## The Ewing Public Schools 2024-2025 School Calendar & Parent Handbook

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## **The Ewing Public Schools**

Dear Community Members,

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all students, families, and community members as we embark on a new school year at Ewing Public Schools. I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating summer break.

As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our commitment to academic excellence, the arts, athletics, inclusivity, and creativity. We are particularly excited about the initiatives outlined in our District Strategic Plan. Our strategic focus includes enhancing educational equity and resource allocation, strengthening curriculum, instruction, and professional development, optimizing academic (RTI) and behavioral support systems (PBSIS), and creating a sustainable environment for staff and student morale enhancement. Through this plan, we aim to boost student performance across the board, foster a district culture of problem-solving and inclusivity, and retain our most valuable asset – our dedicated staff. We firmly believe that we are stronger together.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated team, who have worked diligently over the summer to ensure our facilities are prepared for a successful academic year. Their efforts in thorough cleaning, essential maintenance, and ongoing infrastructure improvements have created a safe and conducive environment for learning.

Your partnership is crucial to our students' success, and I invite our entire community to join us in this exciting journey. With gratitude for your ongoing support, let us embrace the opportunities ahead and make the 2024-2025 school year remarkable.

Warm regards,

Dr. David Gentile Superintendent of Schools Ewing Public Schools



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### Dear Parents, Guardians, Alumni, Students and Friends,

The Ewing Public Education Foundation (EPEF or Foundation) celebrates 29 years of providing grants to Ewing Public Schools for innovative educational programs. EPEF is an independent, non-profit organization whose mission is to mobilize community support, commitment, and resources to help improve the quality of education in Ewing Public Schools. The Foundation also seeks to match corporate organizational donors with teachers to find additional projects of mutual interest.

EPEF provides grants to teachers and staff members and allocates scholarships to graduating Ewing High School students through fund-raising activities, corporate and institutional sponsorship, and individual donations. These programs enhance our children's educational experience without the use of additional taxpayer dollars. The grants recognize the need for innovative educational opportunities in a variety of areas, inspiring the creativity of our educators and enabling them to engage the students in exciting and different ways. Scholarships provide the graduating seniors from EHS to continue their educational endeavors in colleges, universities, or vocational institutions.

EPEF has stayed steadfast to our mission by providing grants to educators' innovative programs and scholarships. In the past ten years, the Foundation has awarded grants totaling over \$315,000 and in 2024 awarded \$10,500 in scholarships to our graduating EHS students.

The Foundation is a founding member of the New Jersey Education Foundation Partnership and a member of the Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce.

EPEF continues to expand its assistance to teachers, staff members, and students with the support of individuals, businesses, and corporate sponsors. Our success depends on your contribution. Your contribution of \$25 or more will allow us to expand our commitment to Ewing Public Schools educators and students.

For additional information about the Foundation and to make a tax-deductible contribution, visit EPEF's website at www.epef.org. Like our Facebook page for updates and additional information. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, **Roomana Khan, President** Ewing Public Education Foundation

## **Superintendent Dr. David Gentile**



Dr. David Gentile began his career as the Superintendent of the Ewing Public Schools in November of 2022.

Dr. Gentile's mission is to provide every student the opportunity to achieve their dreams through education was forged long before he stepped foot in a classroom. His father, an Italian immigrant, overcame learning challenges to become a self-taught mechanical engineer who, through sheer drive and determination, founded a successful family HVAC business. His mother owned a small hair styling business that operated out of her shop built by his father in the basement of their modest home in a working-class small-town, USA.

The value of education was nurtured throughout his childhood. His parents, who always wanted more for their children, insisted they study hard and receive the best education possible. Dr. Gentile's sister earned a Ph.D. in accounting while he fell in love with teaching and learning. As a teenager, he was a swimming instructor for younger children; it was then that he discovered his passion for teaching. Schoolwork did not always come easy for Dr. Gentile, struggling especially with reading; until, as a freshman in college, a learning consultant ensured he received help to overcome this obstacle. From that point forward, he enjoyed a new world of reading, learning, and helping others become successful learners. He tutored local high school students to help work his way through college and, in doing so, confirmed his love for teaching and learning.

Dr. Gentile's family was not one of great means; however, he had some success on the athletic field which afforded him access to an education. He attributes his personal work ethic to his experience as a student, athlete, and employee. He vividly remembers extremely long days as he worked in the family HVAC business, maintained good grades, and participated in baseball and football.

He started his formal career in education in 1998 with the Millville Public School District as an elementary school teacher and high school baseball and football coach. His own experiences helped him identify with his young students and help them understand themselves better as learners. Dr. Gentile gravitated to instructing students who had learning obstacles, ultimately leading him to teach in an alternative eighth-grade program he helped design for the Runnemede Public School District.

In 2003, he officially started his leadership career as a middle school vice principal and was later promoted to the position, of principal in Runnemede, New Jersey. In 2008, he traveled up the road to become the Superintendent of Schools in the Mount Holly Public School District. Working collaboratively with his team, they achieved many improvements and successes: reducing school violence, improving student achievement, and finding and addressing inequities. He learned how to work effectively with stakeholders throughout the school community, through a collaborative effort to pass a comprehensive bond referendum and oversee multiple capital improvement projects.

In 2010, he was appointed Superintendent of Schools in the Millville Public School District. Dr. Gentile spent the next decade working with staff and community members on a shared vision to create a world-class district. Together, they realized many improvements and successes: student achievement, establishing a professional community dedicated to instructional improvement, creating a system of classroom walkthroughs, and establishing a comprehensive professional development approach. Their professional work was recognized by both McRel and ASCD as they featured the district's efforts in their video series *Classroom Instruction that Works*. He also worked collaboratively in Millville to secure New Jersey Department of Education funding to address crowding and capacity issues, as well as other long-standing educational concerns. As a result, the district received over one-hundred million dollars in additional state funding to complete a comprehensive renovation project that completely overhauled the existing high school campus.

In 2019, Dr. Gentile was appointed Superintendent of Schools in the Voorhees Township School District, where he worked with staff and community members to create a much-needed redistricting plan, to advance full-day kindergarten and the construction of an early childhood center, as well as integrating more technology into classroom instruction. Like school leaders throughout the country, he navigated uncharted territory of the world-wide COVID pandemic. In 2022, he became the Chief Academic Officer of the Cumberland County Technical High School District, where he was responsible for student admissions, equity, curriculum/instruction, and various other special projects for the district.

Dr. Gentile's goal is to work collaboratively with the Ewing community to ensure students receive an exceptional education and are prepared for the world following graduation.

## **The Ewing Public Schools**

Over 3,500 students attend five public schools in Ewing Township. Students in Grades PreK-5 attend Antheil, Lore and Parkway Elementary Schools. Students in Grades 6-8 attend Fisher Middle School and Ewing High School serves Grades 9-12. A comprehensive curriculum and a wide range of programs are provided for all students.

All district programs are evaluated by the New Jersey Department of Education. The District is accredited by the State of New Jersey.

### **Public Information**

We believe it is our responsibility to keep parents, students, staff and residents informed. The district calendar is posted on the website and individual school calendars list current activities and events for each of the district schools.

The district phone number is 609-538-9800. Voice mail is available for all staff members as well as for a residency hotline (8999), and anonymous tip hotline (1199).

### Virtual Backpack

Information that traditionally came home in student backpacks is posted to our virtual backpacks for each school. Community information is posted as a courtesy on the community information page; look here for Ewing Township Recreation information.



### **District Information**

The district website, www.ewing.k12.nj.us, provides board agendas, minutes from the board meetings, activities and sports calendars, news items, announcements, school policies and programs and many other helpful items. Every issue of the current school year's **GoodNews** is also available on the website. The individual school sites include student work, class projects, a calendar of school activities, as well as headlines featuring important and exciting information to be shared with the school community. Be sure to check the virtual backpacks and headlines for up-to-the minute information.

School Hours	Opening	Closing
Ewing High	7:45am	2:30pm
Fisher Middle	8:25am	3:05pm
Elementary	9:00am	3:40pm
O'Brien Academy	7:35am	1:55pm
Endeavor Academy	9:15am	1:00pm



### SchoolMessenger

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All student contact information will be updated DAILY using the Guardian 1 and Guardian 2 contact information located in Genesis Parent Portal. Please make sure to update your phone number or email in Genesis Parent Portal if your contact information changes.

It is also important that parents and guardians create an account with SchoolMessenger. We recommend downloading the app which is available on the Apple and Android store.

To receive text messages, you will need to opt into the text(SMS) alerts. The SchoolMessenger system will send a text asking if you would like to receive text alerts. Simply respond that you would like to receive text alerts.

Please go to the following link for information on SchoolMessenger: http://go.schoolmessenger.com.

### **Emergency School Closings**

Weather conditions or the loss of utility services (heat, water or electric) can mean a delayed opening, the closing of the schools or an early dismissal. The decision to delay or close the schools is made as early as possible. A message will be posted on the district phone system (609-538-9800), the website, and a SchoolMessenger message will be sent.

Should there be a delayed opening, all students are to report to school **1 hour and 30 minutes** later than normal. Do not drop your child off at school at the usual time as there may not be sufficient staff for supervision.

### Delayed Opening Early Dismissal

Ewing High	9:15am	12:15pm
Fisher Middle	9:55am	12:55pm
Elementary	10:30am	1:40pm
O'Brien Academy	9:05am	11:55am

## **The Ewing Public Schools**

Sandra L. Herrington Lisa A. McConnell Anthony F. Messina

### **Board of Education Meetings**

Business Meeting	September 23, 2024	(Monday @ EHS)
Business Meeting	October 28, 2024	(Monday @ EHS)
Business Meeting	November 25, 2024	(Monday @ Lore)
Business Meeting	December 16, 2024	(Monday @ EHS)
Business Meeting	January 6, 2025	(EHS - No closed session)

The Board of Education may meet in closed session at 6:00pm. The public segment of the meeting will follow at 7:00pm, unless otherwise noted. Meeting dates are subject to change. Check the website for meeting locations.

### The 2024 Ewing Township Board of Education

Mrs. Deborah A. Delutis, President	Ms. Sandra L. Herringto
Mr. Michael S. Miller,	Ms. Lisa A. McConnell
Vice President	Mr. Anthony F. Messina
Mr. Daniel L. Angebranndt	Mrs. Jennifer L. Miller
Ms. Elyse Carmichael Henderson	
Mrs. Nicole NW Harris	

### **District Administrative Team**

Dr. David Gentile, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Trisha Bogusz, Assistant Superintendent (Curriculum & Instruction) Mr. Dennis J. Nettleton, School Business Administrator (Fiscal Management/Governance) Ms. Maria Petsos, Director of Special Services, Grant Management & Innovation Dr. Jennifer Antoni, Director of Counseling Services & Assessment

### Visit our website daily for up-to-the minute information: www.ewing.k12.nj.us

### September

<b>2</b> <b>3</b> <b>4</b> 5 18 18 19 24 25 26 <b>October</b>	CLOSED - Labor Day CLOSED - Staff Development Day CLOSED - Building Meeting/Select Student Orientation First Day of School for Students Fisher Middle School Back to School Night O'Brien Academy Back to School Night Ewing High School Back to School Night Parkway School Back to School Night Lore School Back to School Night Antheil School Back to School Night
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7-8 25-26 27 <b>28-29</b>	CLOSED – Staff Development Day CLOSED – NJEA Convention Early Dismissal Full Day PreK-8 Parent Conferences Evening Conferences: FMS 25 <sup>th</sup> ; Elementary 26 <sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal Full Day PreK-12 NO PM EDP CLOSED – Thanksgiving Break
December	1
23 <b>24-31</b>	Early Dismissal Full Day PreK-12 NO PM EDP CLOSED – Winter Break
January	
<b>1</b> 20 24,27,28 <b>29</b> 29	CLOSED – New Year Holiday Observed CLOSED – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Early Dismissal 9-12 only (Exams) CLOSED – 6-12 & OBA (no students) Early Dismissal Full Day PreK-5
February	
13 10 17	EHS Back to School Night 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester CLOSED – Staff Development Day CLOSED – Presidents' Day
March	
6 <b>31</b>	Early Dismissal Full Day PreK-8 only Parent Conferences Closed – Eid al-Fitr Staff/Development Day
April	
18-25	CLOSED – Spring Break
May	
26	CLOSED – Memorial Day
June	
17,18,19 19 <b>20</b>	Early Dismissal Full Day PreK-12 – NO LUNCHES SERVED (EHS 12:00; FMS 12:35; Elem 1:10; OBA 11:35) Last Day of School/EHS Graduation CLOSED – Juneteenth Holiday

## Who Should I Contact When?

On occasion, a parent may have a concern, complaint, suggestion or request related to a school decision or policy. Many questions are easily and completely answered by communicating directly with the person in charge of the class or program. Each situation should first be addressed at whatever level the initial action was taken, with appeals moving on to the next level in the chain of command. **General information (school/Board calendar, policies/regulations, employee contact information, individual schools websites, etc.) is always available for you at our website: www.ewing.k12.nj.us. Our phone number is 609-538-9800.** 

	at Ewing High School or Fisher Middle School:					
	<i>Classroom Teacher, Club Advisor or At</i> EHS Main Office: Athletic Director (matters related to at FMS Main Office:		Ext: 2100 Ext: 2126 Ext: 3100			
2.	Matters Related to Curriculum and Ins	truction:				
	Counseling Services/Assessment:	Dr. Jennifer Antoni	Ext: 2121			
	K-12 English Language Arts, ESL:	Sara Graja	Ext: 2156			
	K-12 Social Studies, World Language, Music, Art: K-12 Instructional Technology &	Brock Mislan	Ext: 2152			
	Engineering:	Alicia Mackall	Ext: 5127			
	K-12 Math & Science	Donald Wahlers	Ext: 5155			
	Special Education Programs PK-5 Programs &					
	O'Brien Academy:	David Hauserman	Ext: 3701			
	Grade 6 – Age 21:	Shanté Middleton	Ext: 2178			
	9-12 Family & Consumer		<b>F</b> 1 0100			
	Science/Business:	Shalieka Jarrett	Ext: 2106			
	Health & Physical Education:	Christina Caldwell	Ext: 2127			
3.	Matters Related to Student Discipline	at Ewing High School:				
	Dean of Students: Dean of Students: Assistant Principal: Assistant Principal: Principal:	Gregory Coward (Start TBA) David Sheffel Lisa Lenihan Shalieka Jarrett Lisa Sabo (9/16/24)	Ext: 2103 Ext: 2105 Ext: 2107 Ext: 2106 Ext: 2102			
	Matters Related to Student Discipline Dean of Students: Assistant Principal: Assistant Principal: Principal:	<b>at Fisher Middle School:</b> Rebecca Romanko Scott Sheplock Hugh Dwyer Dr. Maggy Hanna	Ext: 3105 Ext: 3105 Ext: 3105 Ext: 3102			

1. Matters concerning instruction, discipline, or extra-curricular activities

4. Matters related to elementary schools:

### Antheil Elementary School

Superintendent:

	Dean of Students: Assistant Principal: Principal:	Leah Rodriguez Mark Milecki Clifford "Kip" Harrison	Ext: 4103 Ext: 4103 Ext: 4102
	<i>Lore Elementary School</i> Dean of Students: Principal:	Christine Meekins Kelly Kawalek	Ext: 6103 Ext: 6102
	<i>Parkway Elementary School</i> Dean of Students: Principal:	Robert Odri Michelle Conway	Ext: 5105 Ext: 5102
5.	On matters involving school operations Buildings and Grounds: Extended Day Program Before School Care: Extended Day Program After School Care	Vincent Ferrara	Ext: 7102 Ext: 7114
	Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer Cour Program Director: SBA/Board Secretary:	nty Denise Brannon-Eutsey Dennis Nettleton	(609) 695-6060 Ext: 202 Ext: 1302
	Food Services:	Valerie Chernish	Ext: 7106
	McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison:	Maria Persos George Cahil	Ext: 7176 Ext. 7181
	Residency:	George Cahil William Coleman	Ext. 7184 Ext. 7185
	Registration:	Diane Sholes Ashley McKeon	Ext. 7181 Ext. 7175
	Transportation:	Shaun Stewart Aileen Daniels	Ext. 7111 Ext. 7113
6.	Anti-Bullying/HIB Concerns: Contact Building Level Anti-Bullying S	-	
	District HIB Coordinator:	Dr. Jennifer Antoni	Ext: 2121
7.	To resolve all matters only after you hat Assistant Superintendent:	ve followed the levels outl Dr. Trisha Bogusz	ined above: Ext: 1402

Dr. David Gentile

Ext: 1102

## **The Ewing Public Schools**

### Affirmative Action/Non-Discrimination Information

The Ewing Public Schools will not discriminate against students or employees on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic status, or disability.

Dr. Trisha Bogusz, Assistant Superintendent, is the district's Affirmative Action Officer and Dr. Jennifer Antoni, Director of Counseling Services and Assessment, is the 504 Officer. They coordinate compliance efforts and investigate complaints of discrimination.

Policies and regulations are available for review on our website (*www.ewing.k12.nj.us*) under the Board of Education/Policies and Regulations tab.

### **Sexual Harassment of Students**

*Ewing Pubic Schools Title IX Coordinator:* Ms. Maria Petsos Gusz Building 220 Ewingville Road Ewing, New Jersey 08638 Email: mpetsos@ewingboe.org Phone: (609) 538-9800 X7176

Policy 5751 and Regulation 5751 Sexual Harassment of Students can be located on the district website: www.ewing.nj.k12.us under the Board of Education tab/Policies and Regulations.

The Board of Education will not tolerate sexual harassment of students by school employees, other students, or third parties. Sexual harassment of students is a form of prohibited sex discrimination. In accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 34 CFR §106, the school district adopts this Policy and implement practices to investigate and resolve allegations of sexual harassment of students, or third parties.

pursuant to 34 CFR §106.3(c). In addition, reports of sexual harassment shall also be investigated in accordance with the requirements of New Jersey's Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act and Policy 5512. Policy 5751 and Regulation 5751 Sexual Harassment of Students can be located on the district website: www.ewing.nj.k12.us under the Board of Education tab/Policies and Regulations.



### The Week of Respect is October 7-11, 2024

Each school year, the Ewing Public Schools recognizes the Week of Respect during the first week in October. The purpose of the Week

of Respect is to teach students how to respect others, our school, our community, and ourselves, as well as how to prevent harassment, intimidation, and bullying situations. The Week of Respect also emphasizes the importance of character education and teaches students strategies on how to be compassionate, thoughtful, caring people in and outside of school.



### School Violence Awareness Week is October 21-25, 2024 Keeping Our Kids Students

Safe, Healthy & In School!

During this week, schools are required to provide students, parents, school district staff and law enforcement opportunities to discuss methods for keeping schools safe from violence, to consider school safety and security plans; and to learn how to recognize students in need of help. Activities address preventing school violence, including, but not limited to, ageappropriate opportunities for student discussion about conflict resolution, bullying prevention and issues of student diversity and tolerance.



### Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31, 2024

On January 31, 2024, the National Family Partnership (NFP) proudly revealed the theme for the 2024 Red Ribbon Week: "Life is A Movie, Film Drug Free.™" This creative theme

was submitted by Cheryl Holsapfel, Digital Art Teacher, and Devansh Aggarwal from Solon Middle School. It serves as a powerful reminder that ordinary Americans nationwide contribute significantly to their communities every day by embracing a drug-free lifestyle.

The origin of the Red Ribbon Campaign traces back to 1985, following the tragic murder of Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. This initiative, initiated by NFP, symbolizes a commitment to raising awareness about the devastating impact of drugs in America."



### The Great Kindness Challenge is January 27-31, 2025

At the heart of The Great Kindness Challenge is the simple belief that kindness is strength.

"Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind." – Henry James



### Random Acts of Kindness Week is February 14-20, 2025

Random Acts of Kindness Week is a celebration of all the ways we can become a positive influence in

each other's lives. Even one small act of kindness can mean a great deal to somebody. It is important for us to constantly be reminded to be kind to one another and to give others hope whenever we can. A small and random gesture of kindness can go a long way.

## **Board of Education Members**



**Mrs. Deborah A. Delutis, President,** was elected to her second three-year term as a member of the Ewing Township Board of Education in November 2021. Mrs. Delutis is a lifelong Ewing resident and a Ewing High School graduate who has two children. Her oldest son graduated from Ewing High School in 2022, and her youngest child is a proud graduate of the Ewing High School Class of 2023.

Mrs. Delutis, who has a bachelor's degree in Humanities and

Social Science from Thomas Edison State University, has worked as a manager at Pennington Quality Market for over 25 years and is in her third year as a Special Education Assistant for the Lawrence Public Schools. She has always been very involved with the community and schools. She served as team parent for many Ewing Little League teams and as President of the Parkway School PTA. Mrs. Delutis sat on Parkway's Anti-Bullying committee. She also was part of the Teacher of the Year and Title I committees at both Parkway Elementary School and Fisher Middle School, and was President of the Fisher Middle School FPA. Mrs. Delutis is also the founder and volunteer of Ewing Helping Hands.

Mrs. Delutis has shared her goal of working with the Board and administration to continue to promote practices that create a positive and harmonious school culture, and also on expanding the district's inclusive and unified practices.

2024 Superintendent Evaluation/Board Self-Evaluation/Board Solicitor Committee 2024 Sustainable Facilities Committee



**Mr. Michael S. Miller, Vice President,** was first elected to the Board of Education in November 2019 and is serving his second term as a member of the Ewing Board of Education from 2023-2025.

Mr. Miller is a 1992 graduate of Ewing High School who earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Towson State University. He has served as the Director of Tennis at Hopewell Tennis and Swim Center since 1999. Mr. Miller is a parent of three children, one

is a senior at Ewing High School, and the oldest is a proud graduate of the EHS Class of 2022. Mr. Miller has been involved in a number of community athletic, recreational and charitable initiatives.

2024 Delegate to the Mercer County School Boards Association
2024 Superintendent Evaluation/Board Self-Evaluation/Board Solicitor Committee (Alternate)
2024 Sustainable Facilities Committee
2024 Negotiations



**Mr. Daniel L. Angebranndt:** At the Board Organization meeting held on January 9, 2023, Daniel Angebranndt was sworn into a three-year term on the Board of Education from 2023-2025. It is his second term serving on the Board of Education after serving a one-year term in 2022.

He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and a Master's of Business Administration Degree, specializing in

Accounting at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, North Carolina.

Mr. Angebranndt is a life-long resident of Ewing Township. He attended Antheil Elementary School, Fisher Middle School and Ewing High School. He lives with his wife Ellen, a Math Coach with the Ewing Public Schools, and their children; Zoe, a first-grade student at Antheil Elementary School, and Zachary, who has not yet reached school age.

2024 Liaison to Ewing Township Council (Alternate) 2024 Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association (Alternate)



**Ms. Elyse Carmichael Henderson** was sworn in on January 4, 2024, and will serve as a Board of Education member for the Ewing Township Board of Education for a three-year term from 2024-2026.

Elyse has a Bachelors of Arts in Communication & Sociology from Douglass College, Rutgers University and a Masters in Social Work with a special concentration on children and families from Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work. She is a dedicated Social Worker,

guided by professional standards rich with meaning, action and the energy to make a difference in the lives of others. She works to promote meaningful change, cohesion and the empowerment of people and communities. Elyse strives to bridge the gap between needs and resources; and move policies from theory to practice to ensure intended goals are achieved. The main objective being to support the Ewing School Board to ensure that children thrive and have a safe environment to expand their values and world views, strengthen their character and enlarge their personal and professional capacity.

Elyse, along with her husband Llionel desire to be an example of good citizenship and the change they wish to see in the world. Elyse, a lifelong Ewing Resident and Llionel, along with their children Miles, and twins Shiloh and Elon, work as a team to support each other as well as their village and entire community.

2024 Liaison to Ewing Township Council 2024 Delegate to the NJ School Boards Association

## **Board of Education Members**



**Mrs. Nicole NW Harris:** At the Board Organization meeting on January 9, 2023, Nicole NW Harris was sworn into a three-year term on the Board of Education from 2023-2025. It is her second term serving on the Board of Education after a one-year term in 2022.

Mrs. Harris has a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and English from Douglass College, Rutgers University and an Ed.M. in Early Childhood/Elementary Education, also from Rutgers University.

She recently retired after a long career in the Ewing Schools after having served as the Vice Principal at Antheil School for nine years, then serving as the principal of Parkway Elementary School from 2007 to 2021. She is currently working at The College of New Jersey in Health and Wellness, supervising a group of peer educators and overseeing the campus Religious and Spiritual Life program.

Nicole Harris is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Trenton Alumnae Chapter.

Originally from Jersey City, Nicole Harris has lived in Ewing since 2004 with her husband, Napoleon, and daughter Julienn.

### 2024 Representative to the Vocational Coordinating Council of Mercer County



**Ms. Sandra L. Herrington** was sworn in on January 4, 2024, for her first three-year term as a member of the Ewing Township Board of Education. She will serve as a Board member from the year 2024 through the year 2026. Ms. Herrington's first-term as a Board of Education member was a one-year term in 2023 and was officially sworn in on January 9, 2023.

Ms. Herrington is a proud public-school teacher at Kuser Elementary

School in Hamilton Township, New Jersey. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Arizona State University. She completed her post-baccalaureate teacher preparation program at California State University, Los Angeles, earning her California Multiple Subject Teaching Credential (K-6). Ms. Herrington also holds a New Jersey K-12 Social Studies certification. A firm believer in life-long learning, Ms. Herrington recently earned her Teacher Leader Endorsement at The College of New Jersey. She is very involved with advocacy for students and her profession at the local and state levels, sitting on a variety of committees in both the district where she works and her local, county, and state education associations. Originally from Ohio and raised in Florida, Ms. Herrington and her husband made Ewing their home in 2005. They currently have three children in the Ewing Schools.



**Ms. Lisa A. McConnell** was first elected to the Ewing School Board in November 2015. Ms. McConnell was elected for her third term as a Ewing School Board Member in November 2021 and her current term is officially from January 2022 to December 31, 2024. She is a lifelong resident of Ewing and a third-generation resident of the township. Lisa is a proud graduate of Ewing Public Schools. Her oldest daughter graduated from Ewing High School in 2019 and

her youngest daughter in 2021.

Lisa received her Bachelor of Science degree in Communications with a Business Minor from Trenton State College.

Lisa served on the Executive Board for the Antheil PTO for three years. She was the Vice President of the Fisher Parents Association for two years and was a volunteer for the EHS Parent Committee. She has previously coached for the Ewing Girls Softball Association and volunteered for Ewing Girls Soccer.

Lisa believes that the education of our children should be one of the highest priorities at both a local and national level. She is excited to be part of the process to help ensure success for both our students and teachers in the school district.

2024 Sustainable Facilities Committee 2024 Negotiations



**Mr. Anthony F. Messina** was elected to the Ewing Township Board of Education in November of 2012. His current term (fourth) on the Board runs from January 2022 until December 31, 2024.

Mr. Messina is a lifelong resident of Ewing Township. He attended township public schools and graduated from Ewing High School in 1985. Mr. Messina and his wife Kim, also an EHS graduate, have a daughter who is a proud graduate of the Ewing High School

Class of 2021.

Mr. Messina is retired from the Ewing Township Police Department. He served as the first School Resource Officer at Ewing High School from 2000 through 2010. In this role, he worked closely with the district's students, staff and administration. During this time, Mr. Messina also was the ETPD's liaison to the Ewing Township Drug and Alcohol Alliance and worked to bring many new and innovative programs to the school district. He was also a volunteer assistant football coach at EHS for many years.

## **Board of Education Members**

Mr. Messina previously served in the capacity as both Vice-President and President of the Ewing Board of Education.

Mr. Messina is an active firefighter with the Prospect Heights Vol. Fire Co. #1 here in Ewing Township. He is in his 40th year of active service to the organization and is currently serving as both the 1st Vice - President and a Trustee.

In December 2016, Mr. Messina was honored by the Mercer County Education Association as a "Friend of Education".

In February 2017, Mr. Messina was selected by the Mercer County School Boards Association to represent Mercer County on the Board of Directors for the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Mr. Messina believes that education is the vehicle that students will use to travel the road to prosperity, and is excited about the opportunity to serve the community and the children of the school district.

2024 Sustainable Facilities Committee 2024 Negotiations Committee



**Mrs. Jennifer L. Miller** was elected to the Ewing Township Board of Education in November 2020 and is now serving her second term as a member of the Ewing Township Board of Education from 2024-2026.

Mrs. Miller is the Assistant Principal of Achievement and Culture at Achievers Early College Prep Charter School in Trenton, New Jersey. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education/

English from The College of New Jersey, a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Rider University and is currently working on her doctorate in Educational Leadership with a focus on Educational and Community Organizations at the American College of Education. She is a parent of three children, one is a senior at Ewing High School, and the is oldest, a proud graduate of the EHS Class of 2022. Mrs. Miller has previously served as a member of the Fisher Parents Association, and on the Lore Parents Association.

2024 Liaison to the Ewing Public Education Foundation 2024 District Technology Committee 2024 District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC)

## Board of Education Multi-Year Strategic Board Goals 2024-2025

### 1. Create a Sustainable Environment for Staff Morale Enhancement

Objective: Implement a targeted professional development program focused on promoting staff well-being, job satisfaction, and fostering a positive work environment.

### 2. Enhancing Educational Equity and Resource Allocation

Objective: Initiate a comprehensive district-wide assessment of resource allocation and practices to ensure equitable distribution across all schools. Additionally, examine the implementation of district initiatives, compare and contrast leadership actions to ascertain consistency, and assess alignment with reliability standards and grade-level expectations.

### 3. Strengthening Curriculum and Professional Development

Objective: Conduct a comprehensive review of resources for all curriculum and instructional practices in the District. We are aiming to ensure a cohesive and effective educational experience for all leading to improved performance outcomes. Curricular Example: Target Elementary Language Arts in the first phase, ensuring adequacy and relevance. Develop and implement an integrated reading and writing curriculum, addressing the specific curriculum needs identified across schools. Provide targeted professional development opportunities for educators to support effective curriculum (based on the comprehensive review) delivery. Ensure the alignment of special education and regular education curricula across all schools.

### 4. Optimizing Academic (RTI) and Behavioral Support Systems (PBSIS)

Objective: Implement a multi-faceted approach to optimize academic and behavioral intervention and support systems; RTI (Response to Intervention). This may include revising report cards, establishing consistent PBSIS plans with appropriate consequences for behavioral issues. Investment in additional support specialists, such as Behavioral Specialist(s) to provide resources and recommendations for our staff.

# September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>KEY</b> AE - Antheil Elementary School LE - Lore Elementary School PE - Parkway Elementary School FM - Fisher Middle School OBA - O'Brien Academy EH - Ewing High School BOE - Board of Education S1 - Semester 1 Q1 - Quarter 1 MP - Marking Period LPA - Lore Parents Association FPA - Fisher Parent Association BTSN - Back to School Night	2 CLOSED Labor Day	3 CLOSED Staff Development Day	4 CLOSED Building Meetings/ Selected Student Orientations No school for students	5 Welcome Back First day of school for students	6 EH Underclassmen Picture Day	7
8	9	10	11	12 AE PTO Mtg 6:30pm	13 AE PTO Kindergarten Social 6pm	14
15	16 AE PTO Fall Book Fair	17 FM Picture Day AE PTO Fall Book Fair	AE Picture Day 1 OBA BTSN 5:30pm FM BTSN 6:30pm AE PTO Fall Book Fair	19 AE Picture Day 2 EH BTSN 1st Semester 6:30pm AE PTO Fall Book Fair	20 AE PTO Welcome Back Picnic & Family Book Fair Night 6:30pm AE PTO Fall Book Fair	<b>21</b> Ewing Community Fest 10am-4pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

	BOE Mtg 6pm @ EH Public Session 7pm	PE BTSN 6:30pm	LE BTSN 6:30pm	AE BTSN 6:30pm	PE PTA Welcome Back Picnic 6pm	
29	30					

# October 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 EH Financial Aid Night w/ TCNJ's Wil Casiane 6:30pm	2	3 CLOSED Rosh Hashanah	<b>4</b> PE 5th Gr Camp Parkway	5 EH Homecoming EH Homecoming Dance 7pm
6	7 LE Picture Day Week of Respect	<ul> <li>8 EH S1 T1 Q1 Parent Progress Reports</li> <li>ELEM 1<sup>st</sup> MP Parent Progress Reports</li> <li>FM 1<sup>st</sup> MP Parent Progress Reports</li> <li>PE PTA Mtg 6pm</li> <li>FM FPA Virtual Mtg 7:30pm</li> <li>Week of Respect</li> </ul>	9 Week of Respect	10 Full Day PreK-8 Early Dismissal Parent Conferences Full Day Preschool AE LE PE No AM Integrated Preschool AE PTO Mtg 6:30pm Week of Respect	11 FM Fall Scholastic Book Fair Week of Respect	12
13	14 FM 1st MP Progress Reports Mailed Home FM Fall Scholastic Book Fair	15 FM Fall Scholastic Book Fair	16 Full Day PreK-8 Early Dismissal Parent Conferences Full Day Preschool AE LE PE No AM Integrated Preschool FM Fall Scholastic Book Fair	17 FM Fall Scholastic Book Fair	18 PE PTA Trunk or Treat 6pm EH Underclassman Picture Day <i>Makeups</i> FM Fall Scholastic Book Fair	19
20	21 School Violence Awareness Week	22 School Violence Awareness Week	23 EH PSAT Testing Gr 10 & Select Gr 12 EH A Spooky Cabaret 7pm Red Ribbon Week School Violence Awareness Week	24 PE Picture Day EH PSAT Testing Gr 11 & Select Gr 12 ESL Family Night @ AE 6pm Red Ribbon Week School Violence Awareness Week	25 AE PTO Spooktacular 6:30pm PE PTA Trunk or Treat <i>Rain Date</i> <i>Red Ribbon Week</i> <i>School Violence</i> <i>Awareness Week</i>	<b>26</b> Red Ribbon Week
27	28 BOE Mtg 6pm @ EH Public Session 7pm <i>Red Ribbon Week</i>	29 EH PSAT Testing Makeups Red Ribbon Week	30 Red Ribbon Week	<b>31</b> Red Ribbon Week		

# November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 AE PTO Spooktacular Rain Date	2 SAT @ EH 7:30am
3	4 EH Counseling Office: AP/Dual Enrollment Night 6:30pm	5 CLOSED Staff Development Day	6	7 CLOSED NJEA Convention	8 CLOSED NJEA Convention	9
10	11	12 EH S1 T1 Q2 Parent Progress Reports ELEM End 1 <sup>st</sup> MP FM End 1 <sup>st</sup> MP PE PTA Mtg 6pm FM FPA Virtual Mtg 7:30pm	13	14 PE Title I Family STEM Night 6pm AE PTO Mtg 6:30pm PE Picture Day <i>Makeups</i>	15 FM Picture Day <i>Makeups</i>	16
17	18	19	20	21 ELEM 1 <sup>st</sup> MP Report Cards/ Parent Genesis Access FM 1 <sup>st</sup> MP Report Cards/ Parent Genesis Access	22	23
24	25 Full Day PreK-8 Early Dismissal Parent Conferences AE LE PE No PM Integrated Preschool BOE Mtg 6pm @ LE Public Session 7pm	26 Full Day PreK-8 Early Dismissal Parent Conferences AE No PM Bridge Preschool AE LE PE No PM Integrated Preschool AE Picture Day 1 Makeups	27 Full Day PreK-12 Early Dismissal (NO PM EDP) AE No PM Bridge Preschool AE LE PE No PM Integrated Preschool	28 CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving	29 CLOSED Thanksgiving Break	30

# December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 LE Picture Day <i>Makeups</i>	10 EH/FM Orchestra Music in the Mall @ Quaker Bridge Mall (Tentative) 6pm PE PTA Mtg 6pm	11 AE Winter Concert 7pm	12 AE PTO Mtg 6:30pm PE Parkway Winter Concert 6:30pm	13 AE PTO Winter Wonderland 6:30pm PE PTA Winter Wonderland 6pm	14
15	16 BOE Mtg 6pm @ EH Public Session 7pm	<ul> <li>17 <ul> <li>EH Winter Vocal</li> <li>Celebration:</li> <li>Master Singers &amp;</li> <li>Bella Voce 7pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>EH S1 T2 Q3 Parent <ul> <li>Progress Reports</li> </ul> </li> <li>ELEM 2<sup>nd</sup> MP Parent</li> <li>Progress Reports</li> <li>FM 2<sup>nd</sup> MP Parent</li> <li>Progress Reports</li> </ul>	18 LE 4th Gr Winter Vocal Concert 7pm	19 LE 5th Gr Winter Vocal & Instrumental Concert 7pm	20	21
22	23 Full Day PreK-12 Early Dismissal (NO PM EDP) AE No PM Bridge Preschool AE LE PE No PM Integrated Preschool FM 2 <sup>nd</sup> MP Progress Reports Mailed Home	24 CLOSED Winter Break	25 CLOSED Winter Break	26 CLOSED Winter Break	27 CLOSED Winter Break	28
29	30 CLOSED Winter Break	31 CLOSED Winter Break				

## **Student Services**



The Special Services Department provides a variety of educational and related operations/grants management services to assist students in the learning process. The goal of Special Services is to help students reach their potential as learners and members of the

school community.

Health and Medical Services monitor student health through screenings, routine exams and the provision of swift attention to medical problems.

Homebound Instruction is available to students confined at home because of lengthy illness or other special circumstances.

Special Education is provided in self-contained classrooms, resource rooms and inclusive general education classes throughout the district to all eligible students, ages 3-21. Arrangements are made with other school districts to provide special education for children with exceptional needs if a program is unavailable in Ewing.

Related services are also provided and include speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, counseling and transportation services.

Child Study Teams provide diagnosis and, when necessary, consultation or intervention for students with learning or school-related problems.

Project Child offers comprehensive services for the identification, assessment and treatment of pre-school handicapped infants and children

Developmental Kindergarten (DK) provides additional support and an initial small student - teacher ratios for newly de-classified preschool students and other qualifying kindergartens. The DK classroom is paired with another kindergarten classroom as the school year progresses to prepare students for successful transition into 1st grade. DK classroom is located at Antheil. The Preschool Program serves the needs of



ant students. This may involve home visitations, student counseling and parent consultations. The School Attendance Officer has the legal responsibility to ensure compliance with the Compulsory School Attendance Law.

For information on these services, contact the Director of Special Services X7176.

Supplemental Support Services in language arts, literacy and mathematics are available for Grades K-8. For information about Supplemental Services, contact the building principal. English as a Second Language (ESL) assists students in developing and acquiring English language skills. For information about ESL, contact the ESL Supervisor at X2156.

Testing and Evaluation Services are provided as mandated by state law to assess individual students' needs as well as to evaluate programs and curricula. State mandated assessments include the NJSLA (New Jersey Student Learning Assessment) for students in Grades 3–11 in English Language Arts and Mathematics, and the NJ Science Learning Assessment (SLA) in Grades 5 and 8 in Science.

The district administers the PSAT in October to students in Grades 10-11. Testing related questions may be addressed to the Director of Counseling & Assessment at X2121.

### **Project Child Find**

children who require

special services ages

3-5. More informa-

tion about this pro-

gram can be found by

following the District

Information/Special

Services links on the

The School Atten-

dance Officer has a

dual role of verify-

ing student residency

and working with tru-

District Website.

A service of federal and state agencies to locate, identify and provide services to children.

### **Ewing Public School District Contact:**

Maria Petsos, Director of Special Services (609) 538-9800 X7176

### What can we do to help?

Is there someone in your life-a son, a daughter, grandchild, niece or nephew, friend or foster childwho is developing differently or is having problems learning? If so, help is available for eligible children in New Jersey:

### For Infants and Toddlers

(Birth to Age 3)

New Jersey's Early Intervention System provides services for infants and toddlers (birth to the child's third birthday) who have developmental delays or disabilities as well as support for their families.

### For assistance or information:

Regional Early Intervention Coordination Unit 1-888-653-4463

Project Child Clinic Program (609) 588-8500

### For Preschool Children and Students (Ages 3-21)

Your public school district provides a free appropriate public education for eligible students ages 3-21.

Contact the Department of Special Services at X7176.



## **Student Services**

### ASYSST

The Available School Youth Services Support Team (ASYSST) is a school-based youth services program to help young people navigate the adolescent years, finish their education, obtain skills leading to employment or continuing education, and graduate healthy and drug free. ASYSST provides youth and families with a comprehensive set of services on a 'one-stop shopping' basis which includes crisis counseling, employment counseling, training and placement, individual and family counseling, drug and alcohol abuse counseling, violence prevention, and part-time and summer job development.

There are no fees or eligibility requirements and all services are confidential. For more information, contact ASYSST at X2173.

### Extended Day Program (EDP)

The Boys and Girls Club program replaced the in-house afterschool care programming previously offered by the district known as PM EDP (Afternoon Extended Day Program) last year and will continue to do so this year.

The district is still providing the AM EDP (Morning Extended Day Program) at each of the elementary schools.

The Boys and Girls Club proposal satisfied the most important criteria established by the administration and Board. The after-school care program will be housed in each elementary school, the cost of the program for district parents is fair and aligned with the district's previous fee structure, and the provider must have an outstanding record of exemplary programming.

For more information or to obtain rates and to register, please visit our website (*www.ewing.k12. nj.us*) and select EDP under District Information.



### Boys & Girls Club "Kids Club" After School Program

The Boys & Girls Club provides a state licensed after school program that ensures a safe and caring place for your child immediately after school. Our program is continually rate 'better' or 'much better' than similar program in Mercer County. The Club's programs focus on educational support, social emotional learning, character development and healthy living. Combined with school homework help and a diversity of enrichment programs each week makes for a quality program.

Our after school activities includes:

- Homework assistance
- Healthy snack
- Reading & Language Arts support
- Enrichment programs such as Art, STEM, Cooking, Sports
- Special interest clubs
- Social emotional learning & healthy living curriculum
- Access to our Schoology Learning Management System for 24/7 access to programming.

*Program Locations:* Antheil School, Lore School and Parkway School

\*Fisher students are bused to our Spruce Street Community Center for interaction with other 6-8 graders. *Program Fees:* Annual Membership is required for all participants: \$30

*Monthly Tuition:* 5 days per week: \$235 **(Only offering five (5) days a week)** 

Monthly tuition is subsidized by governmental and private funding.

Scholarships are available to any family who needs financial assistance

The Club accepts Child Care Connections and WFD child care vouchers.

For Scholarships & CCC you can't register on line and need to complete paper registration through our membership office and Denise Brannon.

A daily rate of \$30 is available, but parents must first become a member, complete registration forms, and then coordinate daily registration with each schools site coordinator as availability changes day to day.

For Information & Registration for the Boys & Girls Club "Kids Club" After School Program please contact:

Denise Brannon-Eutsey, Membership Director dbrannon@bgcmercer.org | (609) 695-6060 Ext. 202

Christina Jones, Chief Operating Officer 609-695-6060 X220 | cjones@bgcmercer.org

Ayana Bell, Director of Operations & Programs (ASP) 609-695-6060 X213 | abell@bgcmercer.org

Dayron Proctor, Area Coordinator (Ewing Sites ASP) dproctor@bgdmercer.org

## **Student Services**

### Ewing Before School Child Care (AM EDP)

On behalf of the staff of the Ewing Public School's Before School Child Care Program, we welcome you to this academic school year. The Before Care Program is professionally staffed. It is designed to complement the curriculum and activities of the regular school day. We provide your child with a "home away from home" environment with an emphasis on the needs of your child. This safe, caring environment offers structured activities, which are designed to promote the individual child's physical, intellectual, emotional and social well-being and growth.

Program Hours:

AM: 7:00am-8:55am (includes breakfast)

Program Locations: Antheil Elementary School Lore Elementary School Parkway Elementary School

*To Register/Make a Payment:* https://ewing.revtrak.net/

*Tuition Refund Policy:* Registration Fee and all Tuition monies are non-refundable.

If you have any questions regarding the Ewing Before School Care (AM Extended Day) Program please contact Aileen Daniels at (609) 538-9800 X7114 or adaniels@ewingboe.org.

### Transportation

Student safety is the number one priority of the Transportation Department. Busing is provided to elementary students and to middle school students living more than two miles from the school. Transportation is provided for high school students living more than 2.5 miles from school. To better serve our student riders, we request that ALL complaints go through the Ewing Transportation Department - not the individual bus contractors. If you have any questions concerning bus policy or bus routes, please call (609) 538-9800 X7111.

### Registration

All Registrations are now completed online through our Genesis Portal and Google. A child must be five years old by October 1st to enroll in kindergarten and six years old by October 1st to be admitted into first grade. Please visit our website (www.ewing.k12.us) and select the Registration link to enroll online.

Please contact Central Registration with questions regarding the enrollment process at: (609) 538-9800 X7180, X7181, X7175 or email registration@ewingboe.org.

### Kindergarten Registration

To enroll in Kindergarten, a child must be five years old on or before October 1st. Kindergarten Roundup events are held in the spring. A completed registration and appointment are required to attend Kindergarten Roundup events.

All kindergarten registrations are now completed online through our Genesis Portal. Please 'click' the Kindergarten Registration link on the main Registration webpage for more information and to complete the enrollment process.

Kindergarten registration questions can be directed to the Central Registration Office: (609) 538-9800 X7175 or by email registration@ewingboe.org.

### Free And Reduced Price Meals 2024-2025

Students who attended Ewing Township Public Schools in 2023-2024, who were eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals in June 2024 via a meal app or Snap approved will continue receiving those benefits for the first 30 school days through October 17,2024 or until a new application is determined. Please note that kindergarteners or other new students will NOT automatically be extended the free or reduced price benefits for their household. Parents/guardians should plan to complete a new application or contact the Food Service Office before the opening of school.

A 2024-2025 application can be keyed in on-line or a paper copy submitted to the Food Service Office on or before Friday, October 4 or students who were free/reduced from last school year will be classified as full price for meals beginning Friday, October 18. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year, however, free or reduced price benefits do not begin until after the application is determined.

The 2024-2025 application packet is now available! Parents/Guardians may apply on-line by visiting the district website (www.ewing.k12.nj.us) and follow the link to the Food Services tab and simply 'click' on the Free and Reduced Price Meals located on the left of the page to access the link to the 2024-2025 application packet. Your meal status will be determined within 10 days. A fill-to-print application is also available. Additionally, applications are available through the Genesis Parent portal or at any school, guidance office, or Food Service Department. Interested parents/guardians should complete one application for all the children in their household. Completed paper applications should be returned to the Food Service Office at the Gusz Building, 220 Ewingville Road, Ewing, New Jersey, 08638.

**Benefits for Foster Children:** Be sure to read the instructions on the application. If you submit a current "Resource Family Parent Identification Letter" (DYFS 5-49) to the Food Service Office, it will not be necessary to complete an application for your foster child(ren) for the school year.

Direct Certification Letters are emailed/mailed as processed. If a DC letter is received, it is not necessary to complete a 2024-2025 application; the students listed will automatically receive free meal. If all students in the household are NOT named in the letter(s), a copy of the letter must be returned to the Food Service Office with the missing student's name(s) listed, so they can also receive free meals.

# January 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CLOSED	2 Welcome Back to	3	4
5	6	7	Happy New Year!	9 School	10	11
	BOE Org Mtg 6pm @ EH (no public session)	FM Winter Vocal Concert 7pm		AE PTO Mtg 6:30pm EH Winter Band & Orchestra Concert 7pm		
12	13	14 PE PTA Mtg 6pm FM FPA Virtual Mtg 7:30pm	15 EH Winter Vocal Concert 7pm	16 FM Band Winter Concert 7pm	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

	<b>CLOSED</b> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day			FM Winter Orchestra Concert 7pm	EH Early Dismissal 9-12 ONLY – Exams
26	27 EH Early Dismissal 9-12 ONLY – Exams The Great Kindness Challenge	28 EH Early Dismissal 9-12 ONLY – Exams EH End Semester 1 End ELEM 2 <sup>nd</sup> MP End FM 2 <sup>nd</sup> MP The Great Kindness Challenge	29 SCHOOL CLOSED Gr 6-12 & OBA Early Dismissal Full Day PreK-5 AE No AM Bridge Preschool AE LE PE No AM Integrated Preschool The Great Kindness Challenge	<b>30</b> District Title I K-8 Family Math Night 6:30pm <i>The Great Kindness</i> <i>Challenge</i>	31 The Great Kindness Challenge

# February 2025



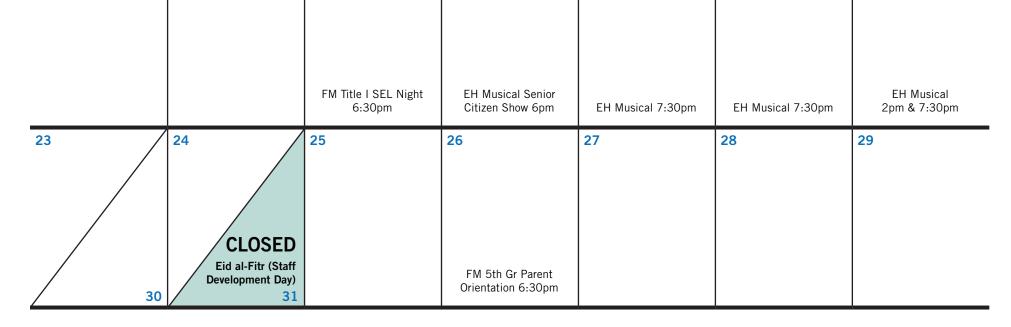
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				ELEM 2 <sup>nd</sup> MP Report Cards/Parent Genesis Access		
				FM 2 <sup>nd</sup> MP Report Cards/Parent Genesis Access	AE PTO Valentine's Day Dance 6:30pm	PE PTA Pancake Breakfast 8:30-11:00am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	CLOSED Staff Development Day	PE PTA Mtg 6pm FM FPA Virtual Mtg 7:30pm	EH S1 Report Cards/ Genesis Parent Access	AE PTO Mtg 6:30pm EH BTSN 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester 6:30pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

	CLOSED Presidents' Day					
23	24	25	26	27	28	
				ESL Family Night @ LE 6pm		
			PE Mobile Dentist Visit	PE Mobile Dentist Visit		

# **March 2025**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 AE PTO Spring Scholastic Book Fair	4 AE Spring Picture Day PE Spring Picture Day ELEM 3 <sup>rd</sup> MP Progress Reports Mailed Home AE PTO Spring Scholastic Book Fair	5 EH S2 T1 Q1 Parent Progress Reports FM 3 <sup>rd</sup> MP Parent Progress Reports AE Literary Festival & PTO Family Book Fair Night 6pm AE PTO Spring Scholastic Book Fair	6 Early Dismissal Full Day PreK-8 ONLY Parent Conferences AE No AM Bridge Preschool AE LE PE No AM Integrated Preschool AE PTO Spring Scholastic Book Fair	7 AE PTO Spring Scholastic Book Fair	8
9	10 PE PTA Spring Scholastic Book Fair	11 PE PTA Mtg 6pm FM FPA Virtual Mtg 7:30pm FM End 3rd MP/ Parent Progress Reports Mailed Home PE PTA Spring Scholastic Book Fair	12 PE PTA Spring Scholastic Book Fair	13 PE Title I Family Bingo Night 6pm AE PTO Mtg 6:30pm PE PTA Spring Scholastic Book Fair	14 PE PTA Spring Scholastic Book Fair	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22



# **April 2025**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Jazz Through the Decades Concert @ EH	3 FM Musical/Play	4 ELEM End 3rd MP FM Musical/Play	5 FM Musical/Play
			7pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	2pm & 6:30pm
6	7 EH S2 T1 Q2 Parent Progress Reports FM End 3 <sup>rd</sup> MP	8 PE PTA Mtg 6pm FM FPA Virtual Mtg 7:30pm FM Spring Scholastic Book Fair	9 EH Naviance Night 6:30pm FM Spring Scholastic Book Fair	10 AE PTO Mtg 6:30pm FM Spring Scholastic Book Fair	11 FM Spring Scholastic Book Fair	12
13	14 FM Spring Scholastic Book Fair	15 ELEM 3rd MP Report Cards/Genesis Parent Access FM Spring Scholastic Book Fair	16 EH Choral Festival: Master Singers & Bella Voce 7pm FM 3rd MP Report Cards/ Genesis Parent Access	17	18 CLOSED Spring Break	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26

	CLOSED Spring Break	CLOSED Spring Break	CLOSED Spring Break	CLOSED Spring Break	CLOSED Spring Break
27	28	29	30		
			District Title I K-8 Family Math Night 6:30pm		

# May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				AE Title I Bingo Night 6pm EH Spring Band & Orchestra Concert 7pm		SAT @ EH 7:30am POAC Autism Walk @ FM 11am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	PE BOGO Scholastic Book Fair	PE BOGO Scholastic Book Fair	PE BOGO Scholastic Book Fair	AE PTO Mtg 6:30pm PE BOGO Scholastic Book Fair	PE BOGO Scholastic Book Fair	
11	12 AE BOGO Scholastic Book Fair	13 PE PTA Mtg 6pm FM FPA Virtual Mtg 7:30pm AE BOGO Scholastic Book Fair	14 EH National Honor Society Induction 6:30pm AE BOGO Scholastic Book Fair	15 ELEM 4th MP Parent Progress Reports ESL Family Night @ PE 6pm AE BOGO Scholastic Book Fair	16 AE PTO Spring Fling Night 6:30pm EH S2 T2 Q3 Parent Progress Reports FM 4th MP Parent Progress Reports AE BOGO Scholastic Book Fair	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24

		PE Spring Concert 6:30pm	AE 5th Gr Spring Concert 7pm	FM 4th MP Parent Progress Reports Mailed Home LE Field Day Gr K-5 FM Spring Band Concert 7pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				FM Spring Orchestra Concert 7pm		
	CLOSED	EH Visual Art Show 6pm EH Spring Vocal	AE Field Day Gr K-2 LE 5th Gr Spring	AE Field Day Gr K-2 <i>Rain Date</i> LE Field Day Gr K-5	AE Field Day Gr 3-5	
	Memorial Day	Concert 7pm	Concert 7pm	Rain Date	PE Field Day Gr K-5	

# **June 2025**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	AE Field Day Gr 3-5 <i>Rain Date</i>	FM Spring Vocal Concert 7pm	EH Activities Awards Night 6:30pm	AE Spring 4th Gr Vocal & Instrumental Concert 7pm	PE Field Day K-5 <i>Rain Date</i>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	District Title I Parent K-5 Summer Math Workshop 6:30pm	PE PTA Mtg 6pm EH Senior Athletic Awards Night 6:30pm	LE 4th Gr Spring Vocal & Instrumental Concert 7pm	EH Senior Awards Night 6:30pm AE PTO Mtg 6:30pm	FM 8th Gr End of Year Social (Tentative) 6:30pm	
15	16	17 Full Day PreK-12 Early Dismissal No Lunches Served AE Last Day PM Bridge Preschool AE LE PE Last Day PM Integrated Preschool	18 Full Day PreK-12 Early Dismissal No Lunches Served AE LE PE Last Day AM Integrated Preschool AE Last Day AM Bridge Preschool FM 8th Gr Promotion Ceremony 6:30pm	19 Full Day PreK-12 Early Dismissal No Lunches Served EH End Semester 2 FM End 4th MP ELEM 4th MP Report Cards/Genesis Parent Access EH Graduation 3pm Last Day of School	20 CLOSED Juneteenth	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

			FM 4 <sup>th</sup> MP Report Cards/ Genesis Parent Access	
29	30			

# **July 2025**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 District and School Offices <b>CLOSED</b> Fourth of July	5
6	7 EH Semester 2 Report Cards/ Genesis Parent Access	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# August 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

## **Antheil Elementary School**

### Location:

339 Ewingville Road, Ewing, NJ 08638

### **Phone Numbers:**

Main: (609) 538-9800 - X4100 Fax: (609) 883-4604 Nurse: Ms. Marina Mikhail - X4125 Telesafe: x4100

**Principal:** Mr. Clifford 'Kip' Harrison - X4103 **Assistant Principal:** Mark Milecki - X4102

**Dean of Students and Anti-Bullying Specialist:** Ms. Leah Rodriguez - X4103

**Elementary Counselors:** Mrs. Nicole Miceli - X4110 Mrs. Stephanie Lippincott - X4111

Anti-Bullying Specialist Back-Up: Mrs. Stephanie Lippincott - X4111

### Child Study Team:

Ms. Rosemarie Bonomo - BCBA - X4189 Ms. Victoria Jordan Barros - Psychologist - X4183 Mrs. Rachel Capuano - Social Worker - X4180 Ms. Kaili Mack - Social Worker - 4184 Ms. Christine Magana - Social Worker - X4182 Ms. Kaitlyn Mustac - Social Worker - X4181

Antheil Parent/Teacher Organization: Email address: <u>ptoantheil@gmail.com</u> The PTO sponsors monthly meetings, special programs and events.





## **Lore Elementary School**

### NJ 2010 National School of Character

Location: 13 Westwood Drive, Ewing, NJ 08628

Phone Numbers: Main: (609) 538-9800 - X6100 Fax: (609) 883-1027 Nurse: Ms. Christine Sobey - X6125 Telesafe: X6100

Principal: Mrs. Kelly Kawalek - X6102



### Lore Main Office Email: LESMainOffice@ewingboe.org

Parents: please email daily absence information and end of day changes to the main office at the email above. Please email absences by 9:00AM and changes to dismissal by 12:00PM.

Dean of Students and Anti-Bullying Specialist:

Ms. Christine Meekins - X6106

### **Elementary Counselors:**

Mr. Andrew Unger - X6110 Ms. Lucrezia Tranchina - X5508

Anti-Bullying Specialist Back-Up: Mr. Andrew Unger - X6110

**Child Study Team:** Ms. Brittany Amabile - Psychologist - X6182 Ms. Casey Dashnow - Social Worker - X6181



## **Parkway Elementary School**

### Location:

446 Parkway Avenue, Ewing, NJ 08618

### Phone Numbers:

Main: (609) 538-9800 - X5100 Fax: (609) 637-9721 Nurse: Ms. Meghan Wright - X5125 Telesafe: X5125



Principal: Mrs. Michelle A. Conway - X5102

**Dean of Students and Anti-Bullying Specialist:** Mr. Robert Odri - X5105

### **Elementary Counselors:**

Ms. Birgitta Donato - X5110 Ms. Lucrezia Tranchina - X5508

### Anti-Bullying Specialist Back-Up: Ms. Birgitta Donato - X5110

### Child Study Team:

Ms. Debra Davis - Psychologist - X5182 Ms. Julie Pritchard - Social Worker - X5184

### Parkway Parent Teacher Association:

Email address: <u>parkway.pta@yahoo.com</u> The PTA sponsors monthly meetings, special programs and events.



### **District Wide Meal Information**

**Food Service:** Students may purchase nutritious breakfasts and lunches prepared in the school cafeteria. Several different breakfast and lunch entrees are offered daily. Menus are posted throughout all schools and on the website (www.ewing. k12.nj.us) under the District Information/Food Service. Meal prices and breakfast schedules are also listed on the website.

The Board of Education participates in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs and free and reduced price meals are available to eligible students. The cafeteria uses a computerized meal system. Elementary students use their ID cards, which are kept in the elementary schools, to access their account and meal benefits. Students in Grades 6-12 enter their student ID number when making purchases in the middle and high school cafeterias.

Parents/Guardians may place money on account for students to purchase food in the cafeteria. Online access to deposit money, view meal accounts and receive email balance alerts is available through www.payschoolscentral.com. If you have any questions about your student's account, please call (609) 538-9800 X7106.

School	Student Breakfast	Student Lunch	Milk	Snacks/Drinks
Elementary Schools	\$2.00	\$3.15	\$0.65	\$0.70-\$1.50
Middle School	\$2.05	\$3.30	\$0.65	\$0.70-\$1.50
High School	\$2.10	\$3.40	\$0.65	\$0.70-\$2.00
Reduced Price (all schools)	\$0.35	\$0.45		

### **Elementary School Information**

**Gifted & Talented Programs:** The ACE Program (Academic Class Enrichment) is offered to students in Grades 3-5. This program stresses general intellectual skills, thinking skills and problem solving. The ACE Program meets twice per week at each elementary school.

Achievement in Mathematics (AIM) provides 3rd through 5th graders all the basic skills taught in the classroom, plus additional enrichment in mathematics. Students meet each school day.

## **Fisher Middle School**

### Location:

1325 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08618

### Phone Numbers:

Main: (609) 538-9800 - X3100 Fax: (609) 637-9753 Nurse: Ms. Julia Sorg - X3124 Counseling Office: (609) 538-9800 - X3110



Principal: Dr. Maggy Hanna - X3102 Assistant Principal: Mr. Hugh Dwyer - X3105 Assistant Principal: Mr. Scott Sheplock - X3105

**Deans of Students and Anti-Bullying Specialist:** Ms. Rebecca Romanko - X3105

Anti-Bullying Specialist Back-Up: Mr. Joseph Zuccarello - X3112

Student Assistance Counselor: Mrs. Lori Amison - X3145

PBIS Specialist: Ms. Erika Freeman - X3103

### Child Study Team:

Ms. Paula Riccobono - Psychologist - X3185 Ms. Megan Riddlesperger - Psychologist - X3183 Ms. Rachel Land - Social Worker - X3115 Ms. Jill Occhipinti - Social Worker - X3180

**Fisher Parent Association (FPA):** Email address: <u>fisherfpa@gmail.com</u>



### Middle School Information

**Positive Behavior Support (PBS):** Since 2009, Fisher Middle School has been Soaring to Students' Highest Potential with our PBS program. This is a school-wide program that is a proven, systems-focused approach that produces numerous positive outcomes.

The FMS program is S.O.A.R. (Safety, Ownership, Achievement, Respect). We are encouraging and acknowledging students' appropriate behaviors daily. They receive S.O.A.R. Dojo points when they are observed following one of our expectations. These S.O.A.R. points can be used for our school store and submitted for rewards.

Our overall goal of the program is to promote and support a safer, healthier and more caring school environment. We also are looking for teaching outcomes and learning to be enhanced. So far, the results have been positive as our school functions more efficiently and effectively. Let's all continue to help students soar to their highest potential.

**Gifted & Talented Program:** There is a Gifted and Talented class at each grade level in Mathematics and Reading. The process of preparing children for the higher levels of math begins in Grade 6. 8th graders who demonstrate mathematical giftedness are enrolled into Algebra in Grade 8. This process leads toward Advanced Placement Calculus in high school. A Gifted and Talented Humanities Program is also available to students who demonstrate excellence in English Language Arts. Information is sent to the parents of eligible students.



There are many opportunities for students to participate in after school activities. Students have the choice to join clubs such as Student Countil, G.A.M.E. or Odyssey of the Mind. They can also try out for our sports teams. All clubs and sports require students to be in good academic standing.

- Art Club
- Performing Arts Club (PAC)
- Fitness Club
- Science Bowl
- Game Club
- S.O.A.R. Club
- Homework Club
- Project Unify

- Intergenerational Club
- Stage Band
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Student Council
- PBIS Video
   Announcements
- World Cultures Club

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## **O'Brien Academy**

Location: 1331 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08618

Phone Numbers: Main: (609) 538-9800 - X3700 Fax: (609) 538-8741

Principal: Dr. Maggy Hanna - X3102

Anti-Bullying Specialist: Mr. Kevin Bonner - X3719

**Child Study Team:** Ms. Kelly O'Neil - Psychologist - X3782 Ms. Jennifer Drake - Social Worker - X3780

Nurse: Ms. Julia Sorg - X3125



### **O'Brien Academy Information**

In November, 2011 the O'Brien Academy opened in the Ryan Building for the 2011-2012 school year. The O'Brien Academy is a progressive alternative educational program for students in Grades K through 8. The program is named after Frank O'Brien, who was the Director of Special Services for The Ewing Public Schools for 23 years, and was dedicated to serving the best interests of all students.

The main motivation for this program is that there are limited alternatives and options for children at this grade span who would benefit from a non-traditional program.







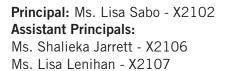
## **Ewing High School**

### Location:

900 Parkway Avenue, Ewing, NJ 08618

### Phone Numbers:

Main: (609) 538-9800 - X2100 **Fax:** (609) 882-8172 Nurse: Ms. Kirsten Johmann - X2125 Fax: (609) 637-0680 Counseling Office: X2112 Fax: (609) 771-9132



### Deans of Students:

Mr. Gregory Coward - X2103 (Start 10/14/2024) Mr. David Sheffel - X2105

Anti-Bullying Specialist: Mr. David Sheffel - X2105 (Temporary)

**Anti-Bullying Specialist Backup:** Dr. Jennifer Antoni - X2121

Athletic Director: Ms. Christina Monaco Caldwell - X2126 Fax: (609) 637-0179

### Student Activities Coordinator: Mrs. Kelly Hammer - X2140 Child Study Team:

Mrs. Lauren Haberstick - Learning Consultant - X2184 Ms. Dina Hercus - Learning Consultant - X2187 Ms. Lauren Green - Psychologist - X2162 Ms. Brianna Robinson - Social Worker - X2136 Mr. Michael Mattle - Social Worker/Transition Coordinator - X2180 Mrs. Alicia Kaplan - Social Worker Endeavor Academy - X2181



### **Ewing High School Academics**

Did you know...Ewing High School offers the following academic courses and educational opportunities?

### **EHS Honors Courses:**

Accounting II English I Introduction to Literature & Composition English II Themes in Literature & Composition English III American Literature & Composition English IV Honors British Literature & Composition

- Algebra I, II & III Geometry Pre-Calculus Earth & Space Science Biology Chemistry Physics I & II Student Voices in Action
- Human Anatomy & Physiology World History Honors United States History I & II International Politics & Law French II, III & IV Spanish I, II, II & IV Peer Leadership

### EHS Advanced Placement Courses:

- AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition AP Calculus AB **AP** Statistics AP Biology
- **AP** Environmental Science AP Computer Science AP Human Geography AP US History AP US Government and Politics
- AP World History AP French AP Spanish AP Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio AP Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio



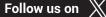
### **EHS Career & Technical Education (CTE)**

Career and Technical Education at Ewing High School Currently, Ewing High School offers a CTE pathway program in the Business Education Department and another in the Family & Consumer Science Department.

### **Dual Enrollment College Course Programs:**

The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) Mercer County Community College (MCCC)









## **Care of School Property**

The Board of Education believes the school district should help students learn to respect property and instill feelings of pride in their school. The Board requires each student enrolled in the district to responsibly care for school property and the school supplies and equipment entrusted to the student by the school district.

Students who cause damage to or lose school property may be subject to disciplinary measures. The Board authorizes the imposition of a fine for the loss, damage, or destruction of a Chromebook, iPad, computer peripherals, or textbook and reserves the right to withhold a report card or diploma from any student whose payment of a fine is in arrears.

### **Ewing Public Schools District Fine List**

Fines will be assessed as follows for any lost Chromebook, iPad, or computer peripherals or Chromebook, iPad, or computer peripherals damaged beyond normal wear.

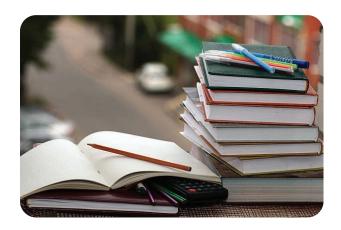
Item	Cost
Replacing Chromebook (lost or stolen)	\$300
Damage to LCD screen	\$100
Damage to Keyboard	\$75
Broken Hinges	\$75
Replace Charger	\$50

iPad replacement (lost or stolen)	\$300
iPad replacement charger	\$45
iPad Case replacement	\$75



### Fines will be assessed as follows for any lost textbook or textbook damaged beyond normal wear.

- Loss or damage ---> Fine
- Lost book issued in new condition ---> 100% of list price
- Lost book issued in good condition ---> 100% of list price
- Lost book issued in fair condition ---> 100% of list price
- Lost book issued in poor condition ---> 100% of list price
- Broken bindings ---> 100% of list price
- Defaced cover ---> 100% of list price
- Missing pages ---> 100% of list price
- Loose or torn pages ---> 100% of list price
- Marks not damaging to text ---> 5 cents per page
- Marks damaging to text ---> 25 cents per page
- Dog-eared pages ---> 10 cents per page
- Soil not damaging to text ---> 5 cents per page
- Soil damaging to text ---> 25 cents per page
- Book so damaged (by water or otherwise) as to be unusable ---> 100% of list price



The Ewing Public Schools is partnering with One2One Risk Solutions to provide accident and loss protection for our schools' one to one district-issued device program. Registering with One2One and PURCHASING a damage waiver will protect you from the full cost to repair or replace your district-issued device and limit your responsibility to a per-occurrence of deductible, should a loss occur. Information can be found on the district website: www.ewing.nj.k12.us under District Parent Information tab/ Information Technology tab/Technology Support Center tab, on how to purchase a damage waiver from One2One Risk Solutions.