



## **From the Superintendent**

*Ambrose F. Duckett, III*

For the first time in several years we are growing. Preschool has certainly helped increase our population. To that end we are hiring several teachers to meet the needs of our growing school. As many of you know already, we are expanding to a fourth preschool classroom and now will be opening a fourth kindergarten classroom as well. This will help keep our class sizes low so our teachers can continue to meet the needs of all the students in their care. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for a position next year, please direct them to our [website](#).

As we approach the end of the school year, please be mindful to send your child in with appropriate clothing. The dress code can be found on our [website](#) and student handbook.

Also, please assist our efforts in challenging your children to finish the school year strongly academically, behaviorally, and socially. We have experienced a significant drop in behavior referrals with the implementation of our school norms this year. I want to personally thank Mr. Robinson for his efforts in leading a team of staff members in establishing and implementing the norms. In addition, I would like to celebrate our staff for enforcing the norms and holding our students accountable. There has been an increase in [Harrassment, Intimidation and Bullying \(HIB\)](#) reports over the last several months. Please review the policy with your child/ren and remind them of appropriate school, community, and online behavior.

Our eighth grade graduation will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The graduation ceremony will be held in our cafetorium. Each graduate will receive six tickets. The event will be live streamed for those family members who are unable to attend.

Finally, we are rolling out another form of communication, text messaging. If you have a cell phone number on file, you will receive a text message on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. There will be an opt-out feature for those who prefer not to receive text messages. Also, if you do not receive a text message by 3:00 p.m. on the 30th, please contact the main office and leave your name and cell phone number which you would like to be placed in our system.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

May 26 - Early Dismissal 12:45 - Staff PD  
May 29 - Memorial Day - closed  
May 30 - June 2 - Summer Reading BOGO Fair  
May 31- Camden Aquarium (5th Grade)  
June 1 - 6th - 8th Field Day (rain date June 8)  
June 5 - Mutter Museum (6th Grade)  
June 6 - Franklin Institute (2nd Grade)  
June 7 - Preschool Field Day 1-2:30 p.m. (rain date 6/14)  
June 7 - RVRHS Elementary Band Festival (5th Grade)  
June 7 - Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom  
June 8 - Philadelphia Zoo (1st Grade)  
June 9 - K-5 Field Day (rain date June 12)  
June 9 - Independence Hall/Constitution Center (7th Grade)  
June 12 - Preschool parties - 1:30 - 2:30  
June 14 - Preschool graduation 3:45 in the cafeteria  
June 15 - Marking period 4 ends  
June 15 - Moving up day 8:40  
June 15 - Graduation - 5:00 pm - \*Early Dismissal Day  
June 16 - Spirit of NJ Lunch Cruise  
June 16 - Last day of school - \*Early dismissal day

## **CST Update**

*Dawn Dilliplane*

The spring has been an exciting and busy time for Eastampton students! Ms. Hughes's and Mrs. Henderson's classes went on their first Community Based Instruction trip. The students visited Target and participated in a scavenger hunt where they found items in specific departments. The students had to find the item and the cost associated with each item. They worked in groups to purchase items, given a specific budget. The students ended their morning with a visit to Wawa to purchase lunch and socialize with their peers. Everyone had a fun morning learning how to budget their money and purchase items independently.



May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The middle school advisory classes discussed mental health coping strategies such as walking a dog or petting a pet. The 7th and 8th grade advisory class had a surprise visit from a therapy dog. The students commented how relaxed and happy the dog made them feel. Over the last few months there have been weekly visits with a therapy dog for all grade levels. This has been such a positive experience for all of the students and staff. On the days that the therapy dog is in the building there are a lot of smiling faces! We look forward to continuing and increasing the time the therapy dog is in the building next year. Thank you to Mrs. Crotchfelt and her therapy dogs for volunteering their time to Eastampton Community School!



## **Assistant Principal**

*Jenna Carrell*

I am very pleased to share my heartwarming feedback regarding the welcome I have received from all of the students, staff and community of the Eastampton School District. I have a tremendous amount of excitement and optimism for the future. As we begin to transition into the end of the school year and summer, it is a wonderful time to reflect and plan for continued success for our students.

It is an exciting time as we are expanding many of our programs for the 2023-2024 school year, including preschool and kindergarten. At the end of April, a preschool lottery was held to select students that will be entering our program in the fall. If you are interested in our program, we suggest joining our waiting list. The link is available here: [Student Registration / Preschool Program](#) . We are hopeful to continue to expand further in future years to allow for all interested families access to our program.

For students entering Kindergarten in September 2023, please join a virtual information session on June 13, 2023 at 3:30 PM. During this meeting we will discuss the major changes that occur when transitioning from preschool to kindergarten as well as summer preparation ideas.

Meeting ID: 995 9903 2638

Passcode: qWcE2L

<https://zoom.us/j/99599032638?pwd=WERtZi8zbTNTVktYc2pXZFA1SnQ0Zz09>

Another upcoming in-school event will be our “Preschool through Grade 4 Move Up Event” on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> in the morning, as well as our “5<sup>th</sup> Grade Move Up to Middle School Event” on June 6<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. During these events, students will have the opportunity to meet with all of the teachers in their next grade level. Teachers will talk about their classrooms and what to look forward to in the fall.

Thank you so much to everyone who has welcomed me, and I am looking forward to all of the fun ahead in the next few weeks!

### **From the ECS PTA**

*Stephanie McHugh, President*

As the school year ends we would like to take a moment to reflect on a great year and thank the Eastampton Community for all the support received throughout the year!

### **A great big THANK YOU...**

... to our administration, faculty, and staff for a wonderful year of learning and enrichment for our children. Also, big thanks to the Custodial Staff – their help during our events is immensely appreciated all year long!

... to our PTA Executive Board, Committee Chairs, and Class Parents for the time and dedication they have brought to this school. Without their volunteer efforts, while also trying to balance family and careers, none of the success of the PTA would be possible.

... to all our PTA members and volunteers for all of your support throughout the year.

Finally, Congratulations and Best Wishes to our new PTA officers!

Kati Rutkowski, PTA President

Sonia Moticha, PTA Secretary

We hope everyone has a relaxing and fun summer!

Sincerely,

Stephanie McHugh, Eastampton PTA President



## **From the Office of the Registrar**

*Susan Wolf*

- **Kindergarten 2023-2024**

We are attempting to locate children who are eligible for kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are a resident of Eastampton and have a child who will be five (5) years of age on or before September 30, 2023, please go to our website – [etsdnj.us](https://etsdnj.us) – click on *Student Registration* and select '*Kindergarten 2023-2024 School Year Enrollment*' to complete a questionnaire. Once the information is received, a registration packet will be mailed to you. Registration is by appointment only.

- **Students Transferring Out for 2023-2024 School Year**

Please contact the Registrar's office as soon as possible if you know that your child will not be attending Eastampton Community School for the 2023-2024 school year. The withdrawal procedure can be started now and will not affect your child's attendance here for this school year.

Susan Wolf, Registrar, can be reached at 609-267-9172 x135 or email [swolf@etsdnj.us](mailto:swolf@etsdnj.us).