

Superintendent Update 4-9-18

School Building Project

Some new information has been added to the School Building Project tab on our website at www.epsd.us, including “Building Project Visuals” showing the latest designs and a 3-D model of the proposed school, a geothermal analysis and a traffic study. A forum is planned at the Senior Center at 1:00 on April 27, and a forum at Treehouse is planned for May 10 at 5:00. A final community forum is planned for May 1 with the location to be determined.

BookFest

Our schools will again participate in ECA’s BookFest on April 14. Some wonderful activities for families with children will be held at our high school from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Children’s authors Megan Dowd Lambert and Mira Bartok will be giving presentations and doing book signings. For more information, follow this link for a flyer describing events at EHS: <http://www.epsd.us/district/2018BookFest.pdf>.

Talk. They Hear You Campaign

Our Easthampton Healthy Youth Coalition started using the “Talk. They Hear You” campaign in 2016-2017. The campaign is designed to remind parents that teens do still listen to their parents even if it doesn’t always seem to appear so. Research shows that parents still have the biggest influence on whether a young person will experiment or use drugs and alcohol. The campaign is a positive way to remind parents to start the conversations early, finding opportunities to share family expectations and values in small ways on an ongoing basis. This year the Coalition spearheaded a regional campaign joining with 14 other coalitions, agencies, and businesses to extend the campaign across Hampshire County and into Franklin and Hampden Counties as well. The campaign was also featured recently as one of 16 poster presentations at the annual Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) Leadership Forum in Washington D.C. Local businesses supporting the campaign include HankeDigital, Web-tactics, Inc., TurningLeaf Design, and Easthampton Media. **A fun fact - the campaign includes an app that can be downloaded to a phone and uses avatars to play out conversations between a caregiver and child.** For more information go to www.easthamptoncoalition.org or www.talktheyhearyou.org. Thank you to the Easthampton Healthy Youth Coalition and our local businesses for supporting this very important campaign!

Upcoming Events

April 9 – Softball, 4:00 p.m. with a dedication of Wilby Field

April 10 – Softball, 4:00 p.m.

April 10 – Baseball, 4:00 p.m.

April 12 – Baseball, 4:00 p.m.

April 13 – Softball, 4:00 p.m.

April 14 – BookFest, April 13-15 and BookFest for Kids, April 14 at Easthampton HS, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

April 22 – Boys Baseball Car Wash, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building parking lot

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please email me at nfollansbee@epsd.us.

Superintendent Updates are also available on the Easthampton Public Schools Facebook page at www.epsd.us.

For community members or others who do not have children in our schools and want to receive the Superintendent Updates, please visit our website at www.epsd.us and click on “Click to subscribe” under “Latest Superintendent Update”.

Warmest regards,
Nancy Follansbee