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## Letter From The Superintendent

Dear Members of the Eastampton Community:

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to share some good news about our school and students. First, we are pleased to announce that we have been designated a "No Place For Hate" (NPFH) school by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). This is a free initiative of the ADL that aims to reduce bigotry, racism, and bullying while helping to build respect for diversity. We began the project with a kick-off pep rally in the fall. Three school-wide projects were then required to qualify for the distinction. The students first made diversity logos in a poster contest. The second challenge they faced was to create "melting pot" recipes about themselves. Finally, the students enjoyed a "Mix It Up At Lunch Day". These activities were conceived and organized by our Character Education Committee, made up of teachers, staff, and students. The project culminated in an all-school assembly, where the district was presented with a "No Place For Hate" banner from the Director of the NPFH project.

Our students continue to shine outside of school as well as in. Eighth grader, Prinjali Kalyan, was recently named Middle School Student of the Year by the Burlington County Principals and Supervisors Association (BCPSA). This very prestigious award is given to one student who is selected out of all the nominations from Burlington County middle schools. Prinjali was honored at the annual BCPSA banquet this past March, where NJ Commissioner of Education, David Hespe, was guest speaker. She was also honored with a proclamation from the Eastampton Township Council.

Eastampton Community School was also well represented this year in the VFW Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. Eighth grader, Brianna Burd, won First Place for her essay on the 2014-2015 theme, "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans". Honorable Mention was given to 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, Alvin Lopez-Marin for his essay. Both students were surprised when presented with their awards by Mr. John Yeash of the VFW at an 8<sup>th</sup> grade assembly, where their families were also in attendance.

It's not only our students who are receiving special recognitions. Ms. Katie Yoder, our Project Lead the Way (PLTW) pre-engineering instructor, has earned Master Teacher status from PLTW, qualifying her to facilitate training for teachers who are seeking PLTW teaching certification. At ECS, Ms. Yoder teaches both the Gateway to Technology (GTT) classes to middle level students and Project Launch classes to students in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This year, our Project Launch program was listed on the NJ School Boards online directory of A+ programs (<http://www.njsba.org/resources/a-plus-ideas-programs-and-practices/stem-launch-program.php>) as an example of a successful STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) program.

Another first for our school district this year was our Robotics Competition organized by Ms. Yoder. PLTW middle school students from Mt. Holly and Berlin joined our 8<sup>th</sup> graders in racing cars which they designed and built. Multiple teams from each school competed for awards in design, performance, and engineering excellence. Engineers from Lockheed Martin served as judges. Eastampton Team #5 (Felix Agosto and John Soderland) won the Design Award.

These are only a few of our achievements this year and I am certainly proud of the efforts of our students and staff. Even though we are a small school in size, our efforts and successes are significant.

Sincerely,

*Robert A. Krastek Ed. D.*

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Superintendent/Principal



# Spotlight On Our Staff

## Humanities Committee

To be successful in this age of information, our students need to be equipped with 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills. This requires students to be actively learning instead of passively consuming education. Eastampton Community School is committed to ensuring that each student is given the opportunity to develop these abilities. Spearheading this focus is our Humanities Committee which is comprised of teachers from various grade levels and disciplines – Melissa Brunner, Beth Cappetti, Monica Dennler, Kelly Greene, Melissa Jennings (incoming kindergarten teacher), James MacCarthy, Lisa Rosenthal, Jacqueline Smith, Daniel Wythoff, and Kathleen Yoder.

The committee is working to develop initiatives to promote literacy and blended learning (thoughtful use of technology in the classroom) to foster students taking ownership of learning. These projects are student-centered, with teachers taking on more of a guidance role. For the second year, the committee is sponsoring “One Author, One School” this summer. Students in 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades will be reading Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper. Children in lower grades will read other books by the same author. And student-run workshops to promote diversity are being planned by the committee for this fall. Projects such as these create shared learning experiences with school-wide activities.

Members of the committee were inspired at a recent Burlington County Library Systems’ “Maker’s Faire”. Our elementary art room will be transformed into a “Maker’s Space” where students can work collaboratively in completely creative ways. They will be given different scenarios to build something using recycled materials.

In addition to planning and implementing student projects, the Humanities Committee has hosted several professional development workshops for fellow teachers. These sessions offer training on the use of new blended learning tools which can be incorporated in the classroom. Staff members can also access information on these techniques on the Humanities Committee website.

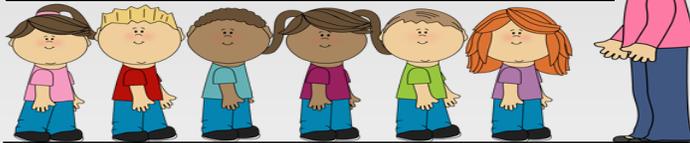


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All policies are located in the Board Office at the same address.



Prinjali Kalyan, 8<sup>th</sup> Grader  
Burlington County Principals and Supervisors Association  
Middle School Student of the Year

### New Student Registration

Summer registration days/hours for the 2015-2016 school year will take place on:

- ♦ July 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> ~ between the hours of 9:00am-12:00pm; 1:00pm-3:00pm
- ♦ August 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> ~ between the hours of 9:00am-11:00am; 1:30pm-3:00pm

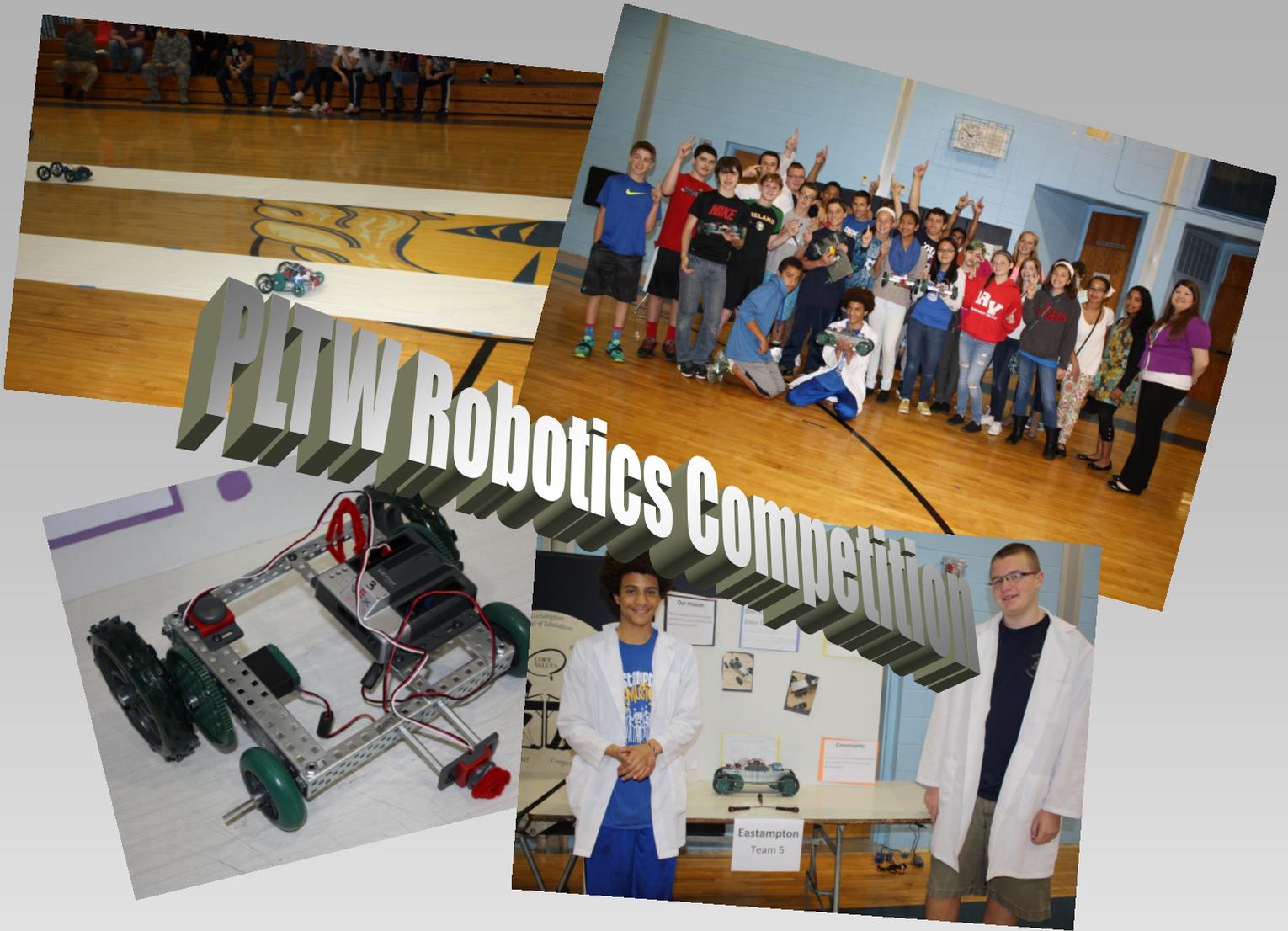
Registration forms may be picked up ahead of time in the Main Office Monday-Thursday between the hours of 8:00am-12:00pm.

Bring the following documents with you at the time of registration:

- ♦ Proof of residency (agreement of sale, rental/lease agreement or deed)
- ♦ Child's birth certificate
- ♦ Child's NJ health card (A45) or pediatric immunization record
- ♦ Transfer card (if your child is transferring from another NJ district)
- ♦ Most recent report card and standardized test scores
- ♦ Paperwork on custody situation (if applicable)
- ♦ IEP (if applicable)

Student withdrawal forms may be completed in the Main Office Monday-Thursday between the hours of 8:00am-12:00pm.

There will be **NO REGISTRATION** of students during the first day of school, September 3, 2015.



No Place For Hate Assembly  
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# Congratulations to our Class of 2015 Award Recipients!

Language Arts.....Amaury S. Dos Santos	Instrumental Music.....Sabrina Dionson
Mathematics.....Mary K. Scharff	Vocal Music..... Joshua W. Harmon
Science.....Sabrina Dionson	Art.....Brooke M. Wimberly, Camryn A. Wimberly
Social Studies.....Prinjali Kalyan	Physical Education.....Brianna L. Burd, Casey K. Connolly
Technology.....Jaiza Z. Lindsey	Health.....Brooke M. Wimberly
Gateway To Technology.....Camryn A. Wimberly	Most Improved..... Marissa E. Trumbette
Spanish.....Alvin Y. Lopez-Marin	Academic Award..... Mary K. Scharff
ECS Parent-Teacher Association..... Michaela F. Caesar, Alanna J. O'Reilly, Camryn A. Wimberly, Heather A. Yamka	
American Legion Scholastic .....Alanna J. O'Reilly, Devin L. Lawrence	
Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter, NSDAR.....Jennifer L. Polios, Kevin R. Treacy	
President's Award for Academic Achievement.....Chase D. Capano, Xavier S. Cordero, Amiyah K. Crawley, Anthony J. Dozier Rita F. Hounsa, Destinee N. Patterson, Nicholas S. Seibel, Noelle W. Sharkey	
Mt. Holly Rotary Club Service Above Self .....Kayla T. Laurore	
Kiwanis Club of Mt. Holly Leadership .....Jaiza Z. Lindsey	
Kiwanis Club of Mt. Holly Extraordinary Kindness.....Erica C. Garfole	
President's Award for Academic Excellence.....Kaylie A. Gonzalez, Ryan P. Heim	
Burlington Co. Secondary Principal & Supv Association .....Prinjali Kalyan	
Burlington Co. School Counselors' Association.....Kaylie A. Gonzalez	
Regan Young England Butera Success .....Prinjali Kalyan, Alvin Y. Lopez-Marin	
Dorfred B. Large Science .....Sabrina Dionson	

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