

Monday, January 4, 2020

Dear East Greenwich School Community,

I hope you had a chance to relax and rejuvenate with your family during the holiday season. The new year is here, and it brings hope that we will be able to return to a more typical way of life in the months to come.

In the meantime, we remain committed to our students. We have all stretched exponentially in these past months, and I remain proud of our students, staff and families. Together, we have adapted and transformed teaching and learning in both the hybrid and fully remote environments. Please continue reading the district updates and reminders below.

Curriculum and Instruction Department

We have recently made administrative changes to provide deep and meaningful leadership, professional development and support for our teachers in every content area. In lieu of one Director of Curriculum and Instruction, we have reorganized our structure to include two supervisors of instruction. By eliminating the Director of Curriculum and Instruction position and a teacher on assignment position, this reorganization reduces costs and increases instructional support and guidance for our staff. In turn, we can provide more robust and more effective instructional programs for our students.

Mrs. Lisa Giorgianni will serve as our Supervisor of English Language Arts, English Language Learners and Special Areas. Mr. Jeffrey Miller-McGrail will serve as our Supervisor of Math, Science, Social Studies and SOAR. Mr. Miller-McGrail will be joining our district mid-February. Please join me in welcoming them to their new roles.

Governor's Educator of the Year Recipients

Congratulations to our Governor's Educators of the Year and our Governor's Educational Services Professionals of the Year. Thank you to those who nominated staff members for this prestigious recognition. Our committees had a challenging task in selecting just 2 staff members from our talented staff in each building!

Jeffrey Clark School: Christina Spadea, Beginner Teacher

Jeffrey Clark School Educational Services Professional of the Year: Jackie Adieyefeh, Speech and Language Therapist

Samuel Mickle School Educator of the Year: Jill Garren, Special Education Teacher

Samuel Mickle School Educational Services Professional of the Year: Stacy Gray, District Technology Coach and ELL Teacher

Welcome Dr. Richard Carr, Samuel Mickle Principal

Today Dr. Carr began his official first day at the Samuel Mickle School. Please click [here](#) to read Dr. Carr's letter of introduction and view a brief video introduction. Dr. Carr's email is carr@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us. We welcome him to our East Greenwich family!

COVID-19 Information

Currently, our region is designated as “High Risk” by the New Jersey Department of Health. You can view the weekly reports here: [NJ Department of Health COVID Activity Level Index Weekly Report](#).

The [NJDOH COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools](#) document was revised on December 22, 2020. The newest revisions are highlighted in yellow. Currently, the changes do not have a significant impact on our procedures in the high risk category. When we return to the moderate risk, or yellow, category, we will provide more information on the changes.

We appreciate your continued cooperation in communicating COVID-19 related information to our school nurses in a timely manner. This has allowed us to utilize the contact tracing process and identify any in-person close contacts, which is an important tool in mitigating the spread of the virus. Please continue to contact the nurses with any questions regarding COVID-19 or COVID-like symptoms.

Jeffrey Clark School Nurse, Christine Calhoun~ calhounc@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us

Samuel Mickle School Nurse, Michele Brown~ brownmi@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us

To date, there has been no evidence of COVID-19 transmission in our school environment. You can view a cumulative list of East Greenwich Township Schools in-person cases on our [district website](#) with the “EGTS COVID Case Tracker” button. Please note this list reflects cases reported to the school district. This list is not reflective of all cases in the East Greenwich community.

Thank you for your continued support to keep our school environment safe for staff and students. We will continue to monitor this situation and share information with you.

Reminders:

Free Lunch

All children under the age of 18 who live in East Greenwich are eligible for Grab and Go free lunch. If you are interested in participating, please complete the form each Friday by 3:00pm for the following week. This is made possible by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to ensure all children have access to food during the pandemic.

Parent Technology Help Desk

If your student is experiencing a technology issue while learning virtually, help is available by calling 856-423-7111 or emailing techhelp@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us.

Stay Connected

If your contact information has changed, please contact the main office to update your information. This will ensure you receive district emails and text notifications.

Follow *East Greenwich Township Schools* on Facebook to learn about the great things that are happening in our schools!

Email a photo of your student’s learning in action to remotehornets@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us. We may feature it on Facebook or our website.

Sincerely,

Andrea Evans