



# The Cougar Courier

March 2024

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## Superintendent's Corner

Greetings!

We hope to finalize our school calendar for 2024-25 school year at the March Board of Education meeting. I'm certain teachers will report prior to Labor Day and students will start September 3rd . Later dates in the year are still to be examined to coincide with HCRHS Transportation. The final calendar should be distributed in late March.

We will not receive budget figures from the State until after the Governor's budget address. Hopefully our preliminary budget will be presented to the Board at the end of the month. Our final budget approval does not occur until May.

We are pleased to announce that our school policies and regulations are now accessible on our website. This initiative has been in the works since January, and I'm delighted to see it come to fruition. The Business Office and I have been working closely together to implement this change, ensuring that our school community has easy access to important information that governs our operations.

The search process for our next principal began in late January. I greatly appreciate the input that was given to us through our staff and parent surveys. This information was very valuable and is being used to select our next principal. We are very hopeful to have an announcement in March.

Sincerely,

John Capuano

Superintendent



### School Vision Statement:

East Amwell Township School District... is a safe, supportive community that recognizes all students as unique individuals and provides opportunities for academic, artistic, cultural, emotional, physical, social and character development in a diverse and ever-changing society.



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# Principal's News

Dear Parents,

During the last week of February, we had our annual Kindness Week. Thanks to the hard work of our teachers and the PTO, our students participated in many kindness activities. The goal of this week was for students to recognize that simple day to day acts of kindness make a difference in all of our lives. This week was a huge success.

Earlier this year we began Spanish in 3rd - 6th grades. It has been great to watch students introduced to a new language through the use of various activities and games. I would like to thank Marlene McLellan, our 7th/8th grade Spanish teacher, with all of her help implementing this program.

This month, we will once again be celebrating Read Across America with our elementary students. Our Reading Committee has a number of fun filled activities planned to promote a love of reading.

As a reminder, this month we have Parent Teacher Conferences on March 6 th and 7 th . The schedule has been sent out. If you have not received information, please contact your child's teacher immediately.

Sincerely,

Erin Dolan

Interim Principal



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## JOIN US!!!

# RON SHUALI

## BEHAVIOR MASTERY WORKSHOP!

RON SHUALI, M. Ed.

[www.ronspeak.com](http://www.ronspeak.com)

Join us for an informative and laughter-filled evening workshop. Learn effective techniques for managing behaviors by best-selling author and motivational speaker, Ron Shuali.

Ron Shuali will introduce an innovative approach to managing behaviors at home and in the classroom. The system emphasizes a rewards based and positive reinforcement model with an emphasis on acceptance, understanding and compassion. Come and learn strategies that actually identify and solve problems. This presentation is for all grade levels!

**Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**Location: East Amwell Township School**

**This is a FREE event for parents, guardians and educators. Our PTO will offer pizza & entertainment during the event for the school age children of East Amwell.**

PLEASE RSVP:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4EAEAF22A2F49-48021586-ronshuali>



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## December Lunch Menu


Please use the online Lunch Menu found


Four Steps:


1. Click On School Website  
(eastamwell.org)
2. Click On Lunch Info Tab


### Step 2

Quick Links

  
Lunch Info


  
Teacher Homepages


  
Cougar Courier

  
Virtual Backpack


### Step 3


**Lunch Information**


  
Lunch Menu

  
Payschool Online

### Step 4



  
East Amwell  
Elementary School

  
East Amwell Elementary



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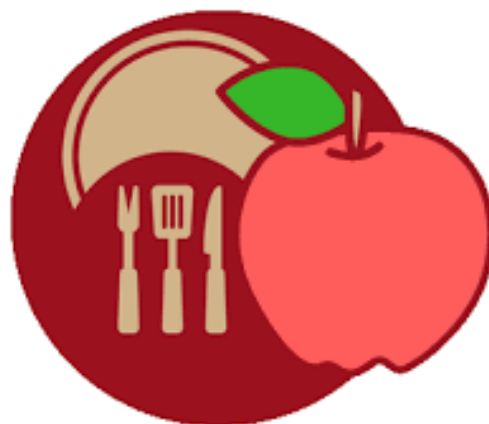


## Important Lunch Account Information:

If your family needs meal assistance, the 2023-2024 Application is available under the [Lunch Info](#) section of the District website. Lunch will be available on the first day of school, cost is \$3.50 with several menu options. The daily menu is subject to change depending on the availability of menu items, please check the district website for up to date information.

During the 2023-2024 school year, the State of New Jersey will be covering the cost of lunch for students qualifying for reduced lunch. Families who qualify for reduced lunch during the 2023-2024 school year, will receive free lunch and not be required to pay the reduced cost.

PaySchools Central can be used to add funds to your child's cafeteria account, set up auto replenishments, create meal restrictions and track cafeteria purchases. Parents and Guardians must register at [PaySchoolsCentral.com](https://PaySchoolsCentral.com) and add each student to the new account. The Student ID and Name entered must match the information contained in [Genesis](#). Please note that there is a convenience fee for using your credit



Lunch Menu



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**IS LOOKING FOR SOME VERY SPECIAL**

**CHILDREN**

If you are the parent of a student (ages 3-21) who resides in East Amwell Township, who may have a speech, language, hearing, vision, academic, motor or emotional problem, or need daily life skills support, your local school's Child Study Team can help with referral information and, if appropriate, a free assessment and a special education program.

Please contact the school today. If we can find these youngsters, we can help them.

**SCHOOL:** East Amwell Township School  
**CONTACT:** Jacqueline Royer  
Director of Curriculum & Special Services  
**PHONE:** 908-782-6464 ext. 221

East Amwell School is devoted to educating all school-aged children residing in East Amwell Township. If you know of any homeless or migrant children currently residing in East Amwell, please contact the main office of East Amwell Township School at 908-782-6464.







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**Chess Club for 4th & 5th graders meets on Mondays in the library from 3:15 to 4:15 on the following dates:**

**March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 8.**

**See Mrs. Billera for permission slips.**

**Beginners welcome!**



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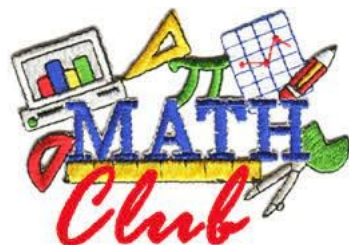
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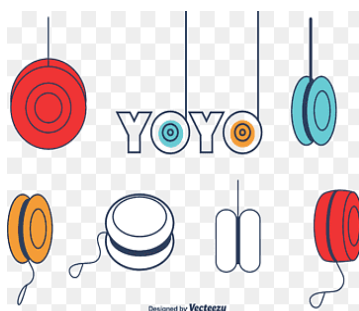
Stay tuned  
for when  
clubs start  
throughout



THE ENVIROMENT CLUB



GOOD MORNING  
GAMES



YOYO Club

GET  
INVOLVED!





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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

East Amwell Township's Green Team is pleased to announce that starting in March, we will be collecting vegetable and fruit waste from our cafeteria. Banana peels, orange peel, apple cores, and carrots are just some of the fruit and vegetable scraps we will be composting.



Then these materials will be taken to our school's compost area and there these food scraps will be turned into soil. We currently have 4 compost bins in the school courtyard and have been using these for over 8+ years for leaves and garden waste. The nutrient rich soil we have made from the yard waste has been used in our school's garden bed. Our Green Team and Environmental Club are excited to expand this compost collection stream to reduce our cafeteria waste and provide great soil for our school gardens.

We will only be collecting from the school cafeteria, however if you would like to try composting at home there are some articles below on how to get started!

Thank you for your continued support of our Green Initiatives.

The Green Team & The East Amwell Environmental Club

Some websites you might want to check out as a family:

<https://extension.uga.edu/content/dam/extension-county-offices/jeff-davis-county/4h/Composting%20with%20Kids.pdf>

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/books/article/create-compost>

<https://kidsgardening.org/resources/gardening-basics-composting/>



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### **TerraCycle Collection List**

*(This is everything we take at EAST!)*

#### **Food Items:**

- ☐ Drink Pouches (all brands)- **Please empty completely!**
- ☐ Little Bites Wrappers (all flavors)
- ☐ Go Go Squeez & Squeezable Fruit Pouches- **Please empty!**
- ☐ Takis Chips (only Takis accepted)
- ☐ Late July Snack Bags (only Late July Products)
- ☐ Terra Chips (Only Terra Chips)
- ☐ good2grow™ Character Top Drinks (**only the tops**)
- ☐ Bimbo Bakeries USA Bread Bags (All Bimbo Bakeries USA bread bags: , buns, bagels, English muffins, Maier's, Sara Lee, Nature's Harvest, and many more)

#### **Home and Health Items:**

- ☐ Pantene Products (shampoo, conditioner, etc)
- ☐ Herbal Essence Products (shampoo, conditioner)
- ☐ Garnier Fructis Products (shampoo, hair styling, etc.)
- ☐ Gold Bond Products (hand creams, cortizone, Selsen)
- ☐ Febreze Products (all bottles, trigger heads)
- ☐ Eos (Lip and Lotion)

#### **Clothing Items:**

- ☐ Carter's® Baby & Kid Clothing (Any brand of non-donatable baby & kid clothing. NO SHOES)

#### **Electronic Materials**

- ☐ Cell Phones (used, broken, dead; NO CHARGERS)
- ☐ Laptops, iPods, iPads, Kindle
- ☐ Ink Jet Cartridges and Toner Cartridges
- ☐ Spin Master Toys
- ☐ Vtech and LeapFrog Toys



**GET INVOLVED AND COLLECT TODAY!**

**Send in the materials to room 18**

**Help Our School Earn \$\$\$\$**



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Join us for our next meeting!

March 5 at 7:00pm

Zoom link will be shared  
prior.

**FOLLOW THE PTO**

FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION  
CLICK THE ICONS BELOW



**WEBSITE**



## MARCH PTO EVENTS

**GRADE NIGHTS**

**March 1**

Grades 1 and 2

6:00-7:30

**March 8**

Grades 5 and 6

6:30-8:30

**DINE OUT**

**Q Crew BBQ**

**March 19 and 21**

Link to order will be shared prior.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK  
FAIR**

**March 18-22**





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# EATS PTO FUNDRAISERS

## ALL YEAR ROUND!



Box Tops for Education has gone digital! It's easier than ever to earn Box Tops for the school. Just download the BoxTops app on your phone, scan your receipt, and eligible items will earn box tops and bonuses for East Amwell! Last year we raised \$2760. Go to the PTO website's BoxTops page for more info.



When you shop with your grocery rewards card, we win! To setup, register your Price Plus number, search for East Amwell school and complete the registration process. (Registration link is on our website homepage, just scroll toward the bottom!)



mabel's labels

Mabel's Labels: When you shop at mabelslabels.ca, enter "East Amwell Township School PTO" as your charity. Mabel's Labels n will donate 20% of the purchase price to EATS PTO. There is NO COST TO YOU and you'll find the same low prices! Share with family and friends too!



Clothing Shed FREE Fundraiser: Don't forget our clothing shed is available at the end of parking lot for any unwanted items all year round! Please ensure your donations are in a sealed bag. A complete list of accepted items is available on the front of the shed. Tax receipts are in the mailbox by the drop window.

