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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.

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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back and welcome our new Evans families! The year is already off to a great start as our faculty and staff worked hard this summer to prepare for the arrival of the children. I would like to also thank our Evans PTA who has been instrumental in planning several "back to school activities" for the children such as our Kindergarten Picnic, school pictures, and book fair.

In order for our students to have the most success in school possible, they need support and communication between home and school. A strong partnership between us and you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success; therefore, while the children are not with us, we ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

1. **Attends school daily and arrives on time (before 9:00am); ready for the day's learning experiences**
2. **Completes all homework (independent work) assigned by the teachers**
3. **Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills**
4. **Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life**
5. **Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject**
6. **Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school**

It was great to see and meet many of you at our Parents as Partners night on September 23rd; attending this event is an important first step in bridging a strong home-school connection. If you have not yet signed up for your child's report card conference in November, please email your child's teacher or call the Main Office.

The safety of our students continues to be my highest non-instructional priority. The Evans Safety Team meets regularly and includes teachers, administration, staff, and parents. Our students have been actively practicing safety drills this month (hopefully you have heard them share with you their experiences with these drills at home). The children have done a great job adhering to our expectations of their behavior during these drills. We have also had the participation of local and state law enforcement in our drills. All in all, our Evans Eagles have demonstrated an excellent ability to remain quiet and focused on practicing safety during all drills.

I am confident, that through a close relationship between the school and community, we can build our Evans family bond to be even stronger and work together to support the academic, social, emotional, and developmental needs of all our students. Our goal is the same; that every Evans Eagle soars to his or her greatest potential. Please feel free to stop by to say hello!

Warm Regards,

Lauren Guerrero



IMPORTANT DATES:

- November 4th - NO SCHOOL
Superintendents Conference Day
- November 11th - NO SCHOOL
Veterans Day
- November 13th - Donuts for Dad
- November 20th - PTA Meeting
8:15AM
- November 20, 21, & 24th - 1/2
Days Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 25th - Fundraiser
Pick Up Dismissal - 6PM
- November 26-28 - NO SCHOOL
Happy Thanksgiving

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

On September 18th 2014, Nadia Zarafa was honored by the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls as the sixth grade student of the month representing James S. Evans Elementary

School. This event took place at Longobardi's Restaurant in Wappingers Falls. In attendance and showing great support for Nadia were her parents, her older sister and her

grandaunt. Jose Carrion, Interim Superintendent of WCSD, was also in attendance and expressed congratulatory words to all the honorees. Congratulations Nadia and keep up



FALL FUN!

The students in Room 108 have been enjoying the fall season. We read the book Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert and discussed the key details in the story. We wrote about our favorite part of the story and drew a picture about it too!

The students enjoyed the book (especially the main character) so

much, we made our very own Leaf Man out of real leaves! They will be displayed outside our classroom door for the remainder of the fall season so check them out!



GYM NEWS

Currently, we are in the 1st session of Sports Club with 3rd Graders. This past week we worked on our soccer skills in a game called Minute-To-Win-It Soccer. My 3rd graders have done an excellent great job of taking their soccer skills and applying them to a game setting while displaying positive attitudes and good sportsmanship. In PE class, we are just finishing up soccer and will begin our football unit next

week. Students will be able to practice their football skills during drills as well as modified games while also learning some of the basic rules of football. 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 summer break!





Help take care of the Evans community

Thanksgiving Baskets

Please bring in the item listed below for your grade. This way we can all take part in helping others have a happy Thanksgiving holiday.



- Kindergarten: bag of stuffing
- 1st grade: bag of marshmallows
- 2nd grade: can of turkey gravy
- 3rd grade: can of vegetable
- 4th grade: can of cranberry sauce
- 5th grade: Yams, potatoes or rice



6th grade: box of cookies or other dessert

Items can be brought to school the week of November 10-14

Please call Laura Brundage, Social Worker or Jennie Turner, Speech therapist with any questions. *Laura habla Español.

Dear Family,

Coming home to you soon is a school sponsored fundraiser called Square 1 Art.

This fundraiser takes your child's artwork and makes it into great products for you to purchase. These products are wonderful keepsakes and gifts for family and friends. Your child has been busy making beautiful artwork that can be made into many fun products such as magnets, t-shirts, mouse pads, ornaments and much more!

The money raised from this fundraiser will enable the school to continue its efforts in supporting our students. Your help is needed for us to continue offering these opportunities to our school.

Proceeds will be used to benefit the James S. Evans Playground! Thank you for your support!

SQUARE 1 ART

Be on the lookout for YOUR CHILD'S ART...
It's on 20 LARGE STICKERS, now isn't that smart?

Art so unique, they're one of a kind!

Our top quality products, is such a rare find!

Square 1 Art is on its way...Funds for the school
HIP HIP HOORAY!

Ornaments, travel mugs, coasters and more...
Key chains, mouse pads, simply too good to ignore!

We always need gifts for family and friends
Not to mention great keepsakes where memories never end!

Order your child's art and *benefit your child's school*



Pot holders



Apron



Tote Bags

Celebrate upcoming holidays with gifts
that will be cherished for years to come



for the office



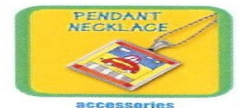
wear it



for the home



stationary



accessories

Two Easy Ways to Order

1. Paper order form located on the back of the catalog coming home to you soon. Your child's very own artwork and name will be printed on the front!
2. Online at www.square1art.com/shop Create an online art gallery using the access code located on your catalog. Shop useful custom products that display your child's artwork!

Your Order Counts

Make a difference by helping us reach our fundraising goal. Square 1 Art is a wonderful fundraiser that celebrates your child's artwork along with helping our school.

Thank You

A huge thank you to all of the teachers, faculty, and volunteers for their help in creating this artwork with their students.

HALLOWEEN FUN NIGHT

Halloween Fun Night was attended by many on Friday, October 17, 2014. The festivities began at 5:15 in the cafeteria where families enjoyed dinner of pizza, chips, and juice. Afterwards children played ghoulish games, listened to scary and silly stories, and played freeze dance, pass the pumpkin, and Bingo. They also created delicious desserts by decorating their own cupcake and went through the horridly haunted house. Five teams of approximately 40 children and their families went around to each station to participate in each activity. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of teachers, teacher assistants, staff, PTA members, volunteers from Roy C. Ketcham High School's Interact club, and some James S. Evans alumni, the night was filled with many smiles, shrieks, and fantastic memories.

Submitted by: Mrs. Burke, Halloween Fun Night coordinator



FOURTH GRADE NEWS

October was a busy month for the fourth grade classes. They first went to Bowdoin Park on October 15th. They discovered how Native Americans lived in Wappingers Falls thousands of years ago. The students saw a rock shelter that the indigenous people would have used during their hunting season. The fourth graders each had a turn to "hunt" for a deer by throwing a spear with an atlatl. Fortunately, both classes had students who "hunted" successfully so the classes were able to eat lunch. Besides enjoying hunting, the students investigated how all parts of an animal were used for clothing, food, and tools. They found out that even the brain was used to tan the hide of the deerskin to prepare it for clothing and drums. The drums were then put to good use at the classes' in-school workshop the following week.

On October 23rd, the fourth grade classes participated in an in-class workshop about Native American Dance and Story-telling. The students played instruments and drums that Native Americans used. Dave Beck shared his expertise on how Native Americans passed down history and beliefs of their culture through story-telling and songs. The program was thoroughly enjoyed by all students as they drummed, sang, and danced.

Finally the fourth grade students experienced colonial life in the Hudson Valley at the Van Wyck Homestead. They traveled south to Fishkill on October 29th to observe how Dutch colonists lived right here in the Hudson Valley in the 1600s-1700s. They also learned how the homestead was used as the headquarters for the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, since many battles were fought along the Hudson River and Fishkill was a central location between New York City and Albany. The fourth graders appreciated learning through hands-on experiences and seeing history come to life right here in Dutchess County.

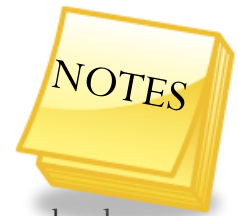
Submitted by: Mrs. Burke, 4th grade teacher



NEWS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE



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



In an effort to maintain student safety and accountability, we will require a note when it is necessary for you to pick up your child from school.

- Everyday pickups will require a blanket note for the year. PICK UP will be at 3:30 pm.
- Early pick-ups such as Dr. appointments children will be released as needed per your note until 3:15pm
- No child should be picked up later than 3:40pm. If you are not here to pick up your child, they will be put on the bus.
- We understand emergencies will arise – please call the main office at your earliest convenience to make arrangements. 298-5240
- Please **ALWAYS** remember your photo ID if you are visiting the school. You will not be allowed in the building or to pick up your child.

PTA NEWS

This year is off to a FANTASTIC start! We had an awesome turn out at the end of the school year for EVANS NIGHT at Renegades Stadium, if you missed it this year, please consider joining us this coming summer. There is fun for all! We had a large number of families that came out for the Wappinger's Community Day Parade on the cold and rainy September Saturday. Our mascot along with our Principal, Ms. G were there and thrilled to spend time with Evans families. Grandparents Breakfast was a HUGE success, thank you to all the families that came out and had breakfast. A huge thank you goes out to all the teachers, staff, and parents who donated their time to volunteer and be a part of a fabulous morning! Donuts with Dads is coming up this November 13th. This is our Second Annual Donuts

for Dad , the PTA is looking forward to giving back to all the male members who have joined so far! It is not to late to join the PTA and be a part of our morning and part of an amazing team. Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20th @ 8:15am.

Reminder

If you ordered from the cakes, cookies, and pies fundraiser, orders will be at the school for parent pick up **Wednesday November 25th from dismissal until 6pm.**

DUE TO LACK OF STORAGE IF THE ORDERS ARE NOT PICKED UP THEY WILL BE DONATED TO A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY



PBIS NEWS

The James S. Evans school has implemented the PBIS program. PBIS stands for **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports**. PBIS is a research-validated approach to discipline which emphasizes the creation of proactive systems of support for the students and staff. Schools using the PBIS framework for school-wide discipline develop a comprehensive system for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors that results in measurable increases in indicators of positive school climate and decreases in student office referrals. Here is a link to find out more, <http://www.pbis.org/>.

The following signs are posted throughout the school. They list the **EXPECTATIONS** that the students are to uphold.

BATHROOM EXPECTATIONS

USE BATHROOM FOR APPROPRIATE PURPOSES.
REPORT ANY INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR.



BE RESPONSIBLE

VOICE LEVEL 0 - 1.
KNOCK ON DOOR BEFORE ENTERING.
FLUSH, WASH HANDS, AND RETURN TO CLASSROOM IMMEDIATELY.
RESPECT SCHOOL PROPERTY.
RESPECT PRIVACY OF OTHERS.

BE RESPECTFUL

BE SAFE KEEP HANDS AND FEET TO YOURSELF.
NOTIFY AN ADULT IF CUSTODIAN IS NEEDED.

BUS EXPECTATIONS



STAY SEATED IN YOUR ASSIGNED AREA.
REPORT ANY PROBLEMS IMMEDIATELY.
DO NOT EAT OR DRINK ON THE BUS.

BE RESPONSIBLE


VOICE LEVEL 2.
LISTEN TO BUS DRIVER.
USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE.

BE RESPECTFUL

BE SAFE KEEP HANDS, FEET, AND OBJECTS TO YOURSELF.

HALLWAY EXPECTATIONS

STAY WITH YOUR GROUP.
KEEP YOUR SCHOOL CLEAN.



BE RESPONSIBLE

VOICE LEVEL 0.
SMILE OR WAVE TO OTHERS.
ADMIRE WORK AND DISPLAYS.

BE RESPECTFUL

BE SAFE KEEP HANDS, FEET AND OBJECTS TO YOURSELF.
TAKE ONE STAIR AT A TIME.
QUIET WALKING FEET.
STAY ON RIGHT SIDE OF HALL AND STAIRS.

CAFETERIA EXPECTATIONS

STAY WITH YOUR GROUP.
CLEAN UP YOUR AREA.
RAISE YOUR HAND BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE TABLE.

BE RESPONSIBLE

VOICE LEVEL 2
LISTEN TO THE LUNCH MONITOR.
THANK THE STAFF THAT HELP YOU.


BE RESPECTFUL

BE SAFE STAY IN YOUR SEAT.
WALK IN CAFETERIA.



BUYERS' LINE EXPECTATIONS

STAY WITHIN BUYERS' LINE BOUNDARIES.



BE RESPONSIBLE

VOICE LEVEL 0-1.
LISTEN TO LUNCH MONITOR.

BE RESPECTFUL

BE SAFE STAY ON RIGHT SIDE OF HALL WHILE WAITING IN LINE.
KEEP YOUR HANDS, FEET AND OBJECTS TO YOURSELF.

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JUNE 2015

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6TH GRADE MOVING UP CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 22ND AT 9:30 AM. IT WILL BE AT WJHS... MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!