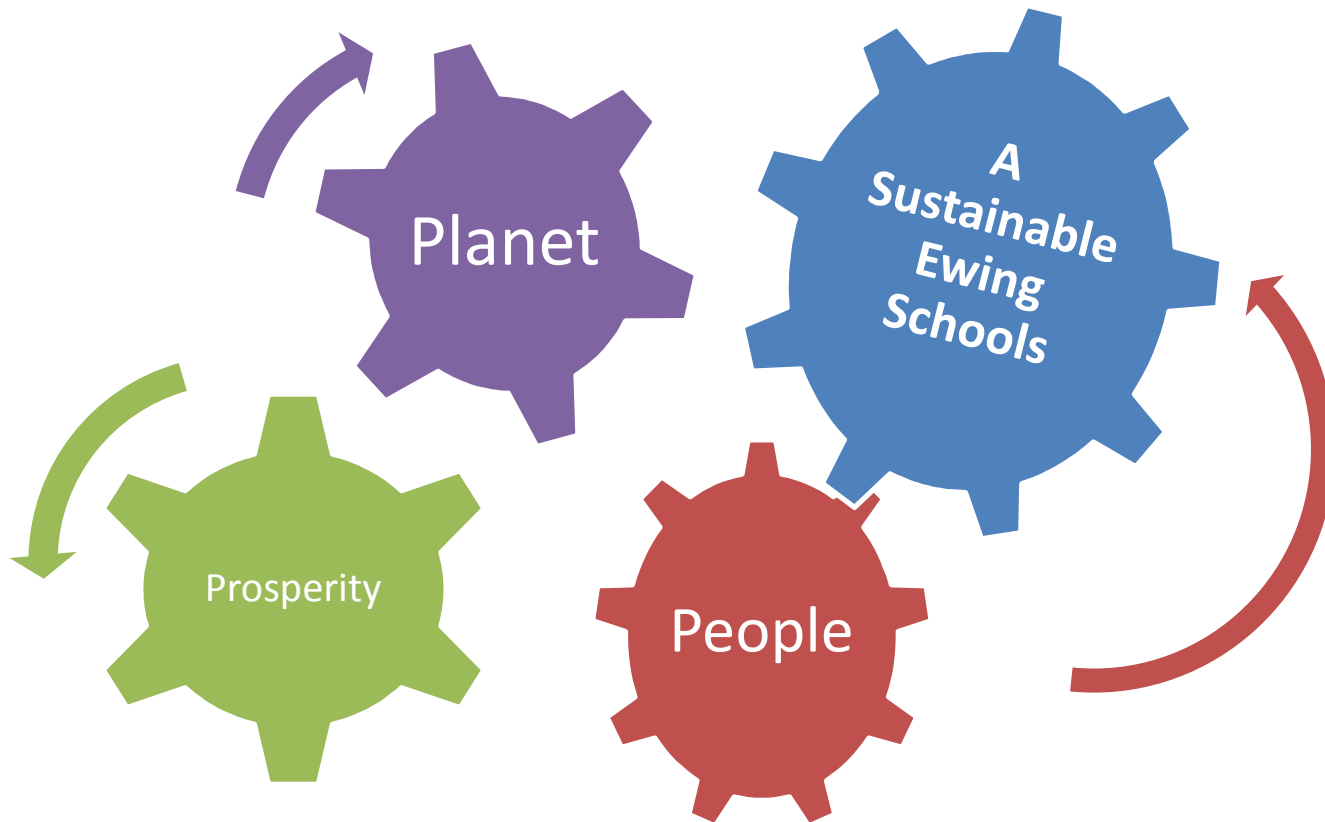


The Ewing Public Schools and Sustainable New Jersey

Pursuing Bronze Level Certification



During the 2015-16 School Year, The Ewing Public Schools....

- BOE Approved a Resolution Approving the Participation of the Ewing Schools in Sustainable Jersey.
- The Superintendent led the creation and submission of school-level letters of participation in Sustainable Jersey.
- A district-level “Green Team” was formed to drive Sustainable Jersey Efforts.

Community Education and Outreach

- Superintendent Nitti appointed as NJASA liaison to Sustainable Jersey
- Ewing Schools partner with stakeholders on an Energy Savings Improvement Plan
- Partnerships with Ewing Green Team and TCNJ Sustainability Institute
- EPEF grants supports environmental learning Student Environmental Groups

Accessible Communications

- The Ewing Public Schools has gone web-based and paperless with many of its reports and letters available to the school community through the Genesis Parent Portal. This allows parents to view academic reports and other documents via our student management system.
- Most other documents are now made available on our district website through our “Virtual Backpacks,” again eliminating the need for paper.
- The district’s popular Twitter feed, with over 1100 followers, is used to share and communicate information. Included is the hashtag #epsgoesgreen, which is used to highlight our sustainability efforts.
- Our website has a devoted section to our Sustainability efforts, detailing our many press releases on our various efforts and initiatives.

School Gardens

Each of the five schools of the Ewing Public Schools have developed school gardens, outdoor courtyards, and outside learning programs that promote an appreciation and respect for the environment. Each elementary school also has playgrounds that promote physical fitness and play.





Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Promotion Initiatives

- The Ewing Public Schools partners with several community organizations to host “Safety Town,” a very popular program that teaches pedestrian and bike safety to students entering our schools.
- The Ewing Public Schools partners with Capital Health Systems in a program designed to provide bike helmets, as well as encourage their use, to students in need.





Safe Driving Awareness Programs for High School Students

- The Ewing Public Schools partnered with New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance for the donation of a Driving Simulator, which is used as part of our Physical Education/Health curriculum. They also integrated NJM's "Safety Saves" teen driving program.
- Ewing High adopted and implemented a "Don't text and drive" program.
- Ewing High School integrated the safe driving site, <http://ipledge.me> into its instruction to highlight the risks and dangers of distracted driving.
- Around prom season, a series of programs and displays are used to raise awareness about the dangers of drunk and distracted driving.

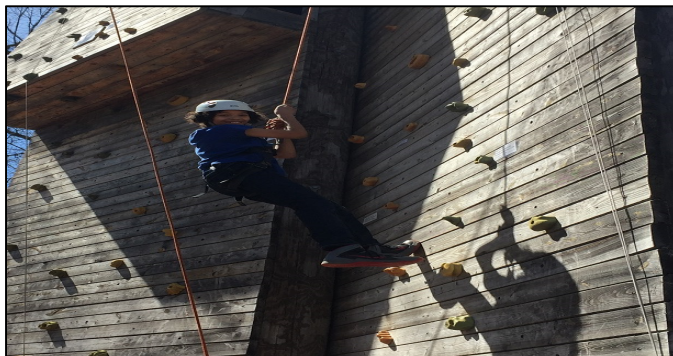
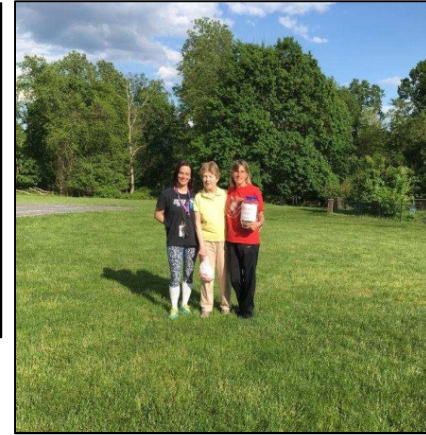


Programs to Promote Activity

A number of activities were developed and implemented with our staff and students to promote activity. These include:

- Elementary “Life Fitness” program-an innovative approach built into our recess program that encourages movement and activity.
- Camp Parkway-a daylong event that combines character education with fitness and movement activities.
- Expansion of Fisher Middle School Athletic Program-A cross country program, and “B” levels of certain sports were added to encourage more participation.
- Lore “Laps for Life”
- Lore “Running Club”
- Lore “Hoops for Heart”
- Anthelil “Mileage Club”
- POAC “Walk for a Difference”-a team-based walk event to raise awareness of issues related to autism.
- Ewing High School Fitness Center-The recently expanded EHS Fitness Center was modernized with the most progressive, innovative approaches to physical fitness. It is available to students daily after school.
- SNACK Program collaborative with The College of New Jersey-*Smart Nutrition and Condition for Kids*, is a program that combines the importance of movement skill with focused games, creative movements, and social involvement.





Staff Wellness Program

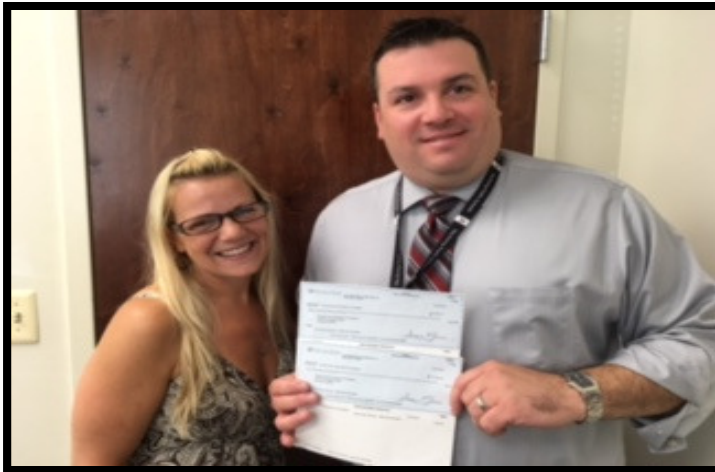
- This past year, the Ewing Public Schools, under the leadership of the Wellness Council, implemented a Staff Wellness Program to promote the importance of a healthy lifestyle in our school community. Over 200 staff members enrolled in the program “Shapeup” *Walk the Wonders* Challenge competing against other school districts, with the Ewing Schools finishing second overall in the district level competition and the team from Lore School winning the school challenge.
- Several offerings that promote a healthy lifestyle and an appreciation for lifelong fitness were incorporated into our staff professional development program and were very popular and well-received.
- Male members of the District Administrative Team participated in a “No-Shave November” contest that was widely publicized to bring attention to Men’s Health issues. The event culminated with a donation to our high school fitness center fund drive.
- The district partnered with local health organizations for a Flu Shot drive.

Stepping With Leo

On February 15th, members of the Ewing Township Education Association (ETEA), along with other district staff, were presented with a fitness challenge: form a team with a maximum of 11 players and see who can travel the furthest distance the fastest. Teams would travel virtually to the Seven Wonders of the World, passing through places from the Taj Majal in India, to the Great Wall of China, to Machu Picchu in Peru.

Stepping With Leo was a team formed at Lore Elementary School. Over the course of eight weeks, they stepped their way to first place and maintained that lead throughout the duration of the contest. The ultimate prize was \$1,000 to donate to the charity of their choosing.

Stepping With Leo made their donation to the Ewing Public Education Foundation (EPEF). EPEF has awarded thousands of dollars in grants to Ewing educators for innovative programming that directly benefits Ewing's greatest asset, the children in our community. The EPEF is the foundation that supplies The Ewing Public Schools with grants for many different amenities from books, to technology, to gym equipment. *Stepping With Leo* and the ETEA are grateful for all of the hard work that the EPEF does for Ewing, and it seemed appropriate to give back to a foundation that does so much for us!



2016-17 School Year focus for the Green Team:

Prosperity

- Energy Efficiency
- Leadership and Planning
 - Student Learning
 - Learning Structures
 - Innovation Projects

Presentation to the Board of Education

Questions/Comments

