books re-affirm the value that each person in the community brings to the world.”* Along with this powerful statement of purpose, here are links to the book drive’s press release and “wish list” of books on Amazon. Please consider donating to this important cause!

- <https://thesunpapers.com/2021/04/19/deons-first-annual-book-drive/>
- [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3JHPCWKRMG2AU?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3JHPCWKRMG2AU?ref_=wl_share)



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## Board Resolution Supporting Equitable State Funding

Our Board passed this [Resolution Supporting Equitable State Funding.pdf](#) at our Board meeting last evening. Dozens of districts whose state funding is being reduced passed similar resolutions. We will submit it to the Governor, Senate President, Assembly Speaker and local legislators. Thursday, May 6 is our third and final budget presentation, when we recommend the finalized budget for Board approval, after our preliminary budget presentation in February and our tentative budget presentation in March.

## Community Activities

Great new ["Art Goes to School" Contest](#) posting on our [Community Activities](#) webpage!

## School Bus Advertising

As part of our district's continuing fiscal efforts, we are offering for the first time ever the opportunity for businesses to advertise on our school buses. Information is accessible via <http://schoolbusads.org/> and this [Bus Advertising Cover Letter March 2021.pdf](#). Please consider taking advantage of this win-win-win opportunity. Our local businesses are part of the fabric and strength of our neighborhoods and communities. No better way to reinforce that fact than by having your ad on our buses, in our neighborhoods!

## Autism Acceptance Month

April is Autism Acceptance Month, also known as Autism Awareness Month. Our district works to provide the best possible support for all students including our students with autism. Here are some resources for learning more about celebrating differences and becoming more inclusive of individuals with autism.

- [Information for Classmates.pdf](#)
- <https://www.marltonreccouncil.org/sportsunity>
- <https://www.autism-society.org/releases/media-urged-to-recognize-shift-from-autism-awareness-month-to-autism-acceptance-month-this-april/>
- <https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-month>
- [http://www.dsasc.ca/uploads/8/5/3/9/8539131/welcome\\_to\\_holland.pdf](http://www.dsasc.ca/uploads/8/5/3/9/8539131/welcome_to_holland.pdf)



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Justin Smith  
Superintendent of Schools