

EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Andrea Evans, Superintendent

Gregory Wilson, Business Administrator

May 2, 2022

Dear East Greenwich School Community,

This week we celebrate our amazing teachers and staff members, whose hard work and dedication are unparalleled. I invite you to share your gratitude with our teachers and support staff; your words of appreciation mean so much.

Please find some important information and reminders below.

Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Standards

In June of 2020, the New Jersey Department of Education adopted revised Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Standards. Our district is preparing to implement the revised standards this fall. Currently, our district is actively reviewing the revisions to the standards, and we are preparing to draft revisions to our current curricula.

We understand that parents across the state, and within our community, have concerns about some of the new standards. Please be assured our approach to implementing the revised standards will be consistent with our current approach to all standards implementation. We will examine the new standards and determine how to effectively implement them in an age-appropriate, meaningful way which takes the needs and developmental readiness of our students into account.

Parents will continue to have the opportunity to opt-out of any part of instruction in family life and/or sex education. The district recognizes and respects that some families prefer to have these conversations privately. To aide families in making these decisions, the district will continue to provide parents with at least 4 weeks' notice of lessons in these areas. The notice will include access to the lesson content/materials and standards, as well as a form to be signed indicating a parent's choice of non-participation. Students who are not participating will be assigned an alternate assignment in an alternate location.

More information regarding the specific changes to our Comprehensive Health and Physical Education curriculum and resources will be provided prior to the start of the school year. We will also provide regular updates on this topic to ensure our community is informed. In the meantime, questions can be addressed to our Supervisor of Instruction, Mrs. Lisa Giorgianni at giorgiannil@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us.

Additional resources can also be found below: <u>New Jersey Health and Physical Education Standards</u>

<u>New Jersey Department of Education Summary of Additions, Revisions and Deletions to Health and</u> <u>Physical Education Standards</u>

Reminders:



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Class Placement for 2022-2023

We recognize some parents may be aware of a special circumstance or have a specific concern about their child's placement, and we would like to consider this information as part of the process. If you have specific considerations for the school regarding your child's placement, please submit them to the school counselor by **Friday, May 6th at 3:30 p.m**. Responses received by the deadline will be considered.

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<u>COVID 19</u>

Please be advised the number of positive cases has increased slightly over the past three weeks (<u>EG</u> <u>COVID 19 Case Tracker</u>). Please keep your child home from school if:

- Your child has 2 or more of the following symptoms: Fever, chills or shivers, myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose
- Your child has 1 of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing or new loss of taste or smell
- Your child has close contact with a person with COVID-19
- Someone in your household is being tested for COVID-19 or is diagnosed with COVID-19

If there is a positive case of COVID 19 in your child's classroom(s) or bus, we will notify all families to ensure you are aware and able to screen your child for symptoms. We want to mitigate the spread of this virus, so all of our students are healthy and able to enjoy end of year activities and events.

Poem in Your Pocket

Thank you to Mrs. Ligameri, Mrs. Wordelmann and all of our students who were able to participate in Poem in Your Pocket. This was a fun and educational community event to spread a love of poetry!

Save the Date- Summer Tours and Medication Drop Off

Each summer we open our schools to families on two dates in late August, so students can feel comfortable in the building prior to the first day of school. Our administrators and counselors are on hand to welcome families and assist with the self-guided tours. Our school nurses are also on site to collect medications. Click <u>here</u> to view the Save the Date. The dates/times are also listed below. Tuesday, August 23rd from 4:00pm-5:30pm Wednesday, August 31st from 10:30am-12:00pm

Thank you for your continued support. Sincerely,

Andrea Evans