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The mission of the WCSD is to empower all of our students with the competencies and confidence to challenge themselves, to pursue their passions, and to realize their potential while growing as responsible members of their community.

MARCH 2014

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

February flew by way too fast! Despite the delays and cancellations due to this harsh winter weather, we were able to bring some great programs and events to our students. Mad Science came to the classrooms with two fun and interactive programs about sounds and magnets. We also held our annual Evans Dance where students in grades 4-6 showed us that they can certainly dance! Lastly, we honored 31 of our 6th grade students for their hard work in making the high honor roll and honor roll for marking period two.

There is a change to the district calendar; the Superintendent's Conference Day originally scheduled for March 24th, 2014 is now changed to April 21st, 2014 to accommodate the spring state assessments. The new calendar is attached to the newsletter. The students in grades 3-6 will take the test in April. The NYS ELA Exam will take place on April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The NYS Math Exam will take place on April 30th, May 1st, and May 2nd. If you have any questions about state testing, please do not hesitate to contact me at 298-5240.

On Friday, March 7th, 2014 at 6pm, our Evans parents will go back to school for Math and our students will enjoy a movie in our cafeteria with popcorn! We will be showing the movie Monsters University while parents attend workshops in both English and Spanish regarding math fluency and application, strategies, vocabulary, and technology/resources to help at home with Math.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Friday, March 7th for our Kids Night Out and Parents Go Back to School! and again on March 20th at 7pm for Open House. We will be highlighting the work of our students in many curricular areas. Thank you for your continuous support!

Regards,

Lauren Guerrero



IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 7th - Math Night 6-8PM
- March 10th - BOE Meeting 7:30PM WJHS (Budget to be discussed)
- March 12th - Battle of the Books
- March 17th - 21st - Book Fair
- March 20th - PTA Meeting 8:15AM
- March 20th - Open House 6-7PM
- March 21st - March Madness at RCK 5-8PM

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*****PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION*****

NEW DATES ARE: APRIL 22, 23, & 24. NIGHT REGISTRATIONS WILL BE HELD ON THE 22ND AND THE 23RD. IF YOU ALREADY SCHEDULED AN APPOINTMENT PLEASE CONTACT THE MAIN OFFICE TO RESCHEDULE.

PEER MEDIATION

Our 6th grade Mediators have been very busy this month!

They ended the month of January by celebrating "No Name Calling Week". They hung up posters throughout the school reminding kids that "sticks and stones hurt and so do names!!!". This initiative is brought to us by GLSEN of the Mid Hudson Valley. "No Name Calling Week" is a national project and Evans is proud to do our part by teaching our kids that name calling is hurtful and not okay to do!!!

The Mediators ended February by pushing into our Evans 3rd grades to do a skit and show a video on exclusion as a form of bullying. Our Mediators planned out skits that showed kids being excluded on the playground and in the cafeteria. They then showed ways to deal with a group of kids who try to exclude others from playing with them at recess or sitting with them at lunch. The video shown reinforced the concepts learned from the skits. The video can be found at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-yRGGt7nJOM>



HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST

On February 28th, 2014 we held our honor roll breakfast for the second 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 31 of our 58 sixth grade students achieve this goal; this was an increase of 6% from the first quarter, very impressive sixth graders!

Ms. Guerrero and the 6th grade teachers expressed words of congratulations to our honorees and also asked them to encourage their peers to continue to put forth their best efforts so that they too can be a part of this noteworthy event. We would 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!



DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING EVANS SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS:

3RD PLACE : Gabriella Santiago 5th Grade
Project Name: "Exposed" The Five Food Groups

2ND PLACE : Christina Lazenka 5th Grade
Project Name: Homemade Rock Candy Crystals

2ND PLACE: Nadia Zerafa 5th Grade
Project Name: Egg Effect

1ST PLACE: Liam Byrne 5th Grade
Project Name: Non-Newtonium Fluids

1ST PLACE: Nicholas Cardenas 5th Grade
Project Name: Energy

1ST PLACE: Thomas Schaff 6th Grade
Project Name: Candles of Heat

1ST PLACE: Aidan Wright 6th Grade
Project Name: Ice-Melt 2014

1ST PLACE: Connor Wright 5th Grade
Project Name: The Aerodynamics of Paper Airplanes

1ST PLACE : Ava Zorilo 6th Grade

MOST IMAGINATIVE EXPERIMENT : Ava Zorilo 6th Grade
Project Name: Glowing Egg Geodes



GYM NEWS

We are currently in our 3rd session of Sports Club with third graders. This week we played a game called Wall-To-Wall Football in which students used their ultimate Frisbee and football skills to compete at a fun and exciting game. In PE class, we are just finishing up our Jump Rope for Heart Unit. We not only jumped rope to make sure our hearts stay healthy but we raised money to help the American heart Association. I want to personally thank all of the families that helped their children raise money for a great cause.



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NOTES FROM THE MAIN OFFICE



DROP-OFF TIMES FOR STUDENTS ARE ANYTIME
AFTER 8:40AM (NO EARLIER).

ALL students are to report directly to the Cafeteria where staff members will supervise them until classes begin at 8:50am.

WAYS TO HELP EVANS

- ◆ Register your Stop & Shop card online
- ◆ Collect box tops
- ◆ Collect Campbell soup labels
- ◆ Collect Yoplait item labels
- ◆ Collect Labels for Education
- ◆ SHOPAROO app on smartphone



These are some of the ways you can help your child's school with minimal effort. *This is "free" money for our school.* Money that can enhance the arts and education programs that are brought to the school.

If you have any questions about any of the above, or other ways to help your school – Please do not hesitate to reach out to one of the PTA members or the Box Top Coordinator!!

PBIS CORNER

PBIS has been busy working on the bus seating. We have numbered all of the buses used by Evans and have assigned seating for each child. This is in an effort to prevent problems on the buses. Kindergarten children are to sit in the front seats, 1st grade behind them, 2nd grade behind them and so on. The bus expectations through PBIS are on all buses and should be known by the children. *Please remind your children that riding the bus to school is a Privilege and there are rules that are followed.* The Bus expectations are:

BE	STAY SEATED IN YOUR ASSIGNED SEAT
RESPONSIBLE:	REPORT ANY PROBLEMS
	DO NOT EAT OR DRINK ON THE BUS
BE	USE VOICE LEVEL 2.
RESPECTFUL:	LISTEN TO THE BUS DRIVER
	USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE
BE	KEEP HANDS, FEET, AND OBJECTS TO
SAFE:	YOURSELF



Please review these with your child, so all children can have a safe and pleasant ride to school.

CALLING ALL PARENTS & GUARDIANS...OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU!!!

If there was no PTA, there would be no...

Book Fairs Bake Sales Honor Roll Breakfast Sixth Grade Moving Up
 Arts & Ed Programs Spirit Days Yearbook Spring Dance Ice Cream Social
 Halloween Fun Night Holiday Breakfast Donuts for Dads Muffins for Moms
 Evans Day Beautification Committee Battle of the Books

If we had more volunteers, we could...

Have a PARP program K- 4 Science Fair Reflections Program
 Grandparents Breakfast Family Night Events

Just to name a few...

Some of the current vital members of the volunteer group/PTA have children that will be graduating next year. We would love the opportunity to “show you the ropes” and use your creativity to create more opportunities for our children. Your volunteering need not be long... Just a couple hours at an event.



PTA CORNER CONT...

In April, we will start looking for new officers interested in positions on the PTA. The vote will take place at the May PTA meeting. There will be more information sent home. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the members listed on the website.

Our next meeting is March 20th @ 8:15am. Please join us and learn more.



Don't forget:

Battle of the Books: 3/12/14

Spirit Day: 3/28/14 Eagle Day Wear your school colors



Remember the school calendar has been revised:

3/24 originally a day off - now a regular school day

4/21 originally a school day - now a day off

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR! Your Ticket to Read!

MARCH 17, 2014 – MARCH 21, 2014

EVANS CAFETORIUM

MONDAY 9-11AM; 1-2:30PM

TUESDAY 9-11AM; 1-2:30PM

WEDNESDAY 9-11AM; 1-2:30PM

THURSDAY 9-11AM

AND THURSDAY EVENING DURING OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY 9-11AM



JUST IN CASE YOU CANNOT VISIT THE BOOK FAIR:
DON'T FORGET THE ONLINE BOOK FAIR STARTING

3/20 THROUGH 4/1.

GO TO:

[HTTP://BOOKFAIRS.SCHOLASTIC.COM/HOMEPAGE/JAMESSEVANSELEMENTARYSCHL](http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/jamessevanselementaryschl)

******PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO INCLUDE SALES TAX AS IT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE BOOKS!**

ART

March is **Youth Art Month** and we are celebrating in the Art Room by inviting you to weave with your child on their "Magic Carpet"! Our helping artists are the Native American Indians of the Southwest.

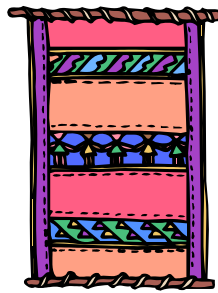
You can come weave with your child! Younger siblings not in school are welcome too. We do have large classes this year and limited weaving space, so I need to limit visitors to one per student each time. So please come join us from

9:55am to 10:35am on these days for Fourth Grade:

Mr. Clarke (Room 205)

Day: 4 Friday, March 14th

Day: 1 Wednesday, March 19th



Mrs. Burke (Room 210)

Day: 5 Monday, March 17th

Day: 2 Thursday, March 20th

If there is any problem with a snow day, the days will shift...I will resend a new schedule. PLEASE make sure to show ID and sign in at the Front Desk FIRST, then come on down to the Art Room at 9:55am...no earlier than 9:50 please. There is no need to call the school to tell us you are coming. Hope to see you there!!

Mrs. Schor ~ Art Teacher

March is Youth Art Month!!

Youth Art Month (YAM) is an annual observance every March to emphasize the value of art education for all youth and to encourage support for quality school art programs.

Enthusiasm is contagious!

- Art education develops students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities.
- Art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities.
- Art education gives understanding of multicultural values and beliefs.
- Art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects.



CELEBRATE Youth Art Month and try a new art activity or craft with your child!! Art has value in the development of every child. Through meaningful art experiences, children develop self-expression, higher level thinking skills, and cultural literacy.

So please ask your child about what they did in Art, what kind of technique or materials they used, and what artist or culture they could information about! Go make some ART! Mrs. Schor



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Support our school as we honor:

THE STUDENTS

Thur. June 26 at 7:05pm

Purchase online at

WWW.GADESGROUPS.COM

Password: **evans**

Our chorus will be singing
The National Anthem &
God Bless America



\$12 Package Includes:

- **Ticket**
- **Renegades Group Gift**
- **Post Game Fireworks**



Portion of proceeds will benefit our school

GOT QUESTIONS?

Contact a Renegades Representative at (845) 838-0094



*****INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS INFORMATION*****

-FOR 6TH GRADERS-

Next Fall, as a 7th grader, your child will have the opportunity to try out for interscholastic sports at Wappingers Junior High. Interscholastic sports are school sponsored team sports that compete against teams from other schools in the area. In order to try out, there is a process that needs to be completed.

1. You must complete and sign a "Health History" form and an "Interscholastic Athletic Consent" form. These forms are currently available in the Evans Health Office and on line for printing.

-Only one "Health History" needs to be completed per year (per physical)

-One "Interscholastic Athletic Consent" form needs to be completed for **each sport, each season**

These forms should be completed and submitted to the Evans Health Office as soon as possible. Due to the large number of students interested in interscholastic sports, if there is a chance that your child will want to try out for a Fall sport at the Junior High, even if they aren't sure which sport they might want to try out for, it is advisable that you complete and submit the paper work to the Evans Health Office as soon as possible.

2. Your child will need an athletic physical examination.

This can be done in the Evans Health Office by the district physician this Spring. It would be done during school hours and there is no charge. There is no blood work or other lab work associated with an in-school physical and the children are fully clothed during this exam. You may be present with your child for this exam upon request.

The physical may also be completed at a Healthquest office:

Wappingers- 1530 Rt. 9 Phone (845) 297-2511

LaGrangeville- 1100 Rt. 55 Phone (845) 485-4455

It is recommended that you make an appointment if you choose to go to Healthquest directly.

An athletic physical is valid for 12 months.

3. The interscholastic sports offered at the Junior High are as follows:

Fall- Girls: Cheerleading, Volleyball, & Field Hockey

Boys: Soccer

Winter- Girls: Cheerleading & Basketball

Boys: Basketball & Wrestling



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

1PM (LINE UP @ NOON)

**TOWN OF WAPPINGERS 39TH COMMUNITY
DAY PARADE!**

**WE NEED THE EVANS COMMUNITY TO JOIN US
IN MARCHING! IT IS A FUN DAY AND A GREAT
WAY TO SHOW OFF OUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!**

RAINDATE: SEPT 14TH

Don't miss the family fun with the hilarious



VS

Dutchess Knights

(an eclectic group of local leaders and celebrities)

7:00pm

March 29, 2014

Poughkeepsie High School TICKETS



Advance tickets PRICES: Adults 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25, Seniors & Students \$7, and Children under 4 yrs. FREE. Available at DCCAP, 77 Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie Call 845-452-5104 x-103 for more information.

Harlem-style comedy basketball featuring high-flying slam dunks, games with the kids, and hilarious comedy!



Complimentary autograph session with the Harlem Ambassadors after the game



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO

