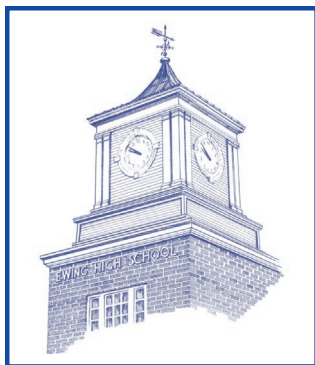




Good News

January The Ewing Public Schools 2026

Generous Legacy Donation Enriches Parkway Elementary School Library



The family of the beloved former Parkway Elementary School librarian, Bernice Mills, affectionately known as “Bernie,” made a very generous donation to the Parkway School library through the Ewing Public Education Foundation. Ms. Karen Grant, current Parkway School Librarian/Media Specialist, is thrilled! The Mills family indicated the funds could be used towards a purchase for the library that would be of the greatest benefit to all Parkway students. Ms. Grant is especially honored to receive these funds in memory of Bernie, as she was the very librarian who first encouraged Ms. Grant to enter the field of School Librarianship.

Mrs. Bernie Mills was born in Trenton, New Jersey, and was a lifelong area resident. She was married to her husband, Jay Mills, a retired Industrial Arts Teacher of the Ewing Public Schools. Together, they raised their three successful daughters, Amy, Peg, and Jenny, on Susan Drive right here in town, in the development across from Antheil Elementary School. Bernie earned her Bachelor’s and Master’s in Education from Trenton State College (The College of New Jersey) and was the proud librarian of Parkway Elementary School for 29 years, retiring in 1999. She wasn’t retired for long before she was “scooped up” by the Antheil Elementary School principal, Joan Zuckerman, when in need of a librarian. Bernie jumped at the chance to get back into action and into the pages of her favorite children’s books. She taught at Antheil a few days a week until June 2011. Bernie had a generous spirit, always thinking of others before herself, and was beloved by both children and staff. It was at Antheil

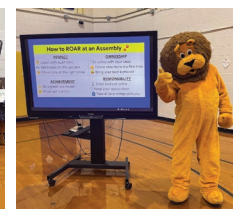
Elementary School, where Ms. Grant was a teacher, and Bernie made their connection through their love of books and children.

What were some of Bernie’s favorite books? When she started her educational career in 1970, the books were *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig, *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl, *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein, *The Corduroy Series* by Don Freeman, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle, *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst, *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss, and *Frog and Toad are Friends* by Arnold Lobel. In 1992, *The Magic Tree House* book series made its debut on the shelves of the library, followed by *The Adventures of Captain Underpants* in September 1997. When she retired from Parkway in 1999, Librarian-favorite elementary fiction included titles like Susan Fletchers’ *Shadow Spinner*, Sid Fleischman’s *Bandit’s Moon*, and J.K. Rowling’s massive hit *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, along with the popular series *The Baby-Sitters Club*, as librarians celebrated diverse stories and emerging classics. Would she love these “Best Children’s Books of 2025” on the list: *Every Monday Mabel* by Jashar Awan or *Fireworks* by Matthew Burgess? What we do know is that she considered reading one of the greatest pastimes and thinks all of us should, too.

Ms. Grant eloquently shared, “I recently had the pleasure of meeting with Bernie’s daughter, Peg Sciarrotta, a retired Antheil Elementary School teacher. Peg reminded me of her mother’s belief that libraries should be safe spaces for children from all backgrounds to connect, relax with a favorite book, and find joy in reading! I share this same belief! As a result, we will be using the funds to update the library’s current comfortable seating area and add high-interest books to the library collection. Additionally, we would like to update the framing of the picture of Bernie and her students that is hanging in the space and add some colorful wall art.”

On behalf of every Parkway student, Ms. Grant is grateful to receive such a generous donation. Whenever students ask Ms. Grant about “the lady in the picture” hanging on the wall, she tells them her name was Bernice Mills. She was a very special school librarian at Parkway School. She loved children and inspired them to love books. Ms. Grant is glad she gets to do the same!

▲▲▲▲▲ We are Lore, Hear our ROAR! ▲▲▲▲▲



Lore School students and staff had a Roar Rally with a morning full of energy and excitement. The celebration honored the newest Golden Paw Award winners, recognizing students who exemplify what it means to ROAR at Lore — showing Respect, Ownership, Achievement, and Responsibility each day. The rally continued with games, the wave, and even a line dance as the school came together to review and celebrate their PBIS expectations. Looking ahead, students were pumped to hear about the PBIS events planned to end the year, including a Muppet movie party, a glow dance, and several other surprises designed to keep the momentum going. It was a morning filled with pride and positivity — a perfect reminder of how we ROAR at Lore!

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SERVICE, SYMBOLISM, AND SACRIFICE AT PEARL HARBOR

EHS U.S. History II students learn from Ewing Patriotic Committee volunteers



On Thursday, December 4, members of the Ewing Township Patriotic Committee met with 50 U.S. History II students to commemorate the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, and to answer important student questions about the tragedy, military service and volunteerism.

U.S. History II teachers Mrs. Karen Walker, Mr. Brandon Parry and Mr. Jakob Morrissey worked with District Supervisor of Humanities Mr. Brock Mislan to craft an experience which allowed for a hands-on learning experience for their students.

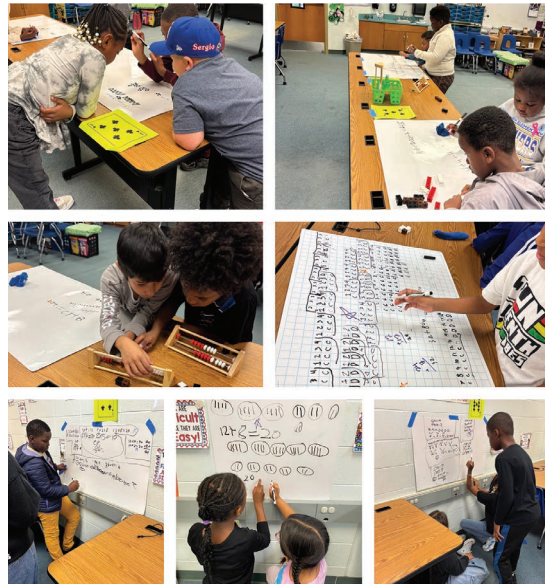
The session was led by Army Colonel Rick Ryczkowski, a Bronze Star recipient who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Navy Command Master Chief Joseph Eppolito. The presenters shared vivid images showing how Ewing Township was a critical manufacturing center for aircraft immediately after the tragedy at Pearl Harbor.

The rich history of Central New Jersey was on display for students to view and examine. Chief Eppolito, himself a Ewing High School graduate, shared, "The Naval Weapons Station Earle was specifically built in Colts Neck to manufacture and load the majority of ammunition in the successful and historic invasion of Normandy." Colonel Ryczkowski called upon student volunteers to physically demonstrate how island hopping became a successful strategy to retake control of the Pacific, and implored students to serve our community and country in a variety of ways – not just in the military. "Don't think being a cook is like nothing – I would protect them... a good cook is a huge morale boost for all!"

The duo responded to many student questions, focusing on comparing readiness between Pearl Harbor and modern wars, perspectives on public service, and whether public memory lives on in ceremonies and memorials.

The event was punctuated by words of wisdom from Brigadier General Robert S. Dutko, Sr., and a moving rendition of Taps played by EHS senior Dylan Rutkowski.

Math Comes Alive in Parkway's New Learning Lab



This year, Parkway Elementary students stepped into a brand-new Math Learning Lab — an interactive space designed to spark curiosity, build confidence, and transform how young learners experience mathematics.

Inside the lab, students turn abstract concepts into meaningful explorations. The children are discovering that math is creative, collaborative, and fun.

The learning lab isn't just for students—it's also a hub for teacher growth. Throughout each session, teachers work side-by-side with instructional coaches, trying out new strategies, observing student thinking in real time, and reflecting on ways to strengthen math instruction in their classrooms.

The Math Learning Lab is quickly becoming a community favorite, and its impact is already evident: more engaged students, more empowered teachers, and a school culture that celebrates mathematical discovery.

Ewing Township School District Earns Top Safety Honors – Brings \$4,500 Back to Classrooms

The Ewing Board of Education was proudly recognized on December 3, 2025, at the Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund's Annual State of the Fund Dinner. For the third consecutive year, our district demonstrated an outstanding commitment to safety, earning three prestigious safety awards and a total of \$4,500 in financial incentives that will be reinvested directly into safety measures and staff training.

The awards include:

- \$500 – Maintaining claim reporting within 1–3 days
- \$1,500 – Keeping the district's loss ratio under 50% for the 2024–25 year
- \$2,500 – Achieving the Fund's highest distinction: Safety Elite 2 criteria

This marks another milestone in Ewing's long-standing tradition of excellence in school safety. The district previously earned Safety District of the Year honors for both the 2022–23 and 2023–24 school years and is regularly celebrated by the Burlington County JIF for its proactive approach to protecting students and staff.

The \$4,500 in incentive funds will be used to further enhance safety equipment, professional development, and training programs across the district.

Congratulations to the Ewing Board of Education and the entire school community on this well-deserved recognition!



Over at Antheil Elementary School, Ms. Farety, Ms. Jones, and Ms. Winthrop's classes got together for some holiday co-op fun. They worked together in small groups to create some life-size gingerbread people, highlighting their creativity and working on their team-building skills. Each team was given a large sheet of brown paper, different shapes, and the tools they needed to create and decorate their gingerbread person as a team. The different grade levels came together to showcase their different abilities and teach each other how to work together.



To commemorate school day number 67 on December 15, 2025, Miss Azzaro's and Mrs. Kotch's Antheil third grade class created 6/7 art designs. The class enjoyed turning the numbers into different objects such as ice cream cones, penguins, pizza, dinosaurs, and other various objects.

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EHS Senior Spotlight: Meet Chaz Gilliard



Happy New Year! Do you have a New Year's resolution for 2026? To live in the moment and be more present.

If you could use one word to describe yourself, what would that word be? Outgoing!

You are a Princeton University Preparatory Program (PUPP) Scholar. It is required that Scholars and their parents sign a contract to participate in the program. The expectations and guidelines are pretty rigorous, and there is an oath. What were your thoughts when you signed your name to this three-year commitment? At first, I was nervous because it seemed like such a big commitment, but there was another feeling — a feeling of excitement and anticipation for what my future would hold.

Please list your three top takeaways from the PUPP program that have helped you become a better student and person. Never be afraid to take up space, always ask questions, and know that no dream is too big or too small.

Do you have a favorite subject? My favorite subject has always been English, specifically creative writing.

Who is your favorite teacher and why? My favorite teacher would have to be Mr. Hammer. He and I have known each other since my freshman year through the Student Council. He has always been an influential figure in my high school career. He has always pushed me to do more, and I thank him for that.

What activities do you participate in at school? Quite a few- I am Co-Chair of Spirit and Events for Student Council. The Secretary of National Honor Society, Treasurer of Black Student Alliance, and Executive Council for Key Club. I am also responsible for the revamping of the social media presence of the Ewing Wackos as well as the Class of 2026's Instagram page.

What is your favorite memory of high school to date? One of my favorites aside from winning Homecoming King was over the summer, when the senior class came together to personalize and paint our parking spots. It was a time where we bonded, soooo many trips to Home Depot!

Who or what has positively impacted your life? I like to think that everyone who has interacted with me has affected me positively in one way or another. More specifically, I would credit my family or my village as I call them. My village has been beside me since the beginning. I would love to thank my Mom, Poppop, Gigi, my siblings, Curtis, Canien, and Amiri. I would also love to thank my Grandma Joan and Aunt Donna. They are my village, always front and center.

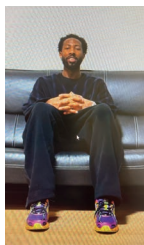
What are your plans after you graduate from Ewing High School? Attend a four-year university, majoring in Psychology and becoming a Psychologist.

What is your favorite quote? My favorite quote is "People have thrown dirt on my name, others have given it flowers. It's all a garden to me."

— Barbara Howard, Abbott Elementary

Tell us something about yourself that your peers don't know... only if you would like to share. Something that most of my peers probably don't know about me is that I love to bake. I learned from my great-grandmother when I was young. We have baked together for every holiday ever since.

FMS Celebrates Student Excellence at First Recognition Assembly of the Year



Fisher Middle School proudly kicked off its first Recognition Assembly of the 2025–2026 school year, honoring students for their academic success, positive citizenship, and commitment to the school's PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) initiative. The program focuses on highlighting and celebrating student accomplishments that reflect the school's core values.

A remarkable 178 sixth graders, 127 seventh graders, and 132 eighth graders were recognized for their academic achievement during Marking Period 1. Each Honor Student received a Fisher "Honor Student" drawstring bag to commemorate their hard work.

In addition, 440 students were honored as Good Citizens, earning Gold Cards—special tokens that can be used as currency at the school store. These students consistently demonstrate respect, responsibility, and leadership within the school community.

The ceremony opened with a festive musical welcome from the FMS Saxophone Quintet, led by Mr. Silipino and featuring talented student musicians Lydia Adejola, Amir Alicea, Jatniel Arroyo, William "Gryffin" Martens, and Jayden Rigney. Each grade-level assembly concluded with an impressive rendition of the National Anthem.

Student Council President Vanessa Okai addressed her peers, reminding them that "the habits they build today will shape their future," a message that resonated strongly throughout the day.

Students also had the special opportunity to hear from Fisher alum Davon Reed (Class of 2009), whose professional basketball career and philanthropic efforts continue to inspire. Reed shared a video message created specifically for Fisher students, emphasizing the lifelong value of the school's SOAR expectations and how he still uses them as an adult.



Fisher Middle School is proud to celebrate the achievements of its students and looks forward to continued growth and success throughout the school year.

Fisher Middle School Boys' Basketball Team 2008
(Davon Reed, 7th grade, pictured: back row, second player in from the right)

Anheil PE Cardio Drumming



Third graders at Anheil Elementary School had a blast in Physical Education class as students practiced cardio drumming to the song "Golden." Using stability balls and noodles for drumsticks, students followed rhythmic patterns, played along to the beat, and worked through a full-body movement routine. This activity helped them build coordination, timing, and cardiovascular endurance — all while having fun and staying active. Their energy and teamwork made the gym shine just as brightly as the music!

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JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

January 2026 Schedule in Ewing Schools

- Jan 1** SCHOOL CLOSED – *Happy New Year*
- Jan 2** SCHOOL IS OPEN! **Welcome Back to School!**
EHS - National Honor Society Coat Drive @ 8am–2pm
(Follow signs for the drive-up drop-off location.)
- Jan 5** Board of Education Organization Meeting @ 6pm
- Jan 8** Anthelil - PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm
FMS - Winter Vocal Concert @ 7pm
- Jan 13** Parkway - PTA Meeting @ 6pm
EHS - Winter Instrumental Concert @ 7pm
FMS - FPA Virtual Meeting @ 7:15pm
- Jan 15** EHS - Vocal Concert @ 7pm
- Jan 19** SCHOOL CLOSED – *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
- Jan 20** Lore - PTA Meeting @ 7pm
FMS - Winter Band Concert @ 7pm
- Jan 21** EHS - Drama Club ITS Winter Showcase @ 7pm
- Jan 22** FMS - Winter Orchestra Concert @ 7pm
- Jan 23** EHS - Grades 9-12 EXAMS Early Dismissal 12:15pm
- Jan 26-30** **The Great Kindness Challenge**
- Jan 26** EHS - Grades 9-12 EXAMS Early Dismissal 12:15pm
- Jan 27** EHS - Grades 9-12 EXAMS Early Dismissal 12:15pm
EHS - End of Semester 1
FMS and Elementary School - End of 2nd Marking Period
- Jan 28** SCHOOL CLOSED – **Grades 6-12 and OBA**
Early Dismissal Full Day Preschool – Grade 5
NO AM Integrated Preschool (Anthelil, Lore, Parkway)
NO AM Bridge Preschool (Anthelil)
- Jan 31** Parkway - PTA Amerikick Parent Night Out @ 6pm



2026 Ewing Township Board of Education

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The Ewing Public Schools Proudly Announce Our Governor Educators of the Year 2025-2026

Ewing High School

- Sean Hammer** – Teacher of the Year
Mya Grimes – Education Specialist of the Year
1) Pictured: Mya Grimes, Lisa Sabo, Sean Hammer



Fisher Middle School

- Jesse Ambriz** – Teacher of the Year
2) Pictured: Scott Sheplock, Jesse Ambriz, Dr. Maggy Hanna, Hugh Dwyer



Anthelil Elementary School

- Santina Winthrop** – Teacher of the Year
Leah Rodriguez – Education Specialist of the Year
3) Pictured: Mark Milecki, Leah Rodriguez, Santina Winthrop, Kip Harrison



Lore Elementary School

- Cynthia Campbell** – Teacher of the Year
Christine Meekins – Education Specialist of the Year
4) Pictured: Dr. Trisha Bogusz, Christine Meekins, Cynthia Campbell, Alicia Mackall



Parkway Elementary School

- Amanda Fenderson** – Teacher of the Year
Tyler Moses – Education Specialist of the Year
5) Pictured: Michelle Conway, Amanda Fenderson, Rob Odri
6) Pictured: Rob Odri, Tyler Moses, Michelle Conway



The Ewing Public Schools Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten Registration

is NOW OPEN for the 2026-27 School Year.

Visit Our Website To Register:

www.ewing.k12.nj.us

Child must be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2026 and reside in Ewing with Parent or Legal Guardian.

All Round-Up Events will be held at Anthelil School on select dates in March, April, & May.

*Online Registration must be completed to receive an appointment for roundup.

Ewing Public Schools
Central Registration
609-538-9800 ext. 7180
registration@ewingboe.org



The Ewing Public Schools Kindergarten Round-Up

Registrarse para el Kindergarten

La inscripción en línea YA ESTÁ ABIERTA para el año escolar 2026-27

Visita nuestro sitio web para registrarte:

www.ewing.k12.nj.us

Su hijo debe tener 5 años antes del primero de Octubre de 2026 y residir en Ewing con un padre o tutor legal.

Todos los eventos de "Round-Up" se llevarán a cabo en la escuela Anthelil en fechas seleccionadas en Marzo, Abril y Mayo.

*Se debe completar el registro en línea para recibir una cita para el roundup.

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