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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the school year is half over! The marking period officially ends on January 31st and report cards should be home shortly thereafter. Our students, teachers, and staff have been working hard and it shows! As always, if you have any questions or need to reach your child's teacher please call the Main Office and leave a message for the teacher with either of the Main Office ladies; Debbie Hodge or Amy Delia.

Hopefully your child has come home sharing the exciting news that we have created an Evans Pledge! This past December the PBIS Team met regarding our existing program and added several new initiatives; one of which being the Evans Pledge below.

**I pledge today to do my best
in reading, math, and all the rest.**

**I promise to follow all the rules
in my class and in our school.**

I'm responsible, respectful, & safe too;

I'll give my best in all I do.

Today I'll try my best to soar;

I'm an Evans Eagle to the core!

Each morning a pair of students comes to the Main Office to say the announcements, Pledge of Allegiance and the Evans Pledge with me. It is a great way to start our day together!

I would also like to thank our amazing PTA for providing every classroom with a large poster of the Evans Pledge. Many students have been proud and excited to tell me that they already have it memorized! The purpose of the Evans Pledge is to continue to unite all our Evans Eagles and build a strong community where our students enjoy coming to school and have a positive place to learn.

Warm Regards,

Lauren Guerrero



IMPORTANT DATES:

- *February 14th - 18th - NO SCHOOL*
- *February 20th - PTA Meeting 8:15AM*
- *February 21st - 4,5,6th Grade Dance*
- *February 28th - Fancy Day Spirit Day*

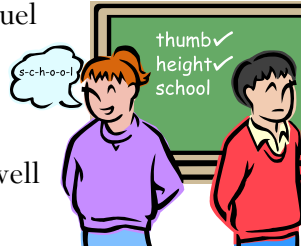
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EVANS SPELLING BEE BUZZ - MRS. GIAMMICHELE

What is everyone buzzing about? On December 13, 2013, at 2 o'clock, in the afternoon, James S. Evans' Elementary School Spelling Bee commenced. The students, who participated, studied many long hours to become champion-speller, and represent Evans at the District-Wide Spelling Bee. After a suspenseful heart-pounding competition, Evans had its champions! Congratulations to Deanna Bradford from 4th grade, of Mr. Clarke's class, and Aidan Wright, from 6th grade, of Ms. Risley's class, who reign as our Spelling Champions! Both champions represented our school at the District-Wide Spelling Bee on January 7, 2014.

Our runners-up also did a great job! These students are Adrian George, Ashley Helton, Austin Lent, and Emmanuel Trinidad Jr. All of these competitors deserve a MONSTROUS "well done!"



Each year The Scripps National Spelling Bee provides school districts the opportunity to enter students in this national event. The champions at local levels compete at the Scripps National Spelling Bee, each February, near Washington, D.C. Every school that participates, within the district, holds its own competition for grades 4 through

8. The champions at this level represent their school in the District Wide Spelling Bee. The words that are presented to the students are challenging and range from 4th through 8th grade. Each child receives the specific words to study, that will be used during all Spelling Bee Competitions.

Parents guardians, and teachers, we appreciate the time you spent with your children in preparing for this school-wide opportunity. Thank you to our judges, Ms. Langer, Ms. Lacetti, and Mrs. Olmo in helping assist with this event.

HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST

On Dec. 3rd 2013, we held our honor roll breakfast for the first quarter for our sixth grade students. The purpose of this event is to congratulate students who achieved honor roll (85-90) and high honor roll (91-100) status for the quarter. We were very pleased to have 27 of our 57 sixth grade students achieve this goal. Ms. Guerrero and the 6th grade teachers expressed words of congratulations to our honorees and also asked them to encourage their peers to try harder so that they too can be a part of this worthy event. We'd also like to thank the PTA for providing the delicious breakfast treats that were enjoyed by those in attendance. Again, to our honor roll recipients, congratulations and continue the great work.



GYM NEWS

Right now we are in the 2nd session of Sports Club. This past week we worked on our throwing skills in a game called Hula Hut Throwdown. 3rd Graders should be on the lookout for permission slips for 3rd session. They will be going in your teacher's mailbox next week. During 3rd session we are going to hold meetings two times a week. In PE class we just finished up basketball. Students were able to practice their basketball skills during drills, stations as well as modified games. We will be starting Pillow Polo this week. Pillow Polo is a fun version of floor hockey in which student try to score goals while keeping their foam sticks on the gym floor. Lastly, I would like to say that I am very proud to say many of my students shared great stories with me of how they were exercising and staying active over break!



MAD SCIENCE

Students in grades k-3 had a visit from their favorite Mad Scientist on Thursday January 9th. They were engaged and excited to see how magic is really science. Many volunteers were called up to participate and help the Mad Scientist, who was actually quite funny. He showed us how often times magicians will distract the audience to perform slight of hand tricks that leave the crowd thinking "How'd he do that?" Some tricks included making water "disappear" by using a chemical found in diapers. And a favorite trick was when student Courtney D'Agano had to ask her teacher for a dollar. The mad scientist used his magic to make Mrs. Wilson's dollar bill go up in flames and disappear! Ask your child what actually happened to Mrs. Wilson's dollar bill!



ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Magdalena Moranda was honored as the student of the month for January by the such a great honor! Wappingers Rotary Club. The Rotary Club hosted a luncheon at Longobardi's Restaurant that Magdalena attended with her mother and Ms. Risley. Magdalena has proven herself to be a wonderful student. She excels in all of her classes and is involved in many extra-curricular activities including Safety Patrol, Art Club, Song Club, chorus, and Peer Mediation. Outside of school she participates in a theater group, field hockey, and is bilingual, speaking both English and Polish. Congratulations to Magdalena for achieving such a great honor!

RAPTORS - 2ND GRADE AND MRS. WHITEHOUSE'S CLASS

On Wednesday, January 8th the students in Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Whitehouse's class had some very special visitors. Mr. Basting from PNW BOCES Center for Environmental Education conducted the program, "Raptors Around Us". In addition to Mr. Basting the children had real live raptors visit their classrooms!

Prior to being introduced to the birds, the children learned about the history of raptors, how and where they live, what they eat, and how their various body parts are designed to help them survive in the wild. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Basting brought out a red-tailed hawk and a barred owl. The children were careful not to make any sudden movements or loud noises so they would not frighten the birds. Everyone enjoyed Mr. Basting's presentation and they were fascinated by the beautiful birds of prey. It was so exciting to have raptors in our classrooms!



CITIZENSHIP CLUB

Citizenship Club spent the month of December collecting supplies for The Dutchess County SPCA. Items were donated by our Evans families and placed underneath our Pet Tree in the main lobby. A special thanks to the Crowley Family, The Curtin family and The Antonelli family who delivered the items to SPCA location in Hyde Park. It is wonderful to see our children reaching out and helping not only local families in need, but also the fabulous four legged friends that need love too.



PBIS

PBIS continues to work diligently within the building to ensure our children are following the expectations to keep everyone safe and happy.

We have developed an EVANS PLEDGE. The kids will recite it during the morning announcements. GO EVANS EAGLES!

PTA CORNER

Welcome to a new year. Happy 2014! We hope that you are using our web-page on the school website to keep yourselves updated on events taking place at school.

We need your help. We have joined **SHOPAROO**. This is an app for smart-phones. You take a picture of your store receipts and the school earns points. Points = money for the school. If you have a smart-phone, please download this app and help us!

RENEGADES. The renegades fundraiser game is scheduled for **June 26, 2014 @ 7:05pm**. It is a fire-works night. Come join us for a celebration for the end of the school year! **Ms. Guerrero is the educator of the night** and will throw out the first pitch! **The chorus will also be singing the National Anthem!**



EVANS HELPS TO MAKE THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHT

During this holiday season, Evans participated in several community programs that helped to support local families. This year, Evan's Holiday Giving Tree, and Toys 4 Tots were successful due to the generosity of Evan's school community as well as outside organizations. Evan's generous staff, and families, helped to provide gifts for local families. In addition, the following community organizations that helped to donate gifts included: The Wappingers Rotary, Zion Church, St. Mary's Church, the Wappingers' Ladies Auxiliary, Walgreen's and the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department.



In addition to our Holiday Giving Tree, Evan's school community supported the Holiday Food Drive, and with the kindness of many, allowed us to provide food baskets to 14 local families. We want to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and generosity in helping us to make the holidays brighter for many!

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MARCH 2014

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Kindergarten Registration dates: March 11, 12 and 13 at your home school. Evening Registration will be held on March 12th at Myers Corners for Myers, Sheafe, Vassar, Evans and Oak Grove from 5:30 - 8:30 pm and March 19th at Myers Corners for Brinckerhoff, Fishkill ES, Gayhead and Fishkill Plains from 5:30 - 8:30pm.

JUNE 2014

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June 19th - Kindergarten Graduation: Mrs. Konstantinou's Class 10am. Mrs. Sheremeta's class 2pm.

June 23rd - 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 9am to be held at Wappingers Junior High School. More info to follow.

WCSD Bus Transportation To and From a Babysitter or Day Care for the 2014 - 15 School Year

If your child will require bus transportation to or from a Babysitter or Day Care location for the next school year (2014-15) ... please read carefully:

The WCSD Transportation Department **must receive all requests for Day Care/Babysitter Transportation no later than April 1ST** for transportation to a Day Care or Babysitter for the **2014 - 2015** school year, or transportation may not be available.

Day Care/Babysitter Transportation Applications are available in each school's Main Office. Please check "**NEXT SCHOOL YEAR**" on **line 1** when applying for next year. **The principal** or his/her designee **must sign** the application. They will then send it to the Transportation Office to be processed.

Day Care facilities registered under Section 390 of the NYS Dept. of Social Services are entitled to transportation to and from the Day Care center **within** the Wappingers Central School District, provided the application is received by the district **before April 1ST** of the preceding school year.

Day Care locations **must** be set up for **five (5) days** a week **in and/or out**. Otherwise it must be done with a **daily note** via the school and **only to or from an existing stop on an existing run**.

Babysitter locations **NOT** licensed or registered under Section 390 of the NYS Dept. of Social Services **are restricted** to the **attendance zone** of the **school attended**.

All Day Care/Babysitter Transportation Applications must be filed annually **by April 1st** of the **preceding** school year or transportation may not be available.

Day Care/Babysitter Transportation Applications are not carried over from year to year. A new form must be filed by April 1st for the 2014 - 15 school year.

If you are new to the District, you must go to our Central Registrar to register your child before transportation can be arranged. Please bring two (2) proofs of residency.

Central Registration is located at the WCSD District Office, 167 Myers Corners Road, Suite 200, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Call for an appointment at (845) 298-5000, ext. 40132.



POSTER CONTESTS!!!

Do you love to draw? Would you like to win a prize? Enter one of the following 3 poster contests and you could be the winner!

1. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster Contest:

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, create a poster that inspires others to serve and answers Dr. King's question, "What are you doing for others?" Grades K-12 classes are welcome to enter. Entries for this contest must be post marked by February 28, 2014, and received by March 7, 2014.



2. NYAP School Bus Safer Poster Contest - 2014 Theme - Be Smart - Be Seen, I wait in a safe place!

Grades K-8 classes are welcome to enter. Deadline is June 1, 2014.



3. "Be Tick Free!"

The "Bee Tick Free!" Poster Contest is open to 5th & 6th grade students during the 2013-2014 school year. Posters should illustrate how families can protect themselves from diseases spread by ticks. Posters must be postmarked by April 4, 2014.



Please see Mrs. Schor for specific details and entry forms. **GOOD LUCK!!!**

GIRL SCOUTS DERBY RESULTS

Daisy Race	Brownies Level 2	Cadettes	Special Awards	Congratulations to all the girls! You all did a great job! And leaders and parents, it couldn't be done without you! Special Awards will given out at the next leader meeting!
1st: Megan G.	1st: Rebecca P.	1st: Brianna F.	Scout Spirit: Rebecca K. (Daisy)	
2nd: Ava M.	2nd: Amanda D.	2nd: Jaylene J.	Colorful: Samantha P. (Daisy)	
3rd: Noelle G.	3rd: Maria F.	3rd: Rhianna R.	Futuristic: Lila B. (Brownie)	
			Girly: Molly G. (Junior)	
			Realistic: Angelina M. (Junior)	
			Creative: Nicole C. (Cadette)	
Brownies Level 1	Juniors	Finals		
1st: Kasey K.	1st: Isabella S.	1st: Rebecca P.		
2nd: Emily D.	2nd: Samantha B.	2nd: Kasey K.		
3rd: Mariama S.	3rd: Katrina D	3rd: Maria F.		