

GOOD NEWS

April

The Ewing Public Schools 2026

EHS Drama Department Celebrates Outstanding Production of *In the Heights!*



Ewing High School's musical production of Broadway's *In the Heights* brought to life the ever-changing dynamics of a neighborhood as it tries to sustain its identity through changes and gentrification.

The musical takes place in New York's Washington Heights, over three days of unrelenting hot weather, and focuses on a bodega owner, Usnavi. As we all know, in a neighborhood, the bodega, or the shop on the corner, is where people stop in to purchase a few items, share some good gossip, a few woes, and a worthy laugh. It is the glue of the community, a place where people connect.

As in our own town, right here in Ewing Township, houses, apartments, and townhouses are going up, and we as a community are changing and welcoming new neighbors. Our new neighbors are bringing new ideas, new foods, sharing their culture, and enhancing our vibrant community. So, stop by your local "bodega," be it the 7-Eleven, the WAWA, the Dunkin Donuts, the diner, or any of the other plethora of restaurants and local shops, and smile and say hello. Welcome to Ewing Township!

Congratulations to our talented students on a job well done! The show was fantastic! It was the perfect choice to celebrate our diverse, vibrant community where all are welcome.



Ryan Greig Awarded Prestigious Ed Cook \$2,000 Scholarship at Del Val Scholars Dinner

The 64th Annual George Wah Scholar-Leader-Athlete Awards were held on Sunday, March 8.

Established in 1962, the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation is closely involved in amateur football in the Central New Jersey area.

The annual Scholar-Leader-Athlete banquet is the premier event for the chapter. The dinner is held annually in March and attracts over 250 football enthusiasts. Included in the event are 21 schools representing Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties where scholarships are awarded. This year, \$31,500 in scholarships were awarded, and Ewing's Ryan Greig was one of the awardees.

The selection process is rigorous, and each candidate must possess the following criteria:

- **A Scholar** – Outstanding academic application and performance
- **A Leader** – Outstanding leadership and citizenship
- **An Athlete** – Outstanding football ability and performance

It is a combination of all these attributes that the winners, all young individuals honored, are true scholar-athletes.

Ewing High School's senior quarterback, Ryan Greig, was honored and received the prestigious \$2,000 Ed Cook Scholarship.

A star on and off the field, Ryan Greig, truly put his stamp on the 2025 Ewing Blue Devils.

More than 1,500 yards passing, 22 combined passing/rushing touchdowns, and an undefeated record in the division. A three-year starter at QB, a two-year captain. An Honor Roll student with the highest GPA on the team. Winner of the program's two internal honors – the William Rakita Award and the Dr. Keel Scholar Athlete Award – representing more than just on the field stats.

No matter how you slice it, Ryan Greig is a "dude" in the best sense of the word.

"Ryan is one of the most impactful athletes I have had the privilege to coach," Ewing's Al-Majid Hutchins said. "He is a fierce competitor who plays



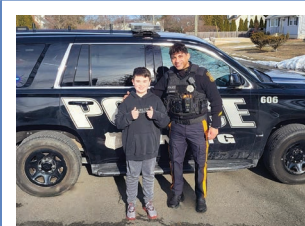
with a level of passion and intensity that is rare. What sets Ryan apart most is his ability to lead by example while also knowing exactly what to say to motivate and uplift his teammates. He is a genuinely caring individual who wears his heart on his sleeve and consistently puts the team before himself."

Greig led the Blue Devils to seven straight wins and a spot in the state Group 2 playoffs. He's a two-year captain and three-year starter in baseball as well. But beyond athletics, Ryan is deeply committed to serving others.

He is part of the Unified Physical Education/Partner Athletic Program, a Little League volunteer, a Junior Blue Devils Football volunteer, and participates in the district's Read Across America programs, serving as a leader in the elementary schools.

"I give Ryan my highest recommendation for this award and have complete confidence that he will uphold its standards with integrity and distinction."

Congratulations, Ryan, and good luck in your future endeavors!



Antheil fifth grader, Sean Burns, was the lucky winner of a special PTO drawing at Antheil's Winter Wonderland, earning a memorable ride to school with a police officer. Sean was picked up by Officer Mohamed Omara and proudly posed for a photo to mark the occasion. It was a wonderful experience and a great example of the positive partnership between our school community and the Ewing Police Department.

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Fisher Middle School Welcomes Back Inspiring Alumni Speakers



On Friday, March 6, Fisher Middle School had the wonderful privilege of welcoming former students Selwa and Soumaya Benkhokha, members of the Fisher Middle School Class of 2014, as guest speakers during the school's Recognition Assembly.

The sisters returned to their former middle school to share inspiring words and personal experiences with current students. Their presentation centered on Fisher's SOAR expectations — Safety, Ownership, Achievement, and Respect — and how those values helped guide their academic journeys and personal success.

Selwa and Soumaya encouraged students to set meaningful goals and work consistently to achieve them, reminding them that the habits and reputa-

tions they build now can open doors in the future. They also spoke about the importance of being the best version of themselves, staying involved in school activities, and giving back to the Fisher and Ewing community. Their message resonated with students as they reflected on their own experiences at Fisher and the lessons they learned along the way.

Both alumni have continued to excel academically. Selwa Benkhokha earned her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and English from Temple University and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Applied Behavior Analysis, with plans to obtain a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. Soumaya Benkhokha earned her Bachelor's degree in Pre-Med and Public Health and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Biomedical Sciences, with the goal of attending medical school.

FMS Odyssey of the Mind Team's Epic Quest!



The Fisher Middle School (FMS) Odyssey of the Mind team placed third overall at the New Jersey Coastal Plains Regional Competition on Saturday, March 7, 2026.

The team's Long-Term Problem, 3 Classics...“The Epic Quest, Division II,” featured an original script, an original rap, and a challenging quest of epic proportions created entirely by this amazing team of students.

Team members Madison Baxter, Empress Canada, Audrey Deturk, Noa Fogg, Marshall Jonas, Xavier Laidler, and Elizabeth Mahler spent months writing, designing, building, and performing their

solution to this complex problem. Throughout the process, they demonstrated tremendous creativity, perseverance, and collaboration.

The intellectual challenge these outstanding 8th graders embraced brought them closer together as a team as they worked through obstacles, applied critical thinking, designed costumes, built their set, and refined their performance. Their dedication, imagination, and teamwork were evident on stage, and they represented Fisher Middle School with pride.

Scoring for the competition is broken down into three categories: Long-Term Problem Solution, Style, and Spontaneous. Our FMS creative geniuses placed first in the Long-Term Problem Solution, solving the problem, and in the performance of the solution, which is no small feat! Congratulations!

The team was led by coaches Stacy Khanna and Bonnie Spring, who supported and guided the students throughout their creative journey.

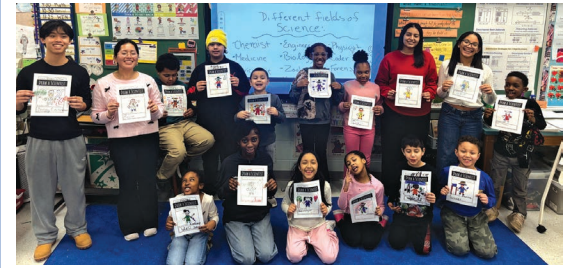
Congratulations to this incredible group for their hard work and achievement!

LUNAR NEW YEAR

At Antheil, Mrs. Spagnuolo-Italiano's morning and afternoon Bridge classrooms learned about the Lunar New Year. Students watched a dragon dance and made their own dragon using a variety of art materials. Students were also given training with chopsticks to explore. Morning students used the chopsticks to eat marshmallows while afternoon students were able to try their chopstick skills on vegetable dumplings.



EHS ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB VISITS PARKWAY AND LORE



“In February, Ewing High School's (EHS) Environmental Club held two classes honoring Black History Month with Parkway Elementary School's S.T.E.M. Club! Club members gave an educational presentation highlighting prominent African American figures across S.T.E.M. fields. Together, we celebrated the achievements, resilience, and central roles of Black Americans in U.S. history. We emphasized the importance in teaching the younger generations that we can strive to achieve great things, no matter who we are, where we come from, the color of our skin, or our gender; the power to define your future is within you. Along with a presentation, club members had students create their own scientists and dive deeper into what their interests in the S.T.E.M. field could be! Thank you to all of those who came out to make these two days at Parkway memorable! We hope to see you at the next event.” – *Written by 12th grader and Environmental Club President, Shannon Zhispon*



“On March 4th, the EHS Environmental Club students visited Lore Elementary School's new Green Team Club to share an afternoon learning about Butterfly Conservation! Together, the team shared a cozy story time with the book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, followed by an interactive presentation on how students can protect these little friends wherever they go. Green Team members then had the opportunity to design their own caterpillars in a paper craft project. To wrap up the afternoon, EHS students played a game with the Green Team to check their understanding of the importance of butterflies in the environment. The visit concluded with lots of smiles and a newfound excitement for these small pollinators!” – *Written by 12th grader and Environmental Club's Media Coordinator, Diana Lima-Flores*

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EHS Senior Spotlight: Meet Terrance Traylor



If you could use one word to describe yourself, what would that word be? Humble.

As you look to your future, what is your destiny? My future holds going to college and becoming a successful basketball player while getting my degree.

Your final season of high school basketball has come to a close, but not without fanfare. You are now in the Ewing High School Athletic History Books for Boys Basketball, making your mark by scoring your 1,000th point against Hamilton West this past season. Your name will be enshrined with all the other EHS “greats” on the wall of the Emil Wandishin gym forever. Congratulations!

Now that you have time to reflect, tell us how you felt when that ball swished through the net? I felt great when that happened because it was a big milestone that represented all of my hard work.

When reading the names placed before where your name will go, did any of those players before you inspire your high school basketball career? Trey Lowe was a big inspiration.

You are a role model for the younger generation of Ewing basketball players coming up through the program. What is your advice to those who want to follow in your footsteps to strive to be an excellent Ewing High School student-athlete like yourself?

Stay focused on the main thing and stay out of trouble. Trust your coaches because they are always trying to put you in the best position for yourself.

Athletes need to eat. It is your final semester of high school, and your schedule includes the course, “Culinary Arts III/Baking and Confections” with Mr. Kocubinski. You also took “Culinary Arts II” in your first semester. Any interest in going into a career in Culinary Arts, or just learning to help out Mom in the kitchen? Culinary class with Mr. K is great! I don’t have any interest in going into culinary arts, I’m just learning how to cook on my own for the future.

What is your favorite meal or dessert that you have created in class? My favorite meal that we made was oxtails, mac and cheese, and yams.

Who is your favorite teacher? She is not a teacher, but my favorite administrator is Ms. Sabo.

What awards or acknowledgments have you received in school or outside of school? Winning the conference championship my junior year.

What accomplishments are you most proud of? Making an all-conference team every year I played varsity.

Who or what has positively impacted your life? My mom has positively impacted my life, always pushing me to be the best version of myself.

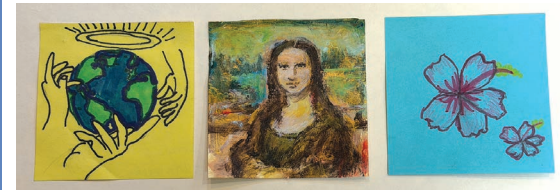
How do you define success? Being dedicated and hard-working in whatever you want to do in life.

In the News at the FMS Media Center!



Students at Fisher Middle School recently participated in the Annual Poetry Café, held as part of the National African American Read-in,

sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English. The event, organized by Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Cline, provided students with an opportunity to share original poetry or read works by African American poets while celebrating the power of voice, storytelling, and literary expression.



March was Youth Art Month, and the Fisher Library celebrated by hosting a Tiny Art Show. Students created artwork on 3×3 sticky notes in any medium. Entries could include words, text, or quotes, as long as they reflected positivity.

Antheil 4th Grade Students Attend Children’s Concert at TCNJ



Ms. Melanie Mayerson, Antheil Instrumental Music Teacher, was enthusiastic to share that Antheil’s fourth graders had the opportunity to attend a children’s concert at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ). The performance was titled *Wild Symphony*, based on the book by Dan Brown.

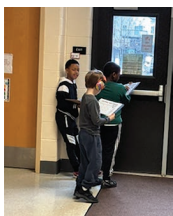
TCNJ’s Wind Ensemble put on a great performance, and music education students facilitated the event. Students were encouraged to dance along with movement scarves and toy lions, play along with egg shakers, and see the story come to life with pictures projected in the hall!

Ms. Mayerson was complimented on how respectful our students were as audience members. The students were super engaged and had a great time!

OBA CELEBRATES THE 101ST DAY OF SCHOOL



O’Brien Academy (OBA) Elementary students had an exciting time celebrating the 101st day of school with a fun and engaging scavenger-style sight word activity! Students went on a special “Sight Word Unscramble Hunt,”



searching around the classrooms and hallways for hidden word clues. Each clue contained scrambled sight words that students worked together to decode and unscramble. With clipboards in hand and plenty of enthusiasm,

young learners practiced their reading skills while solving each puzzle they discovered. The activity combined movement, teamwork, and literacy, making the 101st day of school both educational and memorable for everyone involved.

FOURTH GRADERS CELEBRATE WINTER WONDERLAND AFTER THE BLIZZARD OF 2026



Spring has arrived, thankfully, after the Blizzard of 2026 blanketed Ewing in a thick layer of sparkling snow. Fourth graders at Antheil Elementary School wasted no time turning the chilly aftermath into a day of excitement and laughter. Bundled in colorful coats, scarves, and gloves, students raced outside to throw snowballs, craft creative snowmen, and make friendly snow angels across the playground.

The storm may have brought icy roads and school closures, but for these students, it delivered something far more memorable: a chance to experience winter at its most magical.

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Blue Devils Unified Basketball Team Celebrates Memorable Season and Playoff Run



The Ewing High School Blue Devils Unified Basketball team put together an exciting and inspiring season filled with teamwork, determination, and big moments on the court. From their opening game to their impressive run in

the state tournament, the team consistently demonstrated the spirit of Unified sports and the power of playing together.

The Blue Devils started their season strong with a 26–16 victory over Monroe in their season opener. One of the most thrilling games of the season came in a 28–26 nail-biting victory over Eastern Regional High School. The game went down to the final minutes with both teams battling until the end.

The highlight of the season came during the NJSIAA State Tournament, where the Blue Devils showed their growth and resilience. In the second round, the team defeated Cherokee 38–32 in an exciting game. Kody Schneider led the team with 9 points, while Ryan Greig added 5 points. One of the most memorable moments of the season occurred when Trevon Nelson hit a half-court buzzer-beater at the end of the first half, electrifying the crowd. Parker French, Tyler French, and Hayden Rockino each scored 4 points, while Michael Gamboa Ordini, Chris Jones, Justin Ryczkowski, and Xander Coston all added baskets to secure the win.

The Blue Devils ultimately advanced to the third round of the NJSIAA State Tournament, improving on their playoff performance from the previous season. The team's growth throughout the year showcased not only their basketball skills but also the core values of Unified sports — teamwork, inclusion, and sportsmanship.



A picture says 1,000 words. This was especially true at the NJSIAA Unified State Tournament Basketball game when Trevon Nelson hit the basket from half court!

April 2026 Schedule in Ewing Schools

- Apr 1-3 **SCHOOL CLOSED – Spring Break**
- Apr 7 Jazz Through the Decades Concert @ EHS Auditorium - 7pm
- Apr 9 Antheil - PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Apr 13 EHS - S2 T1 Q2 Parent Progress Reports/ Genesis Parent Access
- Apr 14 FMS - Spring Vocal Music Concert @ 7:15pm Parkway - PTA Meeting @ 6pm
- Apr 15 FMS - FPA Virtual Meeting @ 7pm
- Apr 16 EHS - Counseling Department Junior Night @ 6pm
K-8 District Family STEM Night @ FMS - 6:30-8pm
- Apr 17 FMS - Spring Book Fair
- Apr 20-24 FMS - Spring Book Fair
- Apr 21 Lore - PTA Meeting @ 7pm
Elementary Schools - 3rd Marking Period Report Cards/ Genesis Parent Access
- Apr 22 Parkway - Unity Day: Earth Day
FMS - 3rd Marking Period/Parent Genesis Access
- Apr 23 Take Your Child to Work Day
- Apr 25 POAC Autism Walk for a Difference @ FMS - 11am-2pm
- Apr 27 Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm (Gusz Building)
Public Session @ 6:30pm
- Apr 30 FMS - Musical "Once on This Island, JR." @ 6:30pm
- May 1 FMS - Musical "Once on This Island, JR." @ 6:30pm
- May 2 FMS - Musical "Once on this Island, JR." @ 2pm & 6:30pm



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Kindergarten Registration

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.

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