Ewing High School students celebrated National Poetry Month by attending the school's first poetry fest in over a decade. The festival, which was hosted in the school media center, was organized into multi-sensory stations that provided poetry examples and writing guides to aid students in creating their own poems. With an emphasis on student choice and voice, writing stations included black-out, concrete, diamanté, odes, and realism/object poetry. At these colorful stations, which were equipped with an array of paper and writing implements, students interacted with props such as sculptures, fruit, and everyday objects for inspiration. Cognitive student-engagement was clear as students analyzed poetry examples, consulted with peers, and produced a wide array of poems. It was a true celebration of poetry and creativity!

The 20th anniversary of Perestroika was held at the Sovereign Bank Arena. Mikhail Gorbachev at the Sovereign Bank Arena. Mercer County high school and college students, and 30 Ewing High School freshmen joined several students from Parkway High School at the 20th anniversary event. Three students from Parkway High School participate in the program Tunes of Science. These activities have allowed students to be problem solvers and inventors. Bright Chijioke is a first grade student at Parkway School who has fully embraced the iSTEM philosophy by claiming himself an engineer and using his new found interests to create crafts to give to his classmates. Bright was interviewed by Parkway Principal Mrs. Harris about his “journey” as an engineer:

What made you begin to call yourself and engineer? I love making stuff.

When did being an engineer become something that you wanted to work on becoming? When the people came to talk to us about businesses (Junior Achievement) I told them I was an engineer and I wanted to have a shop.

How did having a shop become a reality? I was making stuff for my friends and had an idea to be an engineer and have a shop.

Who helped you create your classroom shop? Mrs. Comer helped me make my shop out of an empty cubby.

What do you make in your shop? I make book bags, masks, hats, clothes and I have a disco ball.

What kind of materials do you use to make your products? I use paper from the recycle basket, tape, glue and crayons.

How much do your products cost? I give them away for free to my friends. I have friends who help me make the projects to give away.

What was the first project you created? I had faith.

Additionaly, Christine Perkins was given the 2019 Environmental Sustainability Education Award for her work with TCNJ students and Antheil Garden Club. Congratulations!

Teachers from Antheil Elementary School, Ilona Chasar, Rikki Frischman, Christine Perkins, Christine Tirrell, and Lindsay Zarzecki participated in a 5 week Workshop at TCNJ for Environmental Sustainability Education. During the 5 weeks, our teachers developed a project that focused on inspiring and demonstrating responsible uses of water.

The project entails redesigning Antheil's current courtyard to include raised beds for each grade level and to incorporate a drip irrigation system for each bed. Antheil School was awarded a grant from TCNJ to fund the project. The project construction is set to start in fall of 2019.

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Most Ewing residents are aware that there is a strong shared services relationship between the school district and township government. This beneficial relationship is evident in many ways that make life better for Ewing community members, including providing facilities for recreational programming, shared projects and personnel, and money-saving initiatives.

This rewarding affiliation was again on display earlier this year, as the new playground at the O’Brien Academy, the school district’s innovative alternative education setting, was opened. This playground was made possible by a contribution to the school district by Mayor Bert Steinmann from the township’s PILOT funds.

But there is a testament to this shared services relationship that many people in Ewing may not even realize or recognize—the multi-use capability of the Gusz Building, located on the edge of the township’s border with Lawrence on Ewingville Road.

Many school district parents make an initial visit to the Gusz building, as the facility is home to registration, but upon departing may never return again, and perhaps do not realize the growth, evolution and many uses of the site. The building was initially a winding factory, until it was acquired by the Board of Education in the late 1970s.

It immediately became the home of the district’s facility and maintenance staff and food service department. Over the years, it has evolved to also house the technology and special services department, indeed with a revitalized server room at Gusz, it is the technological epicenter of the district.

Harry Louth, the district’s Director of Operations, Special Services and Grant Management, serves as the site administrator at Gusz, a title that has earned him an affectionate nickname as the “Duke of Gusz.”

“We have a hard-working team at Gusz,” Louth stated. “We may be a bit off the radar, but it is a building dedicated to serving the needs of the school community.”

Earlier this decade, there was a development with Gusz that characterized the beneficial shared services agreement between the school district and the Ewing township government. The township shut down one of their facilities on 4th Street, and moved equipment and supplies over to Gusz.

“This was a very beneficial development,” Township Administrator Jim McManimon commented. “It enabled us to save a considerable amount of money, and the Gusz site is a much better, far more advantageous location for us.”

Each year, the township has made a contribution from PILOT funds to the school district. Last year, those funds went towards the desired playground at the O’Brien Academy. This year, those funds will go towards much-needed improvements at the Gusz Building.

“We all believe that what our community members want to see is the township and school district working together,” Mr. Louth stated. “The Gusz Building is another excellent example of that here in Ewing, and we are appreciative of the support of the township in making it even better.”

The Gusz Building: A Story of Shared Services

To celebrate the week of inclusion the EHS Art Club worked with the Unified Club to make spring crafts. It was a great event and we now have a new club at EHS, Unified Art Club!

To the right of the image, a group of students is shown in the image, some holding an award certificate. The text reads: “FMS, Aaron Clugston-Brecko (Grade 7) has won the NJ School Counselor Association’s “Most Resilient Student Award”! Aaron was one of only 5 students in the entire state to be chosen.

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Hip Hop 4 Health

Thank you ETS!

Lore’s students witnessed a breakdancing battle, helping performers from Young Audiences decide whether to eat pizza or a hummus and vegetable salad, whether to drink a sports drink or water, or what to do with free time after school. Students had a blast learning about the benefits of healthy eating and the need to choose physical activity over video gaming. The presenters’ message was clear, it’s okay to have snacks and play video games sometimes, but it is important to make wise decisions to keep our bodies healthy and our energy levels high. Students enjoyed doing the sandwich dance and water dance with the hip hop artists. Thank you to Educational Testing Services who worked with the Lore Parent Association to bring this exciting assembly to Lore School.

Pet Supply Donation Drive

A Huge Success!

Antheil’s Helping Hands Club exemplified all that they have learned throughout the school year by putting their leadership and community service skills to the test! Under the supervision of Mrs. Lippincott, the students were responsible for organizing and executing their own community service project. After deciding to run a Pet Supply Donation Drive, our 5th grade student leaders spent a month developing objectives, brainstorming ideas to draw in donations and then successfully carrying out their plans. After a successful collection period, Antheil’s Helping Hands Club donated three bins of supplies to EASEL Animal Shelter in Ewing. We are so proud of our students!
Senior Spotlight: Meet Anna Gaylord

What do you like best about Ewing High School? My favorite part about Ewing High School is the community. Especially the ‘feeling’ you get attending a Friday night football game or a basketball game and seeing everyone come together to support and represent Ewing. I like that Ewing is an “everyone knows everyone” kind of small town.

Now that you are graduating Ewing High School, what words of wisdom would you bestow upon the underclassmen? “Everything happens for a reason.” Though you may not think so in the moment, sometimes things are meant to fall apart so that better things fall together. There have been moments in my life that I never thought were going to have a positive outcome, but looking back I could never have gotten where I am today without these moments.

Looking back on your 4 years at EHS, what is the one event would you not have missed? I would not miss Prom. I think it is an opportunity for the senior class to really be ‘one’ before graduation where we then go our separate ways, while also all looking our best.

Who is your favorite teacher(s) or coach why? In my four years the best teachers I had were my English teachers, Mr. Besler, Mrs. Masterson, and Mrs. Ginsburg. Though I loved almost all of my teachers at Ewing, what I loved most about my English classes was that my teachers taught me how to think on a deeper more intellectual level which will prepare me for college and for the rest of my future.

In which activities do you participate? I have participated in Cheerleading for 6 seasons, 4 fall seasons and 2 winter seasons. I am a part of Student Council, the Peer Leadership Program, and I am a member of National Honor Society. Outside of school I am a Girl Scout and for the past two years I have gone to Haiti on missionary trips through my church.

How do you define success? I define success as working hard and reaching goals to look back and realize that all the effort put in was very much worth it.

What are your plans after you graduate? After I graduate I will be going to Fordham University in the fall. I chose Fordham because of its options, they have one campus in the Bronx and one in Manhattan and I am able to take classes at both campuses. I will be studying Communications and Fashion Studies while also possibly minoring in Business with the goal in mind of someday owning my own fashion company.

What is your favorite book? My favorite book was Fahrenheit 451 mostly because I read it in one of my favorite classes but I also like the message Ray Bradbury portrays. He alludes to the idea that our society as readers has similarities to that of the dystopia in the novel and uses it as a warning for readers to be aware of what is going on in the world around us.

To commemorate Earth Day at Antheil School, students in Mr. Callahan's class at Antheil School went on a nature walk to search for items such as grass, dirt, clouds, leaves, flowers, trees, and animals. Afterwards, students picked up trash from the playground and parking lot around Antheil School to do their part of keeping the earth clean and beautiful. Look at all the trash they collected in just 15 minutes! These students want to share the message that “everyone can do a little to make a big difference”? Treat every day like Earth Day!

The Lore School preschoolers brainstormed several ways that they can help the Earth and discussed what they would like to do to “Go Green”. They enjoyed sharing what they love most about the Earth, while decorating their very own litter bags. Preschoolers used their litter bags to collect all the litter they could find on the school property. They were so excited to help the Earth and willingly collected all of the litter to make the Earth, their teachers, and themselves happy and proud!

At Fisher Middle School Mrs. DeBaun’s, Ms. Fitzgerald’s, and Ms. Cohen’s classes joined up to celebrate Earth Day 2019. Their classes turned off the classroom lights and had class in the lobby area to conserve energy and decrease their greenhouse gas use. Throughout the day, students participated in “How Green is Our School?” activities by working together to think of ways our school and community could help the Earth. Just a few of their ideas included:

- Riding bikes and carpooling to school.
- Switching to reusable trays and flatware in the cafeteria.
- Planting edible gardens and composting.
- Having reminders to turn off light switches and unplug appliances when not in use.
- Creating ways for the community to donate unused items and supplies, rather than buying new items.
- Using more natural light in the classrooms.

Teams created posters (on recycled paper, of course) to display their ideas and encourage others to help out. At the end of the day, the students left with their own basil plant in a biodegradable pot to grow at home.
June 2019 Schedule in Ewing Schools

June 3  Antheil - School Spirit & Sports Day Grades K-2 Rain Date  
FMS - Parent Recognition Ceremony @ 6:30pm
June 4  EHS - Senior Athletic Awards @ 6pm
June 5  EHS - Activities Awards Night @ 6:30pm
June 6  Lore - Field Day  
EHS- Senior Awards Night @ 6:30pm
June 7  Antheil - Spirit & Sports Day Grades 3-5  
Lore - Field Day Rain Date  
Parkway - Family Picnic @ 6pm
June 10 Summer Reading Kick-off  
Antheil - Spirit & Sports Day Grades 3-5 Rain Date  
Lore - 4th Grade Instrumental Concert @ 6:30pm  
Lore - 5th Grade Instrumental Concert @ 7:30pm
June 11  Antheil - 4th Grade Spring Concert @ 7pm
June 12  Parkway Spring Concert @ 6:30pm
June 13  Lore Kindergarten Show @ 2pm  
District Retirement Reception  
Antheil - PTO Meeting @ 6:45pm
June 14  K-12 Early Dismissal – No Lunches Served  
OBA - 11:35am | EHS - 12pm | FMS - 12:35pm  
Elementary - 1:10pm  
Last Day PM Integrated Preschool  
Parkway - Kindergarten Celebration @ 9:30am  
Lore - LPA Meeting @ 6:30pm
June 17  Antheil | Lore | Parkway - 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremonies @ 9:30am  
K-12 Early Dismissal – No Lunches Served  
OBA - 11:35am | EHS - 12pm | FMS - 12:35pm  
Elementary - 1:10pm  
Last Day PM Integrated Preschool  
FMS - 8th Grade Promotion at EHS @ 6:30pm
June 18  LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
K-12 Early Dismissal – No Lunches Served & NO PM EDP  
OBA - 11:35am | EHS - 12pm | FMS - 12:35pm  
Elementary - 1:10pm  
EHS Graduation @ CURE Insurance Center - 7pm
June 19  SCHOOL CLOSED – Staff Development Day
June 20  SCHOOL CLOSED – Staff Development Day
June 24  BOE Meeting @ FMS - 7pm (Public Session 8pm)

2019 Grant Awards

Total Amount of Grants Awarded by EPEF to the District: $22,502.00!

Thank you to ETS for their generous donation to EPEF. 85% of the grants awarded for the 2019 grant cycle were funded by ETS and will directly benefit the students of the Ewing Public Schools.

Ewing High School

- An Upgrade To Traditional Equipment To Learn Physics
  - Craig Halpern: $3,734.00
- Expanding Access to AP
  - Sean Hammer: $1,580.00
- Nationals - International Thespian Society
  - Christina Monaco Caldwell: $1,000.00
  - Supplementing & Differentiating
    - Lauren Wood: $500.00

Fisher Middle School

- Thinking Inside The Box
  - Jodie Bauer: $1,600.00
- Stay In To Win
  - Jennifer Citarella: $790.00
- You're A Scientist, Dress Like One
  - Darrell Williams: $631.00
- Smart Kids Rule *CUNJ funded*
  - Erika Freeman: $3,499.00

Antheil Elementary

- Havin’ A Ball
  - Amanda Gallagher: $558.00
- Get Moving With Math
  - Nina Hartigan: $1,800.00
- Starfall Grant
  - Brooke Levy: $270.00
- The Power Of Simple Machines
  - Joanna Papadopoulos: $1,112.00
- Soaring To A Pre-Historic Party
  - Lisa Rogers: $600.00
- Technology Integration for Preschool
  - Catherine Ziegler: $421.00

Lore Elementary

- Full STEAM Ahead
  - Angela Capozzoli: $2,026.00
- Positive Force for Flourishing!
  - Tracy Radler: $1,598.00

Parkway Elementary

- Pawsitive Panthers Days of Service
  - Leigh Cline: $516.00
- Rocks of Remembrance
  - Leigh Cline: $267.00

Safety Town of Ewing 2019

Safety Town is a program designed for children entering Kindergarten in September, 2019. The program runs from June 24-28, 2019 and the registration deadline is Friday, June 7, 2019. There is a non-refundable fee of $65 per child. We urge you to enroll your child early, as soon as possible, as there is limited seating. Details and registration form can be found on the district website homepage at www.ewing.k12.nj.us.

Register Now for Kindergarten 2019-20!

Do you have a child or know a child who lives in Ewing Township who will be five years old on or before October 1st, 2019? If so, now is the time to pre-register for Kindergarten. Central Registration is now scheduling appointments for Kindergarten Roundup. Please contact Registration at (609) 538-9800 extension 7181 or extension 7175. You may also email Registration to schedule an appointment at dholes@ewingboe.org or ecok@ewingboe.org. PLEASE CALL TODAY!