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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Congratulations to twenty five sixth grade students for being on honor roll or high honor roll. This is a wonderful achievement! They were honored with a breakfast, their names are listed in the newsletter. The Winter Dance was a lot of fun, the students really enjoyed the event. Thank you to the PTA for hosting this event.

Please join us on March 7th at 7:00 p.m. for a presentation on internet safety for parents. Thomas Grimes a retired police officer will speak regarding helping our children make good choices with the internet. Please remember this is meant for parents only. On March 14th, join us for Open

House. We will be highlighting our best work at Evans.

On Superintendent Conference Day, February 15th, Lt. Monaco from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department met with our faculty and staff. We reviewed our last lockdown drill and discussed safety procedures. Lt. Monaco is part of our safety team and works collaboratively with the school to handle safety. We will be planning more unannounced lockdown drills this year. I will notify you after the drill so you are aware.

Respectfully,
Janet Warden



IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 7th - Internet Safety Presentation 7:30PM @ Myers School **PARENTS ONLY**
- March 14th - Open House 6:30-7:30PM
- March 15th - March Madness at RCK High School 5PM Come watch Evans Teachers play basketball
- March 20th - PTA Meeting 8:15AM
- March 22nd - Superintendent Conference Day - NO SCHOOL
- March 25th-29th - NO SCHOOL Spring Break

SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL STUDENTS



Congratulations to the following students for achieving honor roll and high honor roll. They were honored at a breakfast this month.

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Joseph Balducci,
Brendan Beahan,
Alexandra Capogna,
Stacy Castaneda, Lucy Combay

HIGH HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Madison Boschulte,
Chloe Cacace,
Puneet Dhaliwal,
Jazmin Espinoza,
Karla Machado, Dionna Manso,
Kaylah Phillips, Ashley Sossa

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ELEMENTARY ALL-COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL CHORUS

Congratulations to Kaylah Phillips and Nyree Thompson who have been selected to represent Wappingers Central School District in the Elementary All-County Music Festival. The performing groups are comprised of the most talented elementary school musicians from school districts throughout Dutchess County. Congratulations to Carmen Garcia for her direction to these students



NEWS FROM ROOM 210

Mrs. Burke's fourth grade class has been busy becoming experts in a variety of subjects. In science, groups of students researched one of six simple machines to teach the class about a specific simple machine and how it helps people accomplish work. During social studies lessons they have gone back in time and are learning how heroic people helped defeat the British during the Revolutionary War times, right here in local areas of the Hudson Valley. They were most excited about Sybil Ludington's midnight ride to warn the Dutchess County militia that the British were coming from Connecticut. If it wasn't for the 16-year-old's bravery, the New York Patriots would not have been able to stop the British Redcoats



from taking control of New York. Also, the class has watched Liberty Kids videos to help bring the Revolutionary events to life.

Besides learning about content areas, the students have had a chance to become authors of their own creative stories modeling from Kate DiCamillo's style from Tiger Rising and Because of Winn Dixie. For the past six weeks, they have loved delving deep into characters and seeing how they grow through many life changing experiences. Lastly, the class from room 210 has been working on solving fractional problems with all operations. As you can see the students have been working really hard as a team.

PEER MEDIATION

Our Mediators attended a 2 day field trip to RCK in February. The Mediation Center of Dutchess County trained our group in conflict management and mediation styles. The Peer Mediation Group at RCK also assisted with our training helping our mediators do various role plays. Our field trip was

generously paid for through a field trip grant by the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. Great job mediators!!!!

Thank you to the Mediation Center of Dutchess County and the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley!!!!



MARCH IS YOUTH ART MONTH!

During March, your children will hear a different, interesting Art Fact and receive a question of the day. They can try to answer the question for a chance at a prize! All questions vary in age level and will cover artists, cultures, art techniques, and art vocabulary the students hear and learn about in class.

Students will be able to write their answer and name and room number on a piece of paper and place it in the Y.A.M. container in front of the Art Room sometime during the day!



Try to visit a local museum like The Francis Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar college (<http://fillac.vassar.edu/>), the D.I.A. in Beacon (<http://www.diaart.org/sites/main/beacon>), and The Samuel Dorksy Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz (<http://www.newpaltz.edu/museum/>).

They are all open on the weekends. In the Spring through Autumn, visit one of my favorites... Storm King (www.stormking.com) in New Windsor which is an outdoor sculpture museum with works by Alexander Calder, Louise Nevelson, and David Smith.

Also try to visit other museums all over the Hudson Valley and, of course, New York City!

Art- Mrs. Schor

NEWS FROM THE GYM

Hi, everyone. The gym has been a busy place during the past two months. Students have been working on endurance by doing a 5-6 minute jog in PE at the start of the class. This is to help us prepare for the Mile Run, which will be done at the end of March. They have been learning about pacing themselves and the changes that happen to the heart with sustained exercise. Students have just concluded basketball and striking skills. Visiting jujitsu instructors worked with the children in a stranger danger program (grades k, 1) and bully prevention (grades 2-6). The children enjoyed themselves immensely.



During the last week of February, we will be working on jump roping. Our annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser will be held right in our PE classes. Children will be bringing a fund raising envelope home. This is a great cause as the money goes for research in heart disease and educational programs. Please help your child support this cause. They can even raise money online. This year, I would like to see more participation. There are always students who raise a lot of money, but any size donation is important. Last year we had 62 children participate. It would be great if we could have 100 students participate this year.

We have just started another session of Eagles Sports Club with 25 2nd and 3rd graders participating. Bowling intramurals were a big success. Currently, we have 46 children participating in basketball intramurals. This will be followed by Floor Hockey and another session of Recreational Games (Rec. Games).

Finally, I would like to let everyone in the Evans community know that I have decided to retire at the end of the school year. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with the children and their parents throughout the 24 years that I have been at Evans and I wish everyone continued success in the future.

PBIS CORNER

Our school has excelled at creating and following expectations of our Evans Eagles. The halls and classrooms are a nicer, more respectful atmosphere – a good place to start when teaching children how to function in the outside world. Our celebrations have begun again so, you may hear

your child speaking of earning a popcorn/movie celebration based on the number of Eagle Bucks that have accumulated as a class in meeting and following the expectations. Keep up all the fantastic work EVANS EAGLES and make us proud!!!

*If anyone has any small table games or something you think would work well on our lunch cart, please consider donating it. The lunch cart is a cart that is brought into the cafeteria during lunch so that after a child/children are done eating they can play a game!



PTA CORNER

The PTA is sad to hear of the possibility of closing a school in our district – any school. The transitions that would take place for that school's population... students, teachers, staff would be dramatic. As always, we will do our best to support your understanding of what is occurring and “get the word” out as best we can. Please be the voice of your children and the voice of your school and give yourself the opportunity to gain as much information as possible. Attend meetings, visit website often.

Dates to remember:

2/28/13 @ 7pm @ Evans -Superintendent meeting with Mr. Pochintesta

3/5/13 @ 7pm @ WJHS – Tom Grimes on Internet Safety **(PARENTS ONLY AS THE CONTENT IS ONLY APPROPRIATE FOR ADULTS)**

3/11/13 – 3/15/13 Evans Book Fair

3/14/13 Evans Open House

3/18/13 Spring Pictures

3/20/13 PTA Meeting @ 8:15am *everychild.onevoice.®*

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INTERNET SAFETY: A PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS MARCH 7, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.

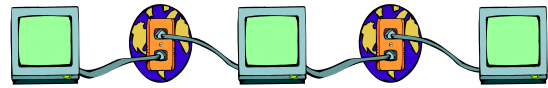
Myers Corners Elementary School -Cafeteria 1



The Myers Corners and James S. Evans Parent Teacher Associations invite you to attend a presentation for parents on internet safety. Thomas Grimes is a retired New York City Police Officer and internet safety expert. He speaks on the topic of internet safety at many area schools and has appeared as a commentator on several local and national news programs. For more information about Mr. Grimes, please visit www.nyfinestspeakers.com.

Our children have more options each day for accessing the internet: computers, tablets, smart phones and gaming systems. Social networking sites such as facebook and applications such as instagram allow them to share information instantly. Mr. Grimes talks with parents about helping their children to make positive, safe and respectful choices when using this technology.

INTERNET SAFETY CONTINUED...



Please mark your calendars now for this important presentation; we will not send home any additional paper notices.

Please keep in mind that Mr. Grimes tailors his remarks for his audience; therefore, children are not permitted at this parent presentation.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Maureen Primrose (President@myerscornerspta.org or Deb Wright (drpacs@live.com)

***Our fifth and sixth graders will have the opportunity to participate in a presentation on internet safety by Mr. Tom Grimes during the day on March 7th.

BOX TOPS CORNER

The Box Tops Committee wants to let the Evans community know and understand what a “secret” box tops is!!! All the community has to do is cut box tops off of items (some examples follow) and send them to school with your child. The school gets “paid” twice a year from box tops - our last check was for \$822.00!!! Yes, just from cutting out box tops??!! Now doesn't it seem ridiculous to throw them out! We use the money for Arts & Education programs we bring into the school to add to what the children are learning in class such as Huga Tuga Reading Show, a math show, and the Battle of Saratoga. The children that bring in box tops earn Eagle Bucks - this is a winning plan for everyone!!! Please take the time to cut them out and help your school! Thank you!!!



an easy way to
earn cash for your school!

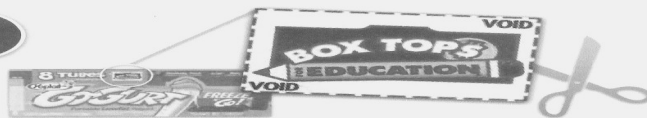
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COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS: SHIFTS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Below are six shifts in Mathematics that are part of the Common Core learning standards. It states what students must be able to do and how parents can help.

Mathematics Shift 1: Focus: learn more about less

Students Must:

- Spend more time on fewer concepts.

Parents Can:

- Know what the priority work is for your child for their grade level
- Spend time with your child on priority work
- Ask your child's teacher about their progress on priority work

Mathematics Shift 2: Skills Across Grades

Students Must:

- Keep building on learning year after year

Parents Can:

- Be aware of what your child struggled with last year and how that will affect learning this year
- Advocate for your child and ensure that support is given for "gap" skills – negative numbers, fractions, etc

Mathematics Shift 3: Speed and Accuracy

Students Must:

- Spend time practicing – lots of problems on the same idea

Parents Can:

- Push children to know/ memorize basic math facts
- Know all of the fluencies your child should have and prioritize learning of the ones they don't

Mathematics Shift 4: Know it/ Do it!

Students Must:

- UNDERSTAND why the math works. MAKE the math work.
- TALK about why the math works
- PROVE that they know why and how the math works

Parents Can:

- Notice whether your child REALLY knows why the answer is what it is
- Advocate for the TIME your child needs to learn key math
- Provide TIME for your child to work hard with math at home
- Get smarter in the math your child needs to know

Mathematics Shift 5: Real Worlds

Students Must:

- Apply math in real world situations
- Know which math to use for which situation

Parents Can:

- Ask your child to DO the math that comes up in your daily life

Mathematics Shift 6: Think Fast / Solve Problems

Students Must

- Be able to use core math facts FAST
- Be able to apply math in the real world

Parents Can:

- Notice which side of this coin your child is smart at and where he/she needs to get smarter
- Make sure your child is PRACTICING the math facts he/she struggles with
- Make sure your child is thinking about Math in real life

