



From the Superintendent

Ambrose F. Duckett, III

Welcome back! I had the pleasure of meeting a good amount of our families at our annual Back-to-School evening on Tuesday, September 13th. It is our goal to keep our school community engaged to foster a productive relationship between home and school. Regular communication between our families and teachers is key to supporting our students. If you have a question about assignments, classroom procedures, or your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher/s. As mentioned at Back to School night, meetings with teachers and/or administration must be prearranged. If you need to drop off anything, please use the bin located outside our front door. Staff members check the bin regularly and deliver items to their destination.

Over the summer, our Board met and established five [goals](#) for the year:

1. Building Relationships – Three year goal (first year)
2. NJSLA Readiness (Strategies to improve scores) – Three year goal (second year)
3. Enhance Communication – Two year goal (second year)
4. Facilities Maintenance – Three year goal (second year)
5. Proactive Financial Planning – Two year goal (first year)

Please join us at our [monthly Board meetings](#) to get updates on our progress in meeting these goals.

Drills

The New Jersey Department of Education requires that schools conduct one fire drill and one security drill each month students are present. Drills are conducted without prior notification to parents, students, and staff. Security drills vary, but must include the following drills over the course of the school year:

- 2 evacuation drills
- 2 bomb threats
- 2 lockdowns
- 2 active shooter lockdowns
- 2 miscellaneous drills (table-top exercises)

Notification Process

In the event of a real incident, timely and accurate communication with parents and guardians is essential. The Eastampton Township School District utilizes the following notification methods:

- Email
- District website
- Blackboard connect phone notification

Parents and guardians will be notified by the end of the day when a School Security Drill was conducted.

The goal of the Eastampton Township School District is to provide timely and accurate communication during school emergencies. Numerous agencies at the local, county, and state levels collaborate during these situations to 1) ensure the safety of our students and staff, and 2) provide information as quickly as possible to families and the community.

Our first priority is always the safety of our students and staff, directly followed by accurate communication to families.

Parking Lot Rules

- 10 MPH on all roads – Student Drive and Learning Lane
- DO NOT stop in crosswalk
- DO NOT get out of your vehicle
- Pull up to the bike rack to accommodate vehicles behind you
- DO NOT exit your vehicle; if your child needs extra time, please park
- Students must exit curbside
- DO NOT park in the fire lane
- DO NOT park and block cars in the parking lot
- DO NOT block the handicap parking space
- DO NOT make a double lane in the parking lot; this creates a hazard for the children in the parking lot
- DO NOT drop your child/children off at the stop sign in the parking lot; this practice is not safe for your child/children
- Once you have offloaded your child/children, please pull away so traffic doesn't get backed up
- Cross only at the crosswalk
- DO NOT drop your child/children off in the middle of Learning Lane; this practice is not safe for your child/children
- Cars must make a right hand turn after dropping off in the first aisle
- DO NOT park before or right after STOP sign for Kindergarten drop off/pick up
- DO NOT make U turns at the intersection near the Stop sign

Office of Curriculum

Linda Fulleylove

Welcome back! We're looking forward to a great school year. A few items of note from the Curriculum Office...We are excited to transition from using MAP as a benchmarking assessment tool to using the LinkIt platform. Students in grades 1-8 will take a beginning, middle, and end-of-year benchmark through LinkIt. Kindergarten will take a mid and end-of-year assessment. We are confident that the data we gather will help us effectively guide instruction and give students the opportunity to practice their critical thinking skills. For more information about LinkIt please visit: <https://www.linkit.com/>

Individual student reports for the Spring 2022 NJSLA were mailed home to families this week. These results demonstrate the extent to which students are able to demonstrate grade-level proficiency in ELA and Math. This is just one measure of academic progress; teachers use all types of formative assessments in their classrooms throughout the year to ensure we are meeting the academic development needs of our students.

The NJ Department of Education informed school districts last spring that schools would be required to administer the Start Strong assessment again this year. Despite my strongly worded letter to the Interim Director, this decision has not changed. Students in grades 4-8 will take the ELA and Math portions; students in 6th will also take Science. This will occur during the week of October 11th, and we are working on a schedule that will be minimally disruptive to instructional time.

CST Update

Kelly Eagles

September has certainly been eventful here at ECS. Our school district received notice that our preschool expansion funding application was accepted! This opportunity will allow our district to offer a full day, fully funded preschool program. We have been working towards this goal for the past two years. This additional aid translates into 45 children, ages 3-4, who will receive full time instruction by state licensed teachers. For our newest families, we anticipate an early-October start date which will be officially announced by our superintendent, Mr. Duckett, once our additional staff members are hired and approved. Please be assured we are moving as quickly as possible to open our additional classrooms. The preschool will follow the regular school calendar running tentatively from **8:45 am – 2:45 pm**. At this time, parents will need to transport their child to and from school. Also, all parents will need to register their child before they can begin the program. Please contact Mrs. Susan Wolf to schedule your appointment (Swolf@etsdnj.us). Before and after care will be provided by Kidz Space; please see their link on the district website and below. https://fs12.formsite.com/cCAoVq/dldvwwgvxi/form_login.html

The goal of our expanded program is to offer an enriching preschool experience that provides high quality, engaging instruction on a daily basis. We currently have a waitlist, but will continue to make every effort to expand. A meeting was held for our new families selected through our application and lottery process on September 20th. This meeting was held to review the program and registration requirements. The presented slides are available on our website for parents to

review. A meeting for our currently enrolled families in our half day program will be held on **Monday, October 3rd at 5:00 pm**. At this meeting, we will discuss the transition to full day preschool and review the daily schedule. We will also offer a Family Orientation Session for all of our preschoolers to see their classrooms prior to the official start. This is tentatively planned for **Friday, October 7th at 10:00 am**. More information will be forthcoming. We recognize this is a big transition for our youngest learners and will be working closely with our families to ease their concerns. In addition, we have hired a new preschool teacher, Mrs. Julie Hancock, as a member of our preschool teaching community. Mrs. Hancock will be shadowing Mrs. Raible, and we are excited to welcome her to our team! We are in the process of hiring our third classroom teacher and hope to announce our candidate soon. This has been quite a journey coupled with an ambitious timeline. We are truly grateful for our staff, board members, parents, administrative team, and community as we navigate this journey to full day preschool!

Preschool Slides:

[Preschool Information Night 2022-2023 - Google Slides](#)

Dean of Students

Ray A. Robinson, Jr.

Hello Eastampton Township Families, Community and Friends,

Welcome back!! It has been wonderful to see all of our students back in school and taking form to our academic routines again as we are in full swing of the 2022-2023 school year. I only have a couple things to share with you from my side of things.

First and foremost, the new ETSD Norms are in effect and the staff has been doing a PHENOMENAL job of helping students understand what is expected of them as we move further away from the effects of the pandemic. Please find a copy of our ETSD Norms Poster [HERE](#) and you'll get to see what is hanging in every classroom in our school.

If you haven't done so already, please download the **Kickboard/PowerSchool Behavior Support** app on your mobile device. This app serves as our tracking mechanism for our district's new Positive Behavior In School (PBIS) program.

In a nutshell, we have collectively implemented a program that will reward students for their positive behaviors that align with our ETSD Norms. Students can accumulate Knight's Bucks and redeem those Knight's Bucks for snacks and other items in our Knight's Den Incentive Shop. Click [HERE](#) to see some of the items in our Knight's Den. This is a big initiative for our staff here this year and we're going to need your help to make this program a success. Please follow the steps below to gain access to monitor your student's daily behaviors.

I look forward to working with you all. Please feel free to call or email me if you ever need anything.

Best Regards,
Mr. Robinson

How to Access the Kickboard Family Portal

1. Download the **Kickboard OR PowerSchool Unified Behavior Support App** or visit www.kickboardforschools.com/login.
2. The icon of the App should look like this:



3. Click **SIGN UP** as a **Student** or **Family Member**.
4. Enter your information and this access code: **Your student's homeroom teacher has your student's access code. Please email them to retrieve it.**
5. Click **CREATE ACCOUNT**

The Kickboard Portal is a way for families to keep up to date with a student's progress. To create your account, follow the instructions above. For security purposes, you will be asked to enter the access code given to you by your student's homeroom teacher. You may also have to insert the date of birth for each of your children. You will then be able to verify your email address, set a password, and log in.

If you have access codes for multiple students, you will be able to add more students to your family member account once you are logged in.

First Day of School





Class of 2023 Officers



Lunchtime!



