



From the Superintendent

Ambrose F. Duckett, III

As the holiday season approaches, I try to center my thoughts on being thankful for the many blessings of family, work, and friends. This season, I am thankful for some members of our school community who will be leaving for new endeavors.

Eastampton's seven member board is consistent in their approach to their roles by frequently asking me, "What is in the best interest of our students?" Our board members are not paid, but dedicate themselves to their roles as if they were. The December 20, 2022 board meeting will be the last for Board Vice President and former President, Brian Curtis. Brian has served the Eastampton Community for many, many years with a focus optimizing our school for our students! I am thankful for the support he has shown me professionally and personally as I navigate leading our wonderful school community. Please join me in thanking Brian for his time on the board, as he will be missed. I would also like to welcome our three new board member: Eddie Besko. Eddie will officially join the Eastampton Board of Education on January 3, 2023 at our annual reorganization meeting.

Last week, Kelly Eagles informed me that she is resigning from her position as Child Study Team Supervisor effective February 6, 2023 and taking a position closer to home to be able to spend more time with her family. Kelly has worked in our district for five years with distinction. She is going to be hard to replace as she has contributed much to our small school district. Under Kelly's tenure, we have built a preschool program, a summer program, and provided our families with the best of care. Additionally, the district has greatly benefited from Kelly's expertise in the field of special education and literacy. I am working with the Board President and the administration to determine how to best fill our soon to be open position. We wish Kelly the best in her future endeavors.

Also last week, Mr. Young submitted his letter of retirement, effective February 28, 2023. Mr. Young has taught multiple grade levels and subjects at our school and will be greatly missed. The last few years he has taught second grade, but previously taught Science, Academically Talented and more. We will begin searching for Mr. Young's replacement immediately. It will be hard to replace someone as dedicated and involved as Mr. Young. Whether it was a concert, BOE meeting or the community basketball game, Mr. Young was there. Thank you Mr. Young for your years of excellent service to our school district.

School doors do not open until 8:15. There is no adult supervision until that time. Students can be registered for Kids Space if they need to be dropped off earlier.

Finally, for parents/guardians of students in grades Pre K-5, please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately with warm clothes and coats in the event of a drill or if the class goes out for recess.

Office of Curriculum

Linda Fulleylove

NJ Start Strong student reports were mailed home to families the week of December 12th. Teachers are utilizing the data obtained from this test, as well as other formative and summative assessments, to make decisions regarding classroom instruction.

In November, we made a slight change to our WIN period rotation schedule. In order to give all students an extra 80 minutes of ELA and Math time per week, our last period is now on a 6-day rotation. Teachers are using this time to supplement classroom instruction and build thinking skills and creative reasoning practices.

Before we know it, spring will be here, so I'm including our schedule for state assessments below. I hope all of our ECS families will have a wonderful holiday season.

May				
1 ELA Unit 1	2 ELA Unit 2	3 ELA Unit 3	4 Math Unit 1	5 Math Units 2 & 3
8 Makeups	9 Makeups	10 Makeups	11 Makeups	12 Makeups
15 Science Units 1 & 2	16 Science Units 1 & 2	17 Science makeups	18 Science makeups	19
22	23	24	25	26 No School
29 No School	30			

Dean of Students

Ray A. Robinson, Jr.

Hello Eastampton Township Families, Community and Friends,

It's the most won-der-ful time of the year!! I hope you are all enjoying your holiday season as we draw near to our holiday break.

I would like to thank you for supporting the Eastampton Township School District (ETSD) to this point in the school year as we continue to operate and move forward with your students' best interests in mind and heart.

I'll be brief with this entry. I am thrilled to share that we are really starting to see positive gains within the culture and climate of the district. The **Eastampton PTA** has played a critical role in supporting our inaugural year of our Positive Behavior In School program and software.

Students have really started to respond to our PowerSchool Unified Behavior Support (aka Kickboard). We are at the point where the [Knight's Den School Store](#) has a lot of cool items for students to win and snack on (please click the link) and there is tangible evidence that the students are working hard to comply with the **ETSD Norms** in their efforts to win some of those prizes.

Note: Donations to the Knight's Den School Store can be made through the Eastampton PTA. Please email me if you are interested in donating at rrobinson@etsdnj.us.

Year over year, our **student referrals & write ups have decreased by 32%!!!** That is a testament to a combination of things which include the support from (YOU!) our families & community, the support of our faculty and staff within the district, and student compliance and willingness within the school. Our administrative team cannot begin to thank you enough for all of your efforts.

As 2022 draws to a close, give yourself and your family members a pat on the back. In the past 2 years, we have managed to make it through some setbacks that none of us would have been able to predict, yet here we are. Please join the ETSD by continuing to be patient yet persistent as we strive for academic excellence, social acceptance, and emotional awareness within the district.

May you all have a happy, safe and blessed Holiday Season.

Best Regards,
Mr. Robinson

Holiday Happenings...







