



### **From the Superintendent:**

This school year has been the year of many firsts. On September 8, 2020 we had our first remote day of the school year. On September 15, 2020, we hosted our first virtual Back To School Night. On November 16, 2020, we welcomed our students back to school in-person for the first time this school year. We hosted our first virtual parent teacher conferences on November 23-25, 2020. Today is the first Wednesday our students will be back in the building in fourteen months! As we celebrate our firsts, our goal as a school community is a return to normalcy in a safe manner.

Thank you to our staff who abruptly shifted to remote learning last March and then to hybrid learning this past November. Thank you to our families who have extended understanding as we were trying to build this educational plane while flying in uncharted territory. Lastly, thank you to our students who have endured a year like no other. Our students have followed all the necessary safety protocols to keep our staff and each other safe. Our collective efforts are what makes this such a special community.

On Tuesday, May 18, 2021, our new curriculum supervisor, Linda Fulleylove, will start. Linda comes by way of Voorhees and has a wealth of experience. Please join me in welcoming Linda who will spend the first few weeks getting to know our staff, students, and families. Her email address is [lfulleylove@etsdnj.us](mailto:lfulleylove@etsdnj.us) and her phone extension is 124.

### **CST/Special Education Update:**

- Summer Enrichment planning is underway. Please be sure to include recommended students on the Google form shared by Mr. Herman. Letters will go out to parents at the end of the week. ESY and the Summer program will run from **7/5/21-7/29/21**, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am-12:30 pm.
- I&RS has been rescheduled for **May 26<sup>th</sup>**.
- Frontline Progress Reports are due **June 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please reach out to Mrs. Dilliplane and Mrs. Goodman with any IEP related questions or concerns.
- Our first Orton Gillingham Cohort participated in full day training on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Cohort 2 will meet in room 508 on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Both cohorts will meet to debrief during the PD session on May 27<sup>th</sup>!
- PreSchool is coming to ECS! Our administrative team is in the process of preparing for Eastampton's youngest learners to join our educational community for the 2021-2022 school year. Parents will be able to sign up on the ETSD website via a provided link as early as next week. The integrated preschool will offer 2 sections (morning and afternoon). The morning session will run from 8:45-11:45, and the afternoon session will run from 12:30-3:30.

### **Assistant Principal:**

- MAP testing will commence during the week of May 17th within a testing window of two weeks.
- Supporting our students through robust communication remains a top priority. We are continuing to connect to our families to address a variety of challenges within the setting of hybrid and remote learning – ranging from technological support to student engagement. We appreciate the family support that is so critical to ascertain that students are finishing the school year strong in key areas that include – attendance, participation, and academics.
- We continue to be thankful to our teaching and support staff who are using best practices in the effort to reach the needs of all of our students.

### **Notes from the Nurse's Office:**

### **Sport Physicals 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Summer is a time that many of our students go to their doctor for their annual physical exam. You can download sport physical forms online from the ECS website (Departments/Nurse/Nurse's Office Forms/Sports Physical Packet) or pick up a Sport Physical Packet in the Main Office. It takes two weeks to process sport physicals. In order for your **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade student** to be eligible to join a fall sport, you should submit the forms to the nurse before school starts in September. We recommend you keeping a copy of the physical for your records. Sport physicals are documented on the NJ State Physical Form and are valid for 365 days. All sport physical forms must undergo an additional level of review by our school physician. Therefore, we ask that you adhere to the following deadlines to help ensure your child's physical will be cleared in time for them to try-out and participate. The deadlines for submission of sport physicals are:

- August 20, 2021
- October 20, 2021
- February 17, 2022

**Physical forms turned in after the posted deadlines are not guaranteed to be reviewed in time for the first tryout of the season.**

### **Required 6th Grade Immunizations:**

If your **5<sup>th</sup> grade** child has not yet received the Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines, they will need to have them before they enter 6th grade. All students (including virtual learners) must be in compliance with NJ immunization regulations or they will be excluded from school in September. Check with your doctor to schedule an appointment. If your child is uninsured, please contact the nursing office for assistance to schedule the vaccinations.

### **"I think it's just allergies":**

While we completely understand that some symptoms of seasonal/environmental allergies and some symptoms of COVID-19 are the same, please remember that we can not currently make assumptions regarding a diagnosis. While you may lean towards thinking it's just allergies, it is important to acknowledge that there is still the possibility that it could be COVID-19. Symptoms like itchy eyes, and sneezing, are not too difficult. However, multiple symptoms and especially a cough, should be evaluated further.

The bottom line remains the same. Per the current Department of Health guidelines, when your student has COVID like illness (as defined by the [Daily Health Check-In](#)), they either need a negative COVID test, or should remain at home on remote learning for ten days from symptom onset. Please do not feel overwhelmed or stressed by this. It is what it is. It simply means that COVID testing is appropriate. Being diligent is how we stop the spread, and protect our unvaccinated school population. Thankfully, COVID testing is now readily available and results are typically really quick.

Local options include:

Burlington County Health Department at RCBC  
[www.co.burlington.nj.us/1845/2019-Novel-Coronavirus-Information](http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/1845/2019-Novel-Coronavirus-Information)

CVS (including the drive through at Eastampton)  
[www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing?icid=cvS-home-hero1-link2-coronavirus-testing](http://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing?icid=cvS-home-hero1-link2-coronavirus-testing)

We thank you so much for all your understanding and efforts.