



# The Cougar Courier

April 2024

- 3/28 Early Dismissal
- 3/29 School Closed
- 1 Spring Recess  
April 1—5
- 9 PTO Meeting
- 16 BOE Meeting
- 18 Report Cards  
Issued
- 18 Elementary Concert
- 22 Staff Appreciation  
April 22—26

## Superintendent's Corner

Greetings!

At our last Board meeting, the Board approved our school calendar for the 2024- 2025 school year. The calendar is posted on our website.

The preliminary budget was approved by the Board keeping us under the state mandate of 2%. Budget information will be posted on our website following approval from the county. Final Board approval will take place in May.

We are excited to announce that East Amwell has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the NJEA and Sustainable NJ for "Interactive School Garden Space for Multiple Modalities in Science and Beyond." The grant will be used to enhance our elementary school garden. Ms. Ernst and Mrs. Dolan received the award on behalf of the school on March 21st at the College of New Jersey. Thank you to Ms. Ernst and The East Amwell Green Team for all of your work to make our school green.

Assuming no unforeseen circumstances arise, our last day of school for this year will be on June 18th. Enjoy Spring Break!

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,

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to our Drama Club for their exceptional rendition of Frozen. The collaborative efforts of Mrs. Hyatt, Mrs. Bily, and our gifted students truly shone through in all three performances.

During the past month, our Peer Leaders actively engaged in a meaningful community service Initiative. This involved a visit to Fisherman's Mark Food Pantry following our successful food Drive. Through this experience, students were sensitized to real-world issues such as hunger and food insecurity, gaining insight into community needs and the challenges faced by individuals.

Furthermore, our school is gearing up for a schoolwide drive for the troops from April 8th through April 19th. We will be gathering donations to contribute to Operation Jersey Cares, who will compile and send care packages to deployed troops around the globe.

As a reminder, Spring Break commences on March 29th and concludes on April 7th. This break serves as a well-deserved respite for both our dedicated staff and students. Wishing you all a nice Spring Break!

Sincerely,

Erin Dolan

Interim Principal



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**East Amwell Township  
School's Green Team is  
a \$10,000 Grant  
Award Recipient**



-Awarded by the NJEA and Sustainable NJ  
for Schools Fall 2023 Grant

East Amwell Township School's Green Team is excited to announce that we have been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the NJEA and Sustainable NJ for Schools 2023 Grant Cycle. We are excited to begin the process of planning, building, and implementing this garden idea. The official title of the project is *Interactive School Garden Space for Multiple Modalities in Science and Beyond*. This idea came about to give students in the East Amwell School more contact with the school gardens and for the students to experience the many different ways an outdoor space could be useful. The hope is that the students will witness outside spaces and what they experience will translate to their own backyard and the outside community. This is an 18 month long project and will involve the school's Green Team and the Environmental Club to create garden spaces that involve different learners from the nature observers, the scientists, the artists, the gardeners, the naturalists, the reporters, the musicians etc. In addition to having different sections to explore drawing and observing native plants, researching and helping to garden, there will be a sensory component to the garden and SEL (Social and Emotional) areas for students to find their focus and center. Being awarded this \$10,000 grant from the Sustainable NJ Schools and the NJEA is going to assist The Green Team of East Amwell School to put our garden ideas into action for the students.





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## April 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



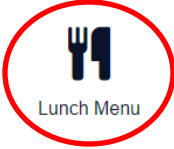
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Virtual Backpack

### Step 3

**Lunch Information**



Lunch Menu



Payschool Online

### Step 4



East Amwell  
Elementary School



[East Amwell Elementary](#)

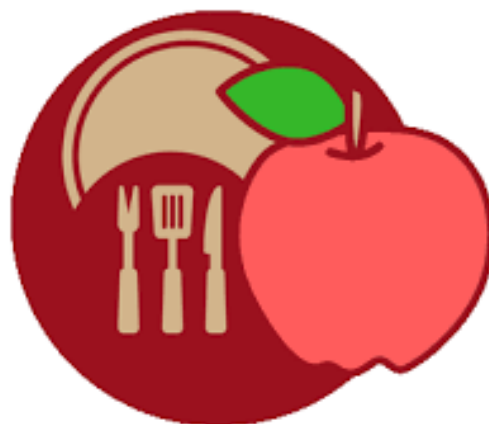


## Important Lunch Account Information:

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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**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL  
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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## Spring Athletic Calendar

Event Name	Location	Occurring On	Category
Softball vs South Hunterdon	43 Wertsville Rd, Ringoes, NJ 08551, USA	03/27/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Softball vs Franklin	43 Wertsville Rd, Ringoes, NJ 08551, USA	04/10/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Baseball vs Franklin	43 Wertsville Rd, Ringoes, NJ 08551, USA	04/10/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Baseball vs Alexandria	43 Wertsville Rd, Ringoes, NJ 08551, USA	04/11/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Softball @ Lebanon	70 Bunnvale Rd, Califon, NJ 07830, USA	04/15/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Baseball @ Lebanon	70 Bunnvale Rd, Califon, NJ 07830, USA	04/15/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Baseball vs Bethlehem	43 Wertsville Rd, Ringoes, NJ 08551, USA	04/17/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Softball vs Bethlehem	43 Wertsville Rd, Ringoes, NJ 08551, USA	04/17/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Softball @ Holland	710 Milford-Warren Glen Road, Milford, New Jersey 08848	04/22/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Baseball @ Holland	710 Milford-Warren Glen Road, Milford, New Jersey 08848	04/22/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Softball vs Delaware	43 Wertsville Rd, Ringoes, NJ 08551, USA	04/24/2024 All Day	undefined
Baseball vs Delaware	43 Wertsville Rd, Ringoes, NJ 08551, USA	04/24/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Baseball vs Clinton	43 Wertsville Rd, Ringoes, NJ 08551, USA	04/29/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Baseball @ Tewksbury	171 Old Turnpike Road, Califon, NJ	05/01/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Softball @ Tewksbury	171 Old Turnpike Road, Califon, NJ	05/01/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Baseball at High Bridge	High Bridge Middle School, 50 Thomas St, High Bridge, NJ 08829, USA	05/02/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Softball @ High Bridge	High Bridge Middle School, 50 Thomas St, High Bridge, NJ 08829, USA	05/02/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Baseball vs Kingwood	43 Wertsville Rd, Ringoes, NJ 08551, USA	05/06/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Softball @ Kingwood	880 County Road 519, Frenchtown, NJ 08825, USA	05/06/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Baseball vs Union Township	43 Wertsville Rd, Ringoes, NJ 08551, USA	05/08/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined
Softball vs Union Township	43 Wertsville Rd, Ringoes, NJ 08551, USA	05/08/2024 4:00PM to 5:00PM	undefined



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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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# CLUBS



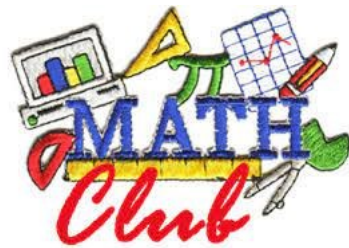
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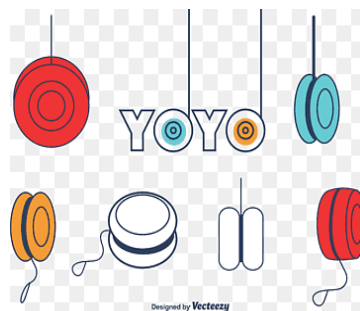
**Stay tuned  
for when  
clubs start  
throughout**



### THE ENVIROMENT CLUB



### GOOD MORNING GAMES



### YOYO Club

# GET INVOLVED!



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## PTO Newsletter

April 2024

4/9

PTO meeting  
Zoom @ 7pm

4/18

Dine-out at  
Orlando's

4/19

3rd & 4th  
Grade Night

5/4

Color Run  
\*Register on  
website

4/22-26 Teacher Appreciation Week  
\*\*Be on the lookout for sign-ups!\*\*

Follow the PTO on social media!



WEBSITE





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## Year-Round Fundraisers



Box Tops for Education has gone digital! Download the BoxTops app on your phone, scan your receipt, and eligible items will earn box tops and bonuses for East Amwell! Go to the PTO website's BoxTops page for more info.



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!)



Our clothing shed is available at the end of parking lot for any unwanted items. 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.



mabel's labels

When you shop at mabelslabels.ca, enter "East Amwell Township School PTO" as your charity. Mabel's Labels will donate 20% of the purchase price to EATS PTO. Share with family and friends!

