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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and spent time with their family and friends. Only three more weeks until Christmas break. The school will be closed from December 24th to January 1st. We will return on Wednesday, January 2nd. We will be conducting our building spelling bee on December 5th, the district spelling bee will be held on Monday, January 7th. I appreciate the high attendance of parents at parent/teacher conferences, your support is essential for success. I would like to thank all the local charitable organizations and the Evans Citizenship

Club for hosting Make A Difference Day at Evans. The students learn about the importance of being a good citizen and “giving back” to their local community. We continue to work on implementing the common core standards and I will include information about the standards in every newsletter. In this newsletter, I included the key features of the English Language Arts common core standards. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Respectfully,

Janet Warden, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

- December 3rd - BOE Meeting WJHS 7:30PM
- December 5th - Building Spelling Bee
- December 7th - Holiday Boutique 7-9PM Adults Only
- December 15th - Breakfast with Santa 9-10:30AM
- December 17th - BOE Meeting WJHS 7:30PM
- December 19th - Parent Teacher Meetings 8:15AM
- December 19th - PTA Meeting 8:15AM
- December 24-January 1st - Holiday Break

SIXTH GRADE HIGH HONOR ROLL AND HONOR ROLL

High Honor Roll

Jazmin Espinoza
 Karla Machado
 Nyree Thompson
 Madison Boschulte
 Ashley Sossa

Honor Roll

Chloe Cacace	Christopher Kay
Michael Friary	Hayley Swint
Kaylah Phillips	Dionna Manso
Jalen Thompson	Angel Lebron
Joseph Balducci	Chelsea Hanlon
Puneet Dhaliwal	Alejandro Gonzalez

Congratulations to you all. What a great achievement. Keep up the good work!

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ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Benjamin Varco for receiving the Rotary Student of the Month. Benjamin exhib-

its exceptional character at Evans and is deserving of this award. His family and teacher, Ms. Paoler-

cio attended at luncheon hosted by the Rotary. Benjamin is a role model to other students.



KEY FEATURES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS COMMON CORE LEARNING STANDARDS

Reading:Text complexity and growth of comprehension

The reading standards place equal emphasis on the sophistication of what students read and the skill with which they read.

Writing:Text types, responding to reading, and research

The writing standards acknowledge the fact that while some writing skills (e.g., the ability to plan,

revise, edit, and publish) apply to many types of writing, other skills relate to specific types of writing: arguments, informative/explanatory texts, and narratives.

Speaking and listening: Flexible communication and collaboration

The speaking and listening standards require students to develop a range of broadly useful oral communication and interper-

sonal skills, not just skills needed for formal presentations.

Language: Conventions (grammar), effective use, and vocabulary

The language standards include the essential “rules” of standard written and spoken English, but they also look at language as a matter of craft and making choices.



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NEWS FROM THE GYM

We have been quite busy in the gym this past quarter. Children have participated in tag games, 5 minute jogs, soccer, flag football and several recreational games (modified kickball games, dodging and throwing games, pin guard.) Children in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades did a fine job on their written tests. Top scorers are posted on the bulletin board in the gym hall. Eagles Sports Club was a hit. The first session has ended and the new session starts on Wednesday,

Nov. 28. Children in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades enjoyed Flag Football, Soccer and Recreational Games intramurals. Recreational Games intramurals will conclude on Nov. 29.

During the next quarter we will be working on Volleyball and Basketball, as well as on striking skills and basic ball handling skills for the lower grades. Volleyball intramurals will be beginning on Monday, Nov. 26. and bowling intramurals will be beginning on

Tuesday, Nov. 27 at the Holiday Bowl Lanes on Rt. 9. Please make sure to get your permission slips in ASAP.

A final note, please remind your children to wear short sleeved shirts and sneakers for PE classes.

I also want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season!

Mrs. Versace-Pinczes

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Third graders have taken on the challenging task of memorizing their times tables. They will be using various modes such as Ipads, flashcards, timed tests, and computer games and songs to help with the memorization. Did you know researchers agree that fluency in math, the ability to recall basic math facts, is necessary for students to attain higher-order math skills? "If a student constantly has to compute the answers to basic facts, less of that student's thinking capacity can be devoted to higher level concepts than a student who can effortlessly recall the answers to basic facts." (www.scholastic.com)

What can you do if your child is **having trouble remembering some of the times tables?**

It is helpful to give a Pre-Test and look at it to see what facts your child already knows and what he/she

needs to work on. Next, **choose a multiplication fact for your child to learn.** To begin with, your child might be a bit stressed about learning all of the facts, so try to focus on a few facts and not an entire table each night.

Here are some great websites to build those fluency skills:

<http://resources.oswego.org/games/mathmagician/mathsmulti.html>

<http://www.multiplication.com/games>

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2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

SHARPE RESERVATION

The sixth grade class went on a field trip to Sharpe Reservation. Once we got there, there were trees everywhere. The sixth graders got split into groups. Each group had an instructor. All the groups went into the woods to do different activities that involved teamwork. We would have to work together to accomplish a task at each. For example, one task was called the Web. The Web was a bunch of white strings that basically looked like a spider web. The group would have to go through the little holes without touching the string. My group let the bigger people go in the bigger holes that way it would be easier to go through. Another task was called the Whale Watch. The group would have to balance a large piece of wood without letting it touch the ground. The Whale Watch looked like a huge seesaw. I really enjoyed this field trip and I learned a lot about working together. Sharpe Reservation was a great place to learn about teamwork.

By: Karla Machado

PEER MEDIATION

Great job members for teaching our kindergarten students about bullying on Make a Difference Day. Our mediators planned excellent lessons for the students in Mrs. Whitehouse's, Mrs. Sheremeta's and Mrs. Konstantinou's classes to

help them remember to keep Evans a respectful place. Keep up that awesome work Peer Mediation!!!

Congratulations to Ashley Sossa from Mr. Edwards 6th grade class. Ashley won the

Anti Bully Poster Contest sponsored by Peer Mediation. Thanks to all 4th, 5th and 6th graders who entered a poster!!!



CITIZENSHIP CLUB

Make A Difference Day-

For the second year in a row, the Citizenship Club hosted Make-A-Difference Day. On this day students went to the cafeteria to hear presentations from local volunteer organizations. They were greeted with representatives from The Dutchess County SPCA, Rebuilding Together Dutchess County, The American Red Cross, and Make-A-Wish of The Hudson Valley, The March of Dimes, and Dutchess

Outreach. The students listened respectfully and attentively to the speakers and were told how they can go out and make a difference in their community. The Citizenship Club will sponsor donation drives throughout the year to benefit these organizations.

Stuff the Bus -

Thank you to the Evans community who sent in canned and non perishable food items to benefit our local food bank. This year Citizenship Club made it a

healthy competition as they tracked the classroom that collected the most items. The winner was Mr. Edwards and his group of 6th graders. They won 100 extra Eagle Bucks for their hard work. But, we are all winners. We all helped our community food bank so they can serve the needs of all those who rely on them!

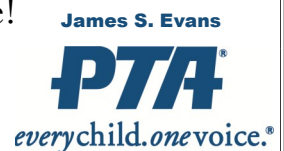


PTA CORNER

Thank you to all the family members, teachers, and staff who have joined the PTA. We are at 100 MEMBERS! We are proud that we have increased last years

membership by 50%. We would love to make this number higher... come join us. If you need another membership, please let us know. We want to hear your

voice. Mark your calendars and come and see what a meeting is all about on December 19th at 8:15AM. We hope to see you there!



SAFETY PATROL

We are in our second year of having a safety patrol at Evans. The safety patrol works to help our school community be safe, responsible and respectful during arrival and dismissal. A special thanks to Ms. Zorilo for advising the group for the second year, her dedication has made this a success! The following students are part of safety patrol this year:

Fifth Grade

Makayla Farrisi	Blendi Gjenukaj
Christopher Guzman	Haley Hormel
Michayla Hughes	Megan MConologue
Megan McMahan	Magdalena Moranda
Anthony Morelli	Gianna Peterman
Elizabeth Potapova	Arianna Rostron
Oscar Ortiz	Thomas Schaff
Shannon Thomas	Albijana Ukaj
Ava Zorilo	Quincy Wilcox

Sixth Grade

Madison Boschulte	Chloe Cacace
Cristina Cefaloni	Michael Friary
Nikki Forcelli	Jada Langella
Marina Nadeau	Cynthia Rostron
Ashley Sossa	Nyree Thompson
Angela Viveros	Benjamin Wakefield





HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Friday, December 7th
7:00 to 9:00 pm

thirty-one A night of Adults Only Shopping Fun!

Come to a place that's fun and entertaining! Leave the kids with a sitter. Don't forget to grab your old, broken, or unwanted gold/silver jewelry to trade in for CASH!!! More money for you to shop with this Holiday Season. Please visit <http://www.nargoldparty.com> for more info on eligible items.

Representatives from Pampered Chef, Lia Sophia, Scentsy, Party Lite, Silpada, Thirty-One, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple are just a few of the vendors that will be on site to assist you with your holiday needs!

Light refreshments will be served!

\$5.00 Suggested Donation would be appreciated

