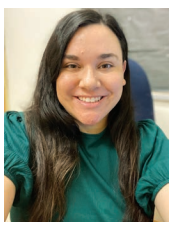
GoodNews

September The Ewing Public Schools 2025

Lore Welcomes New Principal, Ms. Alicia Mackall

Awarded GenerationAI Luminary Award by ISTE



It has been a busy summer for new Lore Elementary School principal, Ms. Alicia Mackall, who was Board-approved at the July 28th Board of Education meeting to be Lore's future leader, replacing Mrs. Kelly Kawalek, the district's new Director of Elementary Education and Assessment.

Before accepting her new position as principal, Ms. Mackall was the district's Supervisor of Instructional Technology. In her role as supervisor, she developed K-12 STEM curriculum and projected course articulation, assessed needs and conditions, and planned the management and rollout of new and existing digital tools and training programs. She planned and presented professional development district-wide, school-based, and digitally for the benefit of all staff. As a "team player," when needed, covered day-to-day building operations and management of all district schools when necessary with her positive energy and professionalism.

This summer at the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) conference, hosted in San Antonio, Texas, she was awarded The GenerationAI Luminary Award. The GenerationAI Luminary Award is a new recognition celebrating visionary educators who are transforming learning environments through innovative applications of artificial intelligence. The awards were given to ten trailblazers who are reshaping education by leveraging AI to enhance student engagement, personalize learning experiences, and develop crucial skills for an AI-enhanced world. Ms. Mackall is one of those top ten! Congratulations!

Ms. Mackall received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Marymount Manhattan College in 2009. She received her Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Seton Hall University in 2021 and is currently working towards her EdD in Organizational Leadership, Learning, & Innovation from Wilmington University in Delaware.

In her new role as principal of Lore Elementary School, Ms. Mackall believes, "An excellent administrator is defined as a strong communicator who possesses empathy, integrity, and commitment to continuous growth. An outstanding principal builds trust through transparency, fosters collaboration among staff and families, and maintains a clear focus on student learning and well-being."

She believes technology is essential in education because it enhances learning, increases access to resources, supports diverse learning needs, and prepares students for a digital world, creating engaging, inclusive classroom environments.

But what might have made Ms. Mackall the most popular principal around this summer was her invitation to Lore students and families to join her for "POPSICLES on the Playground" hosted on August 28th to meet her and play with friends while enjoying a cool treat.

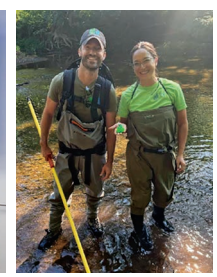


Welcome to Lore Elementary, Ms. Mackall!



Fisher STEAM Teacher Explores Fish and Machine Learning at Princeton's QUEST Program





This summer, Fisher Middle School STEAM teacher Mieko Inghilleri completed her second QUEST at Princeton University, participating in FISHAIR: Dive into Form and Function with Machine Learning. As part of the week-long program, she explored local fish populations through the lens of "structure and function," conducting outdoor field investigations and analyzing real-world datasets. Her research centered on the question, "Can human activity change fish form?" – a line of inquiry that suggested it might, and led her to ask, "Do fish more sensitive to water quality changes die off or migrate, rather than adapt?" The QUEST program, offered by Princeton's Program in Teacher Preparation for over 35 years, immerses science and math educators in hands-on research alongside faculty, researchers, and K–12 peers, providing 36 hours of professional learning that teachers bring back to inspire their own classrooms.

EHS' Angel Johnson Caps Off a Sensational Track Season this Summer

Ewing High School's Angel Johnson had a phenomenal freshman season, quickly making a name for herself on the track. She was recognized as one of the top freshmen in the county across multiple events and qualified for the state championships in three out of her four events—two individual events and one as part of the 4x100 relay team.

Her success didn't stop there! Angel went on to place in the 100m Hurdles with a time of 15.52 at Adidas Track Nationals in Greensboro, North Carolina, showcasing her talent on a national stage.

She topped off her remarkable season by competing at the USATF Junior National Olympics this past July in Savannah, Georgia, marking an incredible finish to an unforgettable freshman year.



The Ewing Public Schools



Dear Ewing Township Students, Families, and Community,

As we stand on the threshold of a brand new school year, I am filled with excitement and optimism about what lies ahead for the Ewing Township Public Schools in 2025–2026. Each September brings with it a fresh start — new opportunities to learn, to grow, and to strengthen the connections that make our schools such vibrant and caring places.

As we enter the second year of our strategic plan, we will continue our work guided by four strategic goals that reflect our shared commitment to educational excellence and community.

1. **Enhance Student Achievement –** Foster academic excellence through engaging, rigorous, and equitable learning experiences for all students.
2. **Promote Wellness and Belonging –** Nurture a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment that cares for the social, emotional, and physical well-being of every student and staff member.
3. **Strengthen Family and Community Partnerships –** Build meaningful connections with families and community stakeholders to support student success and lifelong learning.
4. **Optimize Resources and Facilities –** Ensure responsible stewardship of our resources and maintain high-quality facilities that support educational excellence.

While these goals will guide our plans and priorities, the heart of our mission remains the same — to create a school community where every student is seen, valued, and inspired to achieve their very best. We know that strong relationships are the foundation for success, so we will continue to focus on connection, recognition, and shared purpose in all that we do.

Whether you are a student stepping into your very first classroom, a senior preparing for your next chapter, a parent or guardian cheering from the sidelines, or a community partner lending your support — you are an essential part of our story. Together, we will create learning experiences that are challenging, joyful, and meaningful, and a school culture where kindness, respect, and belonging shine.

As we launch this school year, I am confident that with our combined talents, dedication, and care for one another, we will make 2025–2026 a remarkable chapter in the proud history of the Ewing Township Public Schools. Let's make it a year of learning, connection, and celebration.

Here's to a fantastic first day and an inspiring year ahead!

Sincerely,

David Gentile

Dr. David Gentile
Superintendent of Schools
Ewing Township Public Schools

Dr. Joanna Papadopoulos, Regional Winner CS Teaching Excellence Award

We are proud to announce that Ewing High School teacher, Dr. Joanna Papadopoulos, has been recognized as a regional winner of the CS Teaching Excellence Awards! These awards, made possible by a grant from Infosys Foundation USA, honor exceptional K-12 educators who inspire students to explore the world of computer science while promoting diversity and engagement in the field.

Congratulations to Dr. Papadopoulos for her outstanding contribution to education! How do you see the role of educators evolving in STEM fields? #CSTeachingExcellence #ComputerScienceEducation #DiversityInSTEM

About the Award: *Each year, CSTA and the Infosys Foundation USA host the CS Teaching Excellence Awards, which recognize eight winners, five honorable mentions, and winners at the regional level. The CS Teaching Excellence Awards are designed to recognize outstanding teaching by K-12 computer science teachers. Winners excel in inspiring students to explore the computer science field, engaging students in learning rigorous standards-aligned computer science content, and broadening the participation of underrepresented students in computing. These awards were made possible by a grant from Infosys Foundation USA.*

Lore Hosts 4th Grade Spelling Bee Championship







Lore School's 5th grade is welcoming Spelling Bee Champions! Last June, 4th graders showcased their spelling skills in an exciting, multi-stage Spelling Bee competition. Students first received a list of challenging words to study, and each class held its own contest to crown a classroom champion: Mark Jenkins (Ms. Leeper), Sharav Sharma (Ms. Yeboah), Qasim Ali (Ms. Bill), and Griffin Cruz (Mr. Townson).

These talented spellers advanced to the ultimate 4th Grade Spelling Bee Championship, held in the Lore School cafeteria. With classmates cheering them on, the finalists tackled tricky words like camouflage, mischievous, and even disenfranchisement. The competition was fierce, but in the end, Sharav Sharma and Griffin Cruz emerged as co-champions.

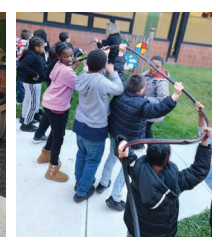
Congratulations to all the contestants for their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship. Lore School looks forward to seeing who will take the crown in the 2025–2026 school year!



This summer, the ASYSST Program welcomed their very first Summer Camp Youth Ambassador, **Stephania Camblard,** a rising senior here at Ewing High School. Ms. Cristabel Acquah, Youth Development Specialist for ASYSST, was eager to share that Stephania has done a phenomenal job assisting with daily activities, mentoring students, and eagerly stepping into leadership roles, among other accomplishments.

Parkway's Environmental STEM Club Stewards of the Earth





Parkway's Environmental STEM Club members are learning how to be stewards of the earth through hands-on projects in the school courtyard gardens. Throughout the year, students take care of the school gardens. They are learning about how to care for the environment by doing activities such as composting, planting, weeding, and even harvesting the "fruits" of their labors! This past year the Ewing High School STEM Club supported our endeavors and helped us in our courtyard, and also taught us about the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling. We are looking forward to more projects together this coming year!

EHS Football Team Attends Giants Football Preseason Game



On Thursday, August 21st, the New York Giants faced the New England Patriots for their third preseason game at MetLife Stadium and secured the win, 42-10. The Ewing High School Football (EHS) team was in the "house" for an incredible team-building trip ahead of their own official season kickoff.

New EHS Head Football Coach, Al-majid Hutchins, shared, "The kids were thrilled to see their favorite players up close and to experience an NFL game in person. A big thank you to the New York Giants for generously providing us with 53 tickets to their preseason matchup against the New England Patriots."

If you are a dedicated Giants fan, you are still talking about when the Giants defeated the Patriots by the score of 17-14 at Super Bowl XLII in 2008. The game is still regarded as one of the biggest upsets in professional football. David Tyrie's helmet catch was amazing! It was a Giants-Patriots rematch at Lucas Oil Stadium in 2012 at Super Bowl XLVI, when Eli Manning and the Giants edged Tom Brady and the Patriots, 21-17, when Ahmad Bradshaw ran for the winning touchdown with just under a minute to play. At this preseason game, EHS football team members got a quick peek at who they think might be the rising stars for both the Giants and Patriots and saw first-hand recruits vying for a spot on this year's roster. There were a few fan favorites for sure.

But hands down the real stars of this outing were the New York Football Giants franchise, donating tickets so our hometown Ewing Blue Devils football players could dream big for their season and bring some of the enthusiasm home to Ewing.

All you Ewing Philadelphia Eagles fans, rest assured, you can't take away the Eagles' two Super Bowl wins in recent years, as they defeated the New England Patriots in Super Bowl LII in 2018 and against the Kansas City Chiefs in 2025. The Eagles are looking pretty good this preseason too, with everyone's favorite player, Saquon Barkley.

The future is looking bright for our Blue Devils Football players and head coach Al-majid Hutchins, so come on out and support the team at their home games this season at the Bruce Martz Football Field at Ewing High School. Go Blue Devils!

EHS Senior Spotlight: Meet Lauren Harris



What are you most looking forward to as you begin your Senior year of high school? I am most excited about getting to expand my passion for art and music. This year I plan on creating pieces at a much larger scale while staying true to my theme for AP Art, all while continuing to work on art for fun. Musically, I looking forward to advancing my skills and performing in marching and concert band. A few more things I'm excited to do is paint my parking spot, senior sunrise/sunset, and prom!

What is the Ewing High School Marching Band's theme this year, and do you have a favorite song? The Ewing High School Marching Band's theme this year is Star Wars, "A Band of Rebels". So far, I would say my favorite song from the show is Star Wars: The Force Awakens - Part 1. It's our opening song and one of our most powerful.

What instrument do you play for marching band? I definitely have the easier position in marching band because I don't march for the show. I'm in drumline, so I do march out onto the field, but it's much less marching than everyone else. However, I do know that marching is all about counting, staying in time, watching those around you, and understanding drill. I would love to march, but the size of my instrument, the Marimba, prevents me from doing so.



You are not only a skilled musician but a talented artist. Last June, to close out your junior year, your 2D piece was selected at the Mercer County Teen Art Festival in May to be showcased at the prestigious New Jersey State Teen Art Festival in June. Congratulations! What was the inspiration for the art piece? My inspiration for this piece was learning that the overconsumption of good things in life can still have negative effects. For example, ice cream, tastes amazing, and most people could eat it forever. But eating too much will make you sick. For this piece, I used honey because I could show more detail, and in the process of making honey, many bees lose their lives. Overall, it took me around 10 hours over the span of two weeks to finish it.

I see on your schedule for this year, besides taking a few honors courses, you are taking two art classes, Studio Art Drawing Portfolio AP, and Drawing/Painting CCP any future artist goals this senior year? I have a few art goals set for this year such as opening up to more commissions, expanding my mediums, and having a successful AP Art portfolio. My favorite and main medium is colored pencil. At first, I was reluctant to try it because I expected it to look terrible, but I was pleasantly surprised when it turned out beautiful!

Looking back, what is your advice for the incoming freshmen class for a successful and rewarding high school experience? My best advice would be to always say "yes" to good things. If you are given a great opportunity, go for it, but never fill your plate too much. Don't forget to enjoy life and your teenage years to the fullest.

Who is your favorite teacher and why? I could never pick just one teacher because throughout high school, many different teachers helped me in many ways. Mrs. Wilson was my Human Anatomy and Physiology teacher. She made her class very easy to learn while being an amazing person to talk to and be around. Mr. DeCavalcante has been a big pillar within my art journey. If it wasn't for him making me try colored pencils and pushing me further in his classes, I would not be as strong of an artist as I am now. Mr. Price is another amazing teacher. Since middle school, Mr. Price has helped me grow musically, and it will be sad to say goodbye to him in June.

What accomplishments are you most proud of? I am most proud of making it to the second round of Teen Arts this past year! I have submitted pieces since freshman year, but my piece, "The Sweet Taste" finally progressed me to the second round. A second accomplishment would be getting into the Princeton University Art Museum Summer Academy.

How do you define success? To me, success is being proud of yourself and staying true to who you are. There have been times when I felt as though I was unsuccessful because I thought success was defined by what other people's expectations were. With time, I have grown to understand that success is different for each person.

What is your favorite quote or book? My favorite quote is from a song called "Changes" by Black Sabbath. The quote is, "Wish I could go back, and change these years, I'm going through changes." Being alive is all about the world, people around you, and yourself, always changing, sometimes in big ways and other times in small ways.

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September 2025 Schedule in Ewing Schools

Sep 3	**First Day of School for Students**
Sep 11	Antheil - PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm
Sep 15-19	Antheil - PTO Fall Scholastic Book Fair
Sep 16	EHS - Back to School Night @ 6:30pm Lore - PTA Meeting @ 7pm
Sep 17	O'Brien Academy - Back to School Night @ 5:30pm FMS - Back to School Night @ 6:30pm
Sep 18	Lore - Back to School Night @ 6:30pm
Sep 19	Parkway - PTA Back to School Social @ 6–8pm Antheil - PTO Welcome Back Picnic @ 6:30–8:30pm
Sep 23	**SCHOOL CLOSED – *Rosh Hashanah***
Sep 24	Antheil - Picture Day 1
Sep 25	Parkway - Back to School Night @ 6:30pm
Sep 26	Antheil - Picture Day 2
Sep 29	Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm (Location TBA) (Public Session @ 6:30pm)
Sep 30	Antheil - Back to School Night @ 6:30pm

***Note:** School will be closed on Tuesday, October 2 for the Jewish Holiday of Yom Kippur.*

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The **Ewing Township Board of Education** hereby notifies all parents, students, employees and staff that the activities required by the **Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) 40 CFR, Part 763.93** have been fulfilled. These requirements include the Three Year Re-inspection and assessments of the asbestos containing materials located within the facilities utilized by the **Ewing Township Board of Education.** A copy of the updated AHERA Management Plan document is currently available for review at the Main Office of the facility. Please direct any further questions to Mr. Vincent Ferrara at 609-538-9800.

Food Services Department Notice!

Please fill out the application for FREE and REDUCED School Meals and Summer EBT by September 30, 2025!

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AT:
www.ewing.k12.nj.us

UNDER "DISTRICT INFORMATION" IN THE "FOOD SERVICE" SECTION.

Hard copies of the applications are also available at your child's school in the main office.

If you have any questions or need assistance filling out the application, please contact the Food Services Department at (609) 538-9800 ext. 7105 or ext. 7106. They are more than happy to help you navigate the application process!



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