



From the Superintendent:

One of my favorite movies is the 1999 movie, *Field of Dreams*, starring Kevin Costner. In the movie, Ray Kinsella, played by Kevin Costner, hears a whisper as he is walking through his cornfield, "If you build it, he will come". Well it took many years of planning and preparation, but we have built a preschool program, and our three and four year olds are coming! We are so excited about our new preschool program planned for September 2021! We're nearing student capacity based on the applications we've received so far. It's important that parents who have submitted applications complete the registration process by June 21st to secure their child's placement in the program. There will be a waiting list once we've reached our classroom capacity. If you would like to add your child's name to the list, please contact our Registrar, Mrs. Susan Wolf, at 609-267-9172 ext 135 or swolf@etsdnj.us. Parents will be notified if and when an opening becomes available.

Today, the New Jersey Department of Education visited our facility as part of their efforts to spend time in all 41 Burlington County School Districts. The team was very complimentary of our building and our efforts in educating amidst a pandemic. I want to personally thank Raymond Marini and his team for their support during these unprecedented times.

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to celebrate our staff who navigated this year admirably in the midst of uncertainty. Many families have reached out directly to administration about the work that our teachers have done in engaging students remotely and in-person. I also want to thank my administration for their efforts in keeping our district running smoothly as we meet the mandates of the state. Anybody who works in schools knows that the backbone of an administrative team is our secretaries who are often the first line of communication with our stakeholders. Our secretaries should be commended for their efforts and for making our school look good. Also, we need to highlight our aides who assist in the classroom. Aides are often forgotten about, but not in Eastampton. When I speak with teachers about how they were able to accomplish so much in so little time, oftentimes they point to the aides who support their efforts.

Finally, I need to reserve my final acknowledgment for our custodians and School Resource Officer Horne. Although their jobs are uniquely different, their goals are the same – caring for our building with safety as their main concern. The custodians have made sure that our district is sanitized and provides a healthy environment. Many districts used special days to deep clean their facilities. Our custodians took it upon themselves to deep clean everyday to make sure that we could schedule more in-person time for our students. Many mornings Officer Horne competes with me to see who can get to the building first to begin implementing our daily safety procedures. Officer Horne volunteers to help manage traffic inside and outside of the building. At the height of the pandemic when we needed to screen people before entering the building, Officer Horne volunteered. Police Officers take a sworn oath to serve and protect, and Officer Horne takes that oath seriously. Please join me in celebrating her efforts as well as the efforts of our school community. Character, collaboration, and community. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Curriculum Office:

MAP testing concluded this week with any make-ups that were needed. We are in the process of updating our Math Curriculum! This was in the works right before Covid hit, so we're picking back up and determining the best programs for our students to use next year. More information on that to follow. We are also busy preparing for our Summer Enrichment program! The teachers are really excited to work with the kids in July, and we have some fun daily activities planned.