

# GOOD NEWS

February The Ewing Public Schools 2025

## Mighty Monkey Wrenches Gear Up for 2025 Season Kickoff!



The 2025 FIRST Robotics Competition season is officially underway! Team 2016, the Mighty Monkey Wrenches, kicked off their season with a bang, filled with excitement and anticipation for the challenges that lie ahead.

The team gathered at New Jersey School for the Deaf to unveil this year's game challenge. The atmosphere was electric as students eagerly awaited the reveal, buzzing with ideas and eager to put their engineering skills to the test.

The kickoff marked the beginning of a rigorous and rewarding season for the Mighty Monkey Wrenches. The team will spend the next few weeks focused on:

- Brainstorming and designing innovative solutions: Students will work together to conceptualize and design a robot that meets the unique challenges of this year's game.
- Building and testing prototypes: The team will utilize their engineering expertise to build and test various robot prototypes, refining their designs and optimizing performance.



- Developing essential skills: Students will gain valuable hands-on experience in areas such as programming, electronics, machining, and teamwork.

The Mighty Monkey Wrenches are a dedicated group of students who are passionate about STEM education and robotics. They are committed to not only building a competitive robot but also fostering a collaborative and supportive team environment.

We wish the Mighty Monkey Wrenches the very best of luck in the 2025 season! We are confident that their hard work, creativity, and dedication will lead to great success.

Go Mighty Monkey Wrenches!



Antheil Integrated Preschool engages in "snow" many activities during the winter season. We are learning how to make our names using Playdoh! We use our imagination to build with blocks and tell stories with puppets. We had so much fun during the holiday season creating tangram turkeys and making gingerbread houses with our preschool families before winter break!



## EHS INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT PERFORMS TO A PACKED HOUSE

*"Music is powerful. As people listen to it, they can be affected. They respond." – Ray Charles*



On Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, the Ewing High School band, orchestra, chamber strings and symphony orchestra held their winter concert to a full auditorium. Each group performed exceptionally well and put on an excellent show for family, friends, teachers, and community members.

The string orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Colleen Trast began the evening with a wonderful selection of music. The orchestra's repertoire included works by Vivaldi, Woolstenhulme, Hofeldt, Monday, and spanned a variety of eras and musical styles. In reflecting on the group's performance Mrs. Trast shared, "I am proud of how the orchestra, chamber and symphony groups performed. The students worked hard to prepare some challenging repertoire. We look forward to another great concert in the spring."

The concert band performed next under the direction of Mr. Jason Price. The band performed works by James Reese Europe, Hugh Stuart, David Holsinger and W. Francis McBeth. The band's repertoire consisted of classic wind band literature and posed an exciting challenge for the students. Mr. Price had this to say about the band's performance: "I am extremely proud of how well the band performed. The band students worked very hard throughout the second half of the semester on preparing this music and they truly delivered."

Following the band was the chamber strings and symphony orchestra. The chamber strings delivered an excellent performance of Johannes' Brahms "Hungarian Dance No. 5." To complete the evening's performance members of the band joined the chamber strings and performed Giuseppe Verdi's



"Grand March" from the opera "Aida" and an exciting arrangement of "Respect" as performed by the queen of soul herself, Aretha Franklin.

Mrs. Benvenuti (EHS science teacher), who was running lights and sound that evening said "The concert was a wonderful display of talent by our band and orchestra students."

Thank you to all the students for their hard work and dedication to music!



# The Ewing Public Schools

## Showing the LOVE



The EHS Girls Basketball Team, Cheerleaders and Ewing High School community helped collect 170 pairs of socks during the holidays

for Operation Happy Feet in memory of Mrs. Hill's (TA @ EHS) mother. The donation of socks was to honor both her love of socks and Christmas. Great job Ewing High!!!! And THANKS!!!



EHS Chapter of National Honor Society sponsored a winter coat drive and collected over 100 coats for Jersey Cares, a non-profit organization

dedicated to helping those in need throughout New Jersey. Thank you to the Ewing community for your donations and support!



Fisher Middle School teacher, Mr. Jesse Ambriz and his dedicated crew along with the Laundry Depot in Ewing hosted a Wash and Learn Toys for Tots. Mr. Ambriz was able to recruit the Fisher Middle School Girls Basketball team to serve the community by handing out over 600 toys to families in our community. The team did Santa proud!



Ewing High's Environmental Club partnered with Parkway Elementary's Environmental STEM Club students to clean up the Parkway courtyard and help prepare it for the spring. Students completed tasks to help maintain and clean the garden and surrounding areas of the courtyard. EHS students led and gave guidance to the elementary schoolers they were partnered with, explaining the benefits and importance of sustainable agriculture.



## Opportunities Flourish for EHS Life Skills Students



At Ewing High School (EHS), in the Life Skills Program the district is fortunate to have exceptional educators who seek out educational opportunities where students thrive and are challenged to reach their full potential today and every day.

EHS Life Skills students are currently participating in the Safety SEAT- Safety Education Awareness Program through New Jersey Transit. Students are learning about community signs related to trains, safety around train tracks, and proper etiquette as a train passenger.

Facilitated by Kathryn Smith, Safety Education Program Specialist, the lessons are engaging, fun, and informative, from singing and dancing around the classroom to remember the meanings of different safety signs, to having students design their own versions of railroad crossings! The training will help students as they build their independence and prepare for life after high school, empowering



them to feel confident when using public transport in their community!

In December, Life Skills students also had the unique opportunity to visit the lovely individuals from Inspired Threads. Inspired Threads is a non-profit organization based out of Hamilton Township that

focuses on an inclusive workforce, diverting textile waste from landfills, and advocating for employment equality. Under the guidance of Jeanene (Executive Director), the volunteers, and the artists, students were given the opportunity to hand-pick several fabrics that symbolize their dreams and goals for the future. With the chosen fabrics, the talented crew from Inspired Threads will make each student a "dream pillow," with which students can reflect on how they can achieve these goals. The Life Skills students will return to Inspired Threads in February to see their finished pillows!

## Ewing Township Board of Education 2025

### Welcomes Two New Members; Elects President and Vice President



The Ewing Township Board of Education held its annual Organization Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025.

Mrs. Eve Bolden was elected to the Ewing Board of Education in November and was officially sworn in on January 6<sup>th</sup> for a three-year term. Mrs. Bolden is originally from Mount Holly, New Jersey, and moved to Ewing in 2002 with her husband Sean and their two sons. Both children attended Ewing Public Schools. Mrs. Bolden shared, "I have always enjoyed volunteering at the schools, coaching youth sports teams, and being active in community events. As a preschool teacher for over twenty years, I am an advocate for quality education with a commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all students. I am proud to be part of a team that strives to ensure every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential and achieve academic success."

Ms. Sandra Hereford-Crawley was also sworn in for her first three-year term as a Board of Education member. Ms. Hereford-Crawley has been a Ewing Township resident since 1996 and attended The College of New Jersey. Her daughter, Jordan, attended Ewing Public Schools.

Ms. Hereford-Crawley retired after working 34 years with the State of New Jersey at Anne Klein Forensic and 23 years at Ewing High School as a security monitor.

In her role as a Board member, Ms. Hereford-Crawley, will continue her legacy of supporting students, staff, and the Ewing community by being present and making sure that schools have the resources to deliver an exceptional education.

Ms. Deborah Delutis was elected to her third three-year term as a member of the Ewing Township Board of Education after serving this past year as the Board's president. Ms. Delutis is a lifelong Ewing resident.

"I take my role on the Board very seriously and try to attend as many school events as possible and represent the Board of Education at public events. It is important to me to continue the great work we have been developing over the past few years."

At the Organization Meeting, Mr. Michael. S. Miller was elected president and Mrs. Nicole NW Harris was elected vice president. Please join us for our next Board of Education meeting scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2025, at Parkway Elementary School.

# The Ewing Public Schools

## DESAIYA HAIRSTON - NJSIAA NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS REPRESENTATIVE



Congratulations to senior, DeSaiya Hairston on being chosen to represent Ewing High School for the 2025 NJSIAA National Girls & Women in Sports Day Event at Rutgers University! DeSaiya is a Ewing fall and winter cheerleader and a spring track athlete!

The celebratory event took place on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at Jersey Mike's Arena – Rutgers women's basketball hosted Nebraska.

## FMS Origami Artists

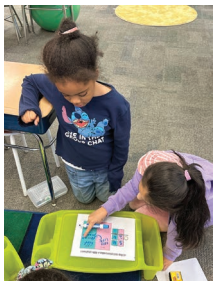
*"More than Folding Paper"*



Seventh grade students at FMS are captivating the school community with their impressive origami skills. From

intricate cranes to vibrant flowers, these young artists are demonstrating remarkable creativity and patience as they transform simple sheets of paper into stunning works of art. Their dedication to mastering the ancient art of folding has resulted in a diverse collection of unique and beautiful creations, showcasing their talent and artistic growth.

Origami is the Japanese art of folding a flat piece of paper into decorative shapes and figures. Origami is used for decorative and artistic purposes but is also used as a tool to teach basic principals in math and geometry. It is also a learning experience that incorporates communication and problem-solving skills along with promoting goal setting.



At Lore Elementary School in Ms. Mecquel Fouratt's third grade class students have been working so hard on their two-digit subtraction unit! They have been doing a great job working together, making drawings, and using their place value skills! Ms.

Fouratt shared, "Turning around and seeing a student explaining step by step to another student was such a great classroom moment!"

## EHS Senior Spotlight: Meet Samantha Dupee



**If you could use one word to describe yourself, what would that word be?** Tenacious

**The Ewing Public Schools' girls' wrestling program has flourished in the past few years, and you have been a pillar of the program since you were in sixth grade at Fisher Middle School. Last year was the first year the Mercer County Tournament hosted Girls Wrestling. How does it feel to be part of something special and groundbreaking for girls' sports in your community?**

When I started wrestling as a freshman there were only two girls on the team and now there are twelve. As a freshman, if I wanted to wrestle, I had to wrestle against boys, that has changed quite a bit this season with numerous girl wrestling tournaments being offered. Last year my mom, Coach DeCavalcante, and I did a campaign with posters and "meet and greet" events to get more girls interested in the program. Mom made her famous pumpkin chocolate chip cookies and we had a good turnout which continues today under the guidance of Coach Zedalis.

**As of this interview, you are on the sidelines with an injury with your expected return to the mats the first week in February. This is not how you envisioned your senior year in wrestling, but being the fierce competitor, what can we expect when you return to competition?** That is a good question. I was set to start the season at a full run. Unfortunately, that is not the case with my broken nose. My last match was in August at TCNJ where I came in second. I will not be able to start wrestling until the Mercer County Tournament. And even then, I must wear a face shield. It's going to be tough; I intend to give it my all.

**You have selected some very interesting courses for your senior year. Tell us about your Mythology course: From Zeus to Superman, who is the real hero?** I am finding the course very interesting. I did not know that much about Greek Mythology and am realizing that our modern-day superheroes are based on characters from Greek Mythology. Medusa's story is intriguing to me because she took revenge on her enemies and turned them into stone. Her hair composed of snakes is cool. It could be a look that I could pull off on the mat. How intimidating would that be?

**The second semester brings on Engineering Design/3D Printing, Robotics I, and the art class, Crafts. What is special about these courses?** In my

spare time, I like putting Lego models together. My favorite is the Titanic. I would love to get a job at Lego putting models together. Engineering, robotics, and crafts go together nicely with Lego model building.

**Who is your favorite teacher or coach and why?** I have so many wonderful teachers and coaches in my time at Ewing. Mrs. Feeny is my favorite teacher. She has instilled in me my love for reading and has taught me skills to read fluently and confidently.

**What activities do you participate in outside of school?** Snowboarding, fishing, wrestling, paddle boarding, hiking, pickleball, bowling, camping, and watching my man AJ Brown scoring touchdowns for the Philadelphia Eagles.

**What awards or acknowledgments have you received?** MVP for wrestling, captain of the wrestling team, student of the month, athlete of the month, toughest wrestler award, first place in Mercer County Girls Wrestling Tournament, Outstanding Achievement award, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Regionals, qualified for states, made varsity my freshman year wrestling, Ewing Township Proclamation Award, Mercer County Certificate of Honor.

**What is your favorite quote?** I have two favorite quotes that I can relate to:

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out."

Angel Powers

"Float like a Butterfly, sting like a bee."

Muhammad Ali

## Is the Doctor In?



As part of the fourth-grade multiplication unit in Mrs. Kendall Pagano's Antheil AIM class, AIM students became doctors for a morning as they performed partial products surgery. In the "operating room" students broke apart the multi-digit numbers into hundreds, tens, and ones as part of the partial products multiplication strategy. Students donned gloves and masks to cut, glue, and solve. All of the fourth-grade doctors were successful in using the new strategy to solve multi-digit multiplication problems!




# The Ewing Public Schools

EPEF IS TURNING 30!

**\$30 FOR 30**

For our 30th birthday, we want to celebrate with you! We are asking members of the community to donate \$30 between January 1st through December 31st using one of the methods below so we can continue to support the students of the Ewing School District!

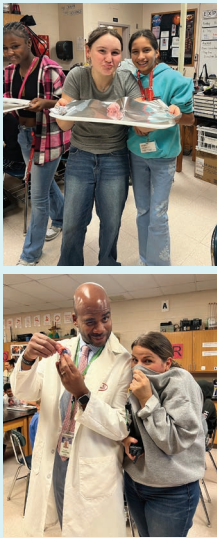
ONLINE:  SCAN ME

BY CHECK: PAYABLE TO: EPEF

ADDRESS:  
EPEF  
PO BOX 7033  
EWING, NJ 08628

This is a tax deductible donation!

Students in Mr. Darrell Williams 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science class had a very moo...ving experience dissecting cow eyes!



The Ewing Public Schools

## Kindergarten Registration

# NOW OPEN!

Our virtual registration process is easy and convenient, allowing you to complete everything from the comfort of your home.

**REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:**  
Documents required for enrollment include proof of address, proof of age and medical records. You can find a list of acceptable supporting documents on our website: [WWW.ewing.k12.nj.us/REGISTRATION](http://WWW.ewing.k12.nj.us/REGISTRATION)

**DON'T WAIT—SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW!**  
Kindergarten Roundup events will be hosted on select dates in March, April & May at Antheil School. Appointments for roundup will ONLY be assigned once online registration is completed.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Child must be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2025 and reside in Ewing with their Parent or Legal Guardian to be eligible for kindergarten.

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE CENTRAL REGISTRATION OFFICE AT:**  
609-538-9800 ext. 7175 or 7181 | [registration@ewingboe.org](mailto:registration@ewingboe.org)

## February 2025 Schedule in Ewing Schools

Feb 1	National Freedom Day
Feb 6	Elementary Schools & FMS - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Report Cards
Feb 7	Antheil - PTO Valentine's Day Dance @ 6:30pm
Feb 8	Parkway - PTA Breakfast @ 8:30-11am
Feb 10	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – Staff Development Day</b>
Feb 11	Parkway - PTA Meeting @ 6pm FMS - FPA Virtual Meeting @ 7:15pm
Feb 12	EHS - Semester 1 Report Cards/Genesis Parent Access
Feb 13	EHS - Back to School Night 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester @ 6:30pm Antheil - PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm
Feb 14	<b>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!</b>
Feb 17	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – Presidents' Day</b>
Feb 18	Lore - PTA Meeting @ 7pm
Feb 21	FMS - Sweetheart Social @ 3:15pm-5pm
Feb 24	Board of Education Meeting @ Parkway Media Center (Public Session @ 7pm)
Feb 26	Parkway - Mobile Dentist Visit
Feb 27	Parkway - Mobile Dentist Visit ESL Family Night @ Lore - 6pm
Feb 28	FMS - FPA Pasta Dinner @ 6-8pm

## Notice of Board of Education Meetings

The Ewing Township Board of Education has scheduled the following Board Meetings. All meetings are regular business meetings unless otherwise noted. The Board will meet at 6:00PM and at that time, there will be a brief opening and the Board will move into Closed Session for one hour and return to the public at 7:00PM.

### DATES:

January 27, 2025 @ Antheil	July 28, 2025 @ EHS
February 24, 2025 @ Parkway	August 25, 2025 @ EHS
March 17, 2025 @ FMS (Preliminary Budget Presentation/ Tentative Approval)	September 29, 2025 @ EHS
April 28, 2025 @ EHS (Public Hearing on Budget/ Approval of Final Budget)	October 27, 2025 @ EHS
May 19, 2025 @ EHS	November 24, 2025 @ Lore
June 23, 2025 @ EHS	December 15, 2025 @ EHS
	January 5, 2026 @ EHS (Board Organization Meeting)
	NOTE: There will be NO Closed Session unless otherwise specified

## 2025 Ewing Township Board of Education

**Mr. Michael S. Miller,**  
**President**

Mr. Daniel L. Angebrannndt

Mrs. Eve R. Bolden

Ms. Elyse Carmichael Henderson

Ms. Deborah A. Delutis

**Mrs. Nicole NW Harris,**  
**Vice President**

Ms. Sandra Hereford-Crawley

Ms. Sandra L. Herrington

Mrs. Jennifer L. Miller

**For questions or information, please contact the Superintendent's Office:**

☎ 609-538-9800 ext. 1102    ✉ [thullings@ewingboe.org](mailto:thullings@ewingboe.org)

🌐 [www.ewing.k12.nj.us](http://www.ewing.k12.nj.us)

*Design and Layout by Daniella Crescente*

*GoodNews is an official publication of The Ewing Public Schools.*

©2025 GoodNews