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Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

Highlights: Opening Day Staff Kick Off Video; Gratitude for Backpack/Supply Drive Donations; Chain of Command Friendly Reminder; Seeking Interview Questions for Youngest Chess Grandmaster Ever!; ETSD Hiring!; Board Seat Vacancy.

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

– proverb with variations tracing back to multiple continents

(our 2023-24 District Theme is “Cooperation is Key”)

Opening Day Staff Kick Off Video

On Wednesday, Aug. 30 our district kicked off our first day back for all our teachers with a one-hour district meeting (a bit informational, a bit inspirational), bringing all our staff together, live and livestream, for the first time in 20 years. Kick Off Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTU9UiSrHYA>

Thank you to our ETSD graduates who contributed by talking about staff impact. Your words mean so much! And for our families, you might also enjoy seeing our amazing staff members being recognized for 25 and more Years of Service.

Gratitude for Backpack/Supply Drive Donations

Many thanks to all our community members who donated to this effort, spearheaded from multiple sources, collecting over 200 backpacks replete with supplies. Special thanks to the Township of Evesham and Hands Uniting Generations (HUGS) (including Police Chief Walt Miller), as well as Fervent Church and [Action Karate](#).

Chain of Command Friendly Reminder

As we head into the new school year, I'd like to share a friendly reminder for parents seeking a resolution for any particular situation. Items are best addressed at the most local level, e.g. when the question or concern relates to a classroom situation, the classroom teacher is the best first point of contact. Our teachers and staff are dedicated, caring professionals and welcome communication and collaboration with our families, including to resolve problems and other circumstances. This flow of communication enables timely and effective solutions.



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Seeking Interview Questions for Youngest Chess Grandmaster Ever!

The [South Jersey Innovation Center](http://www.sjicnj.org), a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting STEM education and activities for children and adults alike, is having an Open House on Sept. 17 as they move to their new location in Cherry Hill ([SJIC Open House 9.17.23](http://www.sjicnj.org)). Their Special Guest will be [Abhimanyu Mishra](http://www.abhimanyumishra.com), the youngest chess Grandmaster in history, and current US Junior Champion, and who is also from New Jersey! These are incredible accomplishments that defy words. I will be interviewing Abhi and his father as part of the Open House. I'd love (love!) to hear from our students, staff, and families as to what questions I should ask (please feel free to email me questions). Here we have a young man, age 14, born and raised in our state, who has accomplished the rarest of feats faster than anyone in history (and chess has been around nearly 2,000 years). Our state truly excels beyond its size in areas of human endeavor with an emphasis on intelligence, personality, and the arts. I'm excited for this interview most of all because it gives me the chance to share questions from our students and community.

Our district is delighted to be partnering with SJIC to pilot an extracurricular Evesham Chess Club in one or more of our schools this year. Details are being finalized and will be shared soon. Chess develops a range of skills, and through fun and play. To adapt a line from Emily Dickinson ("tell all the Truth, but tell it Slant"), if our goal is to develop cognitive abilities, then chess enables that development through a "game," rather than in a more direct way that might meet reluctance ("ok, let's do more school work"). Once the chess bug bites, playing chess can grow and grow, the same way a child into a sport will practice on their own, shooting baskets in the neighborhood. And chess brings social benefits as well. Students can develop great friendships and memories through playing chess with peers, on a team, and more.

ETSD Hiring!

For more info about classroom aide, bus driver, bus aide, lunch aide, other positions, please see [ETSD Staff Positions Info 2023-24](http://www.evesham.k12.nj.us). Our district provides all bus driver training and license fees. To apply: <https://www.applitrack.com/evesham/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1>

Board Seat Vacancy

Our Board of Education is seeking interested persons to apply to fill an unexpired Board member term until December 31, 2023 (+/- 3 months). Anyone interested should email their resume and letter of interest to our Business Administrator/Board Secretary John Recchinti at recchintij@evesham.k12.nj.us by Friday, Sept. 8.



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Sincerely,

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