

From the Superintendent

Ambrose F. Duckett, III

We are well into the school year and our students have finally settled into a routine. We are asking our parents to be mindful of the weather changes and to send in appropriate clothing. Please label all items including, but not limited to, jackets, shirts, water bottles, and lunchboxes. All parents, especially in grades sixth through eighth, are encouraged to send your child in with labeled refillable water bottles. This will reduce the traffic of students in the nurse's office requesting water. As many of you know, we have three water filling stations, with plans to add an additional station outside of the middle school hallway.

Please be mindful of your speed along Student Drive. Officers have been assigned to monitor for traffic violations along that stretch of road. Please adhere to the 25 MPH speed limit to avoid any traffic violations. In addition, please follow all parking lot rules as your child's safety is our collective responsibility.

On Monday, November 20th, the Township will be unveiling their master plan with an emphasis on land use. This meeting will take place at 7:00 pm. in the school cafetorium. Please email Township Manager <u>Kim White</u> at <u>kwhite@eastampton.com</u> for more information.

We ask all families to check PowerSchool regularly and ask your child academic-related questions, such as, "Tell me what you learned in English Language Arts?", or "When is your next Science test?" These questions will foster and enhance a learning environment where students understand the home-to-school connection. Please make every effort to get your child to school by 8:30 am (8:15 if they are eating breakfast at school). Letters will be going out in the next couple of weeks to families whose child has five or more latenesses or 3 unexcused absences. There is a direct correlation between attendance/punctuality and academic success.

CST Update

Dawn Dilliplane

October 10th was World Mental Health Day. In the United States, barriers to mental health services remain a significant hurdle to getting support. Eastampton Community School is committed to raising awareness about mental health and equitable access to quality mental health services. Eastampton Community School partnered with Care Solace to support the well-being of students, staff, and their family members. Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential care coordination service that can help you quickly find mental health or substance use treatment options matched to your needs, regardless of circumstance. If you would like to use Care Solace to help you find a provider, call 888-515-0595 or visit www.caresolace.com/etsdnj. Information about Care Solace is on the school website.

In an effort to support mental health, Eastampton Community School has a weekly visit from a therapy dog. The students and staff look forward to a weekly therapy dog visit on Wednesdays. It is wonderful to see the happiness the dog brings to the school community. In addition, a new sensory room was created this year. The room was designed to be a calming space for students to de-escalate. Many students are taking advantage of this space and are able to return to the classroom regulated and ready to learn. We will continue our efforts to improve mental health.

Assistant Principal

Jenna Carrell

We are now in week 8 of the 2023-2024 school year! As the seasons begin to change and students are wearing jackets and other cold weather gear, please be sure to label the tags of clothing with your child's name. This should also include lunchboxes and water bottles.

For our preschool families, a friendly reminder that any student arriving after 8:25 am will need to be dropped off at the main entrance. Staff will not be present at the preschool doors after 8:25 am.

Preschool classroom celebrations for Halloween will be occurring in the morning on October 31st. Preschool students should arrive at school dressed in costume. Please have your child wear regular clothes underneath their costume or bring them separately to change into after our parties and parade have concluded. Families are invited to join us outside surrounding the playground area at 10:30am for the preschool Halloween parade. If you intend to dismiss your student after the parade, please notify your child's classroom teacher. If your child does not celebrate Halloween, please reach out ASAP for an alternative activity.

For all students, our Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for:

November 20 – 6:00 - 8:00 pm November 21 – 1:00 - 3:00 pm November 22 – 8:30 - 11:30 am

Scheduling information will be sent out during the week of October 30th for families to request a meeting time to discuss classroom progress.

Thank you for your continued support!

Assistant Principal

Ray A. Robinson, Jr.

Hello Eastampton Township Families, Community, and Friends,

I hope this email finds you well.

Thank you for your continued support as we seem to be in the full swing of a new school year. Our district also thanks you for the support of our ETSD School Norms, as we are seeing the culture and climate of our district continue to improve.

As students are staying engaged in their learning, please continue to remind them to remain safe by keeping their hands and all of their belongings to themselves. The safety of our students is of the utmost importance and it makes a huge difference when we partner together to achieve our goals.

Best Regards, Mr. Robinson

Kindergarten Pumpkins!











Butterflies Are Free...









