

# JAMES S. EVANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal Message

Dear Parents, Students, Faculty, and Staff,

As the new Principal of James S. Evans Elementary School, it is my sincere pleasure and honor to become the newest member of this great school community. Although I only just started in this position, it is already apparent to me that this is a warm, caring, and welcoming environment that operates in the best interests of its students.

My responsibility as the Principal is to ensure that your child receives a high quality education and to foster a safe and nurturing school climate. My educational background and ex-

periences include teaching Spanish for six years in the WCSD and being the Sixth Grade House Principal for the past three years at Van Wyck Junior High School. Additionally, I have two Master's Degrees in Adolescent Education and Educational Leadership/ Administration as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. I am excited to share my knowledge and enthusiasm with you and continue to create a culture of excellence that provides opportunities for all students to learn and be successful.

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 in or call to make an appointment to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or ideas you have to help make this year the best year yet.

Sincerely,  
 Lauren Guerrero

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- October 10th - Town Hall Meetings on Common Core Spackenkill HS 7PM - 9PM Speaker: Commissioner John King
- October 14th - No School
- October 15th - BOE Meeting 7:30PM WJHS
- October 24th - PTA Meeting 3:45PM
- October 25th - Halloween Fun Night
- October 28th - BOE Meeting 7:30PM WJHS
- October 31st - Wear Orange & Black Day

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## Welcome New Administration and Teachers to Evans!

Lauren Guerrero - Principal

Melissa Dominick - Teaching Assistant

Jennifer Kirschenheiter - 5th Grade Teacher

Tanya Griffiths - Teaching Assistant

Jon Wurster - PE Teacher

Phyllis Lake - Teaching Assistant

Brian Fulton - Physical Therapist

Laura Brundage - Social Worker



### SQUARE ONE ART AND PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

The students are really enjoying the new large addition to the Evans Playground which was installed in June! We know this has taken a long time, but we are working steadily to upgrade and replace different sections of the playground. We have already begun the Square 1 Art Fundraiser with the artwork being done in Art Class...all of the artwork is based on art techniques and/or artists that go along with the NYS Art Standards. Expect to



see your student's Custom Catalog with free Stickers around October 23rd. The deadline for orders is October 30th. Last year, Square 1 Art started accepting orders online and was very successful! There will be prizes for the TOP 3 SELLERS again this year! The school will receive the products ordered around November 26th! Thank you for your support and patience. If there is anyone interested in helping with Grant writing and seeking, fund-raising ideas, and/or donation searching, please contact Mrs. Schor

## 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*

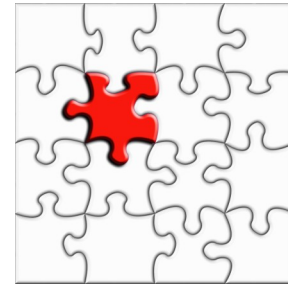
### Celebrate upcoming holidays with gifts that will be cherished for years to come



**PTA CORNER**

Welcome back to Evans! Looking toward a great year! Please visit the PTA page on the website [www.wappingersschools.org](http://www.wappingersschools.org) often to keep yourself updated on meetings and new information. As always, if you would like to volunteer any time to our various committees or events, please let us

know. We are looking for “green thumbs” if that is you, please ask us how you can assist with the Beautification Committee. Thank you to those that participated this summer at the Sonic Fundraiser! Don’t be our missing piece... Join us at our next meeting on October 24th @ 3:45PM, we are stronger together.



**PTA MEETINGS 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

SEPTEMBER 26TH - 8:15AM

FEBRUARY 20TH - 8:15AM

OCTOBER 24TH - 3:45PM

MARCH 20TH - 8:15AM

NOVEMBER 21ST - 8:15AM

APRIL 10TH - 8:15AM

DECEMBER 19TH - 8:15AM

MAY 22ND - 7PM

JANUARY 23RD - 7PM

JUNE 19TH - 8:15AM

“STATISTICS SHOW THAT CHILDREN WHO HAVE PARENTS INVOLVED IN THEIR SCHOOL – DO BETTER ACADEMICALLY!!”

\*Please refer to the Evans PTA website frequently for changes to meetings, announcements, or information. All meetings will take place at Evans in the cafeteria. Please make every effort to attend.

**NEWS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE**

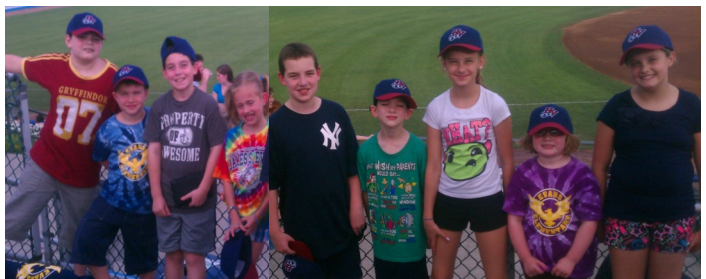
In an effort to maintain student safety and accountability, we will require a note when it is necessary for you to pick up your child from school.

- 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.
- 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.

# EVANS EDUCATOR NIGHT AT DUTCHESS STADIUM



Evans PTA arranges Evans Educator Night at Renegades Stadium every year! Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us on July 3rd to watch the Renegades VS. Iron-Birds. What a beautiful night for a ball game, food, and friends. We were so excited to end our night with a spectacular fire work show. If you missed it, please consider joining us this year. It is a great family evening for all ages!!!



# EVANS CLUBS

We are thrilled to be able to offer some clubs for our students. Please see the list below for the clubs that are being offered for specific grades, along with their days and times.

**Art Club** - Wednesdays 8AM with Mrs. Schor.

Grades 4-6



**Citizenship Club** - Tuesdays 8AM with Mrs. Stock.

Grades 3-6



**Peer Mediation** - Day 2 8AM with Mrs. Prockter.

6th Grade



**Project Homework** - Tuesdays 3:50PM with Mrs. Brenneman.

Grades 3-6



**Song Club** - Thursdays 8AM with Mr. Clarke.

Grades 4-6



**Sports Club** - Mondays 8AM with Mr. Wurster.

Grades 2 & 3



**5 - SENSE POEMS WRITTEN BY MR. EDWARDS SIXTH GRADE**

Paper

Paper is empty  
It taste sweet  
It sounds like echoes  
It smells like plainness  
It looks infinite  
It makes me feel small

By Glen Chitty

Snow

Snow is white as paper  
It taste like water  
It sounds like a slushy falling back in  
the cup  
It smells like a fresh winter breeze  
It looks like white shaved ice  
It makes me feel as cold as a popsicle

By Nytalya Frye

Fear

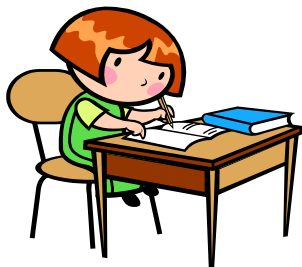
Fear is black  
It tastes like a dry mouth  
It sounds like a short gasp  
It smells like the sweat on my hands  
It looks like my stomach dropping  
It makes me feel goose-bumpy.

By Eddie Cekici

Autumn Leaves

Autumn leaves are heard blowing on  
the trees  
Autumn leaves are seen flowing on the  
greens  
Autumn leaves are bitter to the taste  
They smell like almond paste  
Autumn leaves are crunchy to the touch  
Others are as smooth as silk

By Albijana Ukaj



**PBIS**

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) refers to a systems change process for the entire school. The underlying theme is teaching behavioral expectations in the same manner as any core curriculum subject. All PBIS practices are founded on the assumption and belief that all children can exhibit appropriate behavior. As a result, it is our responsibility to identify the contextual setting events and environmental conditions that enable ex-

hibition of appropriate behavior. We then must determine the means and systems to provide those resources.

**School wide expectations. are as stated:**



### **CAFETERIA EXPECTATIONS**

**Be Responsible-** Stay with your group, clean up your area, and raise your hand before you leave the table.

**Be Respectful-** Voice level 2, listen to the lunch monitor, thank the staff that help you.

**Be Safe-** Stay in your seat, walk in the cafeteria.

### **BUS EXPECTATIONS**

**Be Responsible-** Stay seated in your assigned area, report any problems immediately, do not eat or drink on the bus.

**Be Respectful-** Voice level 2, listen to the bus driver, and use appropriate language.

**Be Safe-** Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.

### **HALLWAY EXPECTATIONS**

**Be Responsible-** Stay with your group, keep your school clean.

**Be Respectful-** Voice level 0, Smile or wave to others, admire work and displays.

**Be Safe-** Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself, take one stair at a time, quiet walking feet, stay on right side of the hall and stairs.

Please review these expectations with your children. We will also be giving weekly and classroom awards for students that exhibits the six pillars of good character; respect, responsibility, caring, trustworthiness, citizenship & fairness.

## ***STUDENT DROP-OFF PROCEDURES***

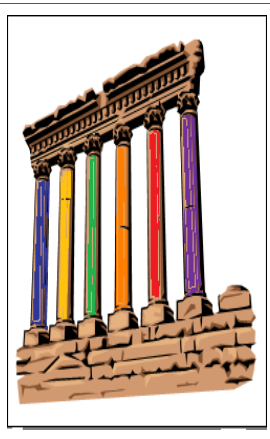
**Just a reminder for all parents regarding the procedures for dropping a student off in the morning for school:**

- All cars need to go through the center parking lot. No drop offs are allowed in front of the building in the circle unless it is after 9:15 am.
- Cars must wait in a single file line. Do not pull up alongside another car (double parking) that is dropping off a student.
- Children should get out of the doors facing the building so that they do not need to walk around the car. Students should be prepared to exit the car as soon as the vehicle stops.
- Parking is not allowed in the center of the parking lot. Parents do not have to get out of their car or stay to watch students go into the building. There are staff members to cross the children and keep them safe.
- If you need to park, proceed to the lower, side parking lot.
- Children are only to be dropped off at the crosswalk. Please do not drop them off at the corner of the parking lot.

Please help us keep your children safe by following the rules on this sheet. Safety, not speed, is the main concern. Thanks for your cooperation.

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## **SIX PILLARS OF CHARACTER**



### **Character Counts!**

**TRUSTWORTHINESS:** Be honest - don't deceive, cheat, or steal - Be reliable - do what you say you'll do - Have the courage to do the right thing - Build a good reputation - Be loyal - Stand by your family, friends, and country

**RESPECT:** Treat others with respect; follow the Golden rule, Be tolerant and accepting of differences, Use good manners, not bad language, Be considerate of the feelings of others, Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone, Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Do what you are supposed to do, Plan ahead, Persevere; keep on trying! Always do your best, Use self control, Be self-disciplined, Think before you act, consider the consequences, Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes, Set a good example for others

**FAIRNESS:** Play by the rules, Take turns and share, Be open-minded; listen to others, Don't take advantage of others, Don't blame others carelessly, Treat all people fairly

**CARING:** Be kind, Be compassionate and show you care, Express gratitude, Forgive others, Help people in need

**CITIZENSHIP:** Do your share to make your school and community better, Cooperate, Get involved in community affairs, Stay informed; vote, Be a good neighbor, Obey laws and rules, Respect authority, protect the environment, volunteer.