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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.

APRIL/MAY 2014

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spring has sprung...finally! We have officially moved into the last marking period of the school year. Our teachers and students will have a strong finish to the year with our continued focus on academics while adding in fun learning activities for our students. In May, we will also have an Author Visit for grades K-6 from Helene Sola who wrote the children's book *Loo Loo and the Fabulous Marvelous Rexxa Roo*. This special visit is thanks to our sixth grade student, Ryleah Leeder, who entered Evans Elementary School in a contest at the WHUD Kids Fair and won! Thank you Ryleah!

Evans is in desperate need of your help! In order for us to have an accredited PTA, we must fill at least the positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We currently have many hard working and dedicated PTA volunteers that do so much for our students, teachers, staff, and building. I cannot even fathom Evans without a PTA. Please think about joining the PTA or filling one of these three positions.

Lastly, I would like to send many, many thanks to our current PTA Board and committee members for all their years of continuous service to our students and Evans community. Our current PTA Board members are Mrs. Wright, President; Mrs. Kisslinger, Vice President; Mrs. Zorilo, Secretary; Mrs. Sharp, Treasurer, and they have offered to train anyone who is interested in the leadership positions of the PTA or joining any of our numerous committees.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming PTA meeting on Thursday, May 22nd at 7pm in the Evans Cafetorium. Thank you for your support!

Regards,

Lauren Guerrero



IMPORTANT DATES:

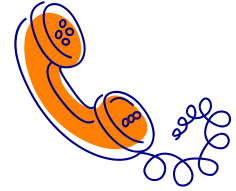
- May 1st - PTA Council Mtg/JJHS 7PM
- May 5-9th - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6th - BOE mtg/District Office @ 7:30PM
- May 8-9th - Plant Sale
- May 11th - Mother's Day
- May 19th - BOE Mtg/District Office @ 7:30PM
- May 22nd - PTA Mtg 7PM
- May 26th - NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- May 30th - SPIRIT DAY Different Color for each grade

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PEER MEDIATION

The Peer Mediators spent some time in March working with 5th graders on the importance of not gossiping. Our mediators pushed into both 5th grade classes and played the "telephone game". This game shows our 5th graders how quickly one person can confuse a message and then pass that mixed up message to another person. We hope the 5th graders learned how gossip can be spread and how hurtful it can be to others around us.



Our Mediators worked with the 2nd grade classes in April to discuss bus safety. Our Mediators divided up among Ms. Wilson, Ms. Smith and Ms. Moran's classes and taught a short lesson to the students about our PBIS bus safety expectations. Each class was invited to work on a word search with our mediators to reinforce how and why we are safe on the buses. Thanks to Evans 2nd graders for being such a great audience and we hope you learned a lot!!!!



J.S. Evans Citizenship Club Organizes Donation Drive

“Pasta for Pennies Presented by Olive Garden: Kids making BIG change by collecting SMALL change.”

“Pasta for Pennies Presented by Olive Garden is a service learning, character education and philanthropy program that gives students a unique experience making a difference through teamwork—working together to aid thousands of children and adults in the fight blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma.”

Under the organization of the Citizenship Club, James S. Evans Elementary School collected over **\$900.00** for the **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**. **Ms. Longenberger’s first grade class** earned a **Pasta Party** provided by **Olive Garden** for being the class with the most money collected. Ms. Longenberger’s students raised over **\$260.00** for the cause. *Way to go Eagles!*

GYM NEWS

I am very excited to announce that 4 of our Evans Eagles will be honored at a Physical Education Awards Ceremony on May 10th 9:30 am at Carmel High School. Samantha Rojo from Miss Ditton's class, Jeffrey Fitzsimmons from Mrs. Brenneman's class, Haley Hormel from Mr. Edwards' class, and Kazmir Harris from Ms. Risley's class will be recognized for their efforts in Physical Education this year.



Thank you to all those that came out to support our staff for March Madness on Friday March 21st at Roy C. Ketcham High School. Was nice to see so many Evans supporters and we even had a visit from the Evans Eagle Mascot!



Eat a Rainbow!

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recommends that you fill half of your plate with fruits and vegetables at mealtimes. A fun way to ensure that you are eating a wide variety of fruits and vegetables is to “eat a rainbow”!

Red: Red apples, cranberries, strawberries, red grapes, tomatoes, red peppers

Orange: Cantaloupe, oranges, peaches, pumpkin, sweet potatoes

Yellow: Bananas, pineapple, yellow apples, corn, lemons, yellow peppers

Green: Green grapes, kiwi fruit, avocado, broccoli, spinach, lettuce, celery

Blue/Purple: Blueberries, raisins, plums, eggplant, blackberries, purple cabbage

White: Onions, cauliflower, white peaches, mushrooms, potatoes



PTA CORNER

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!!

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.

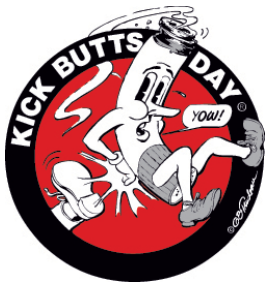


IBM ENGINEERS VISIT

Did you know that the chair you're sitting on was designed by an engineer? What about the desk you're sitting at? That too was designed by an engineer! Our students learned this and a whole lot more after an enlightening visit from a team of IBM engineers. The team, consisting of 4 engineers including the team leader Jody Coleman, visited our 5th and 6th grade classrooms on Friday, March 14th. The engineers led interactive discussions about what an engineer does and the subjects he/she needs to master in school in order to do well as an engineer. Following the discussion the students were placed in groups and had to work collaboratively to solve a challenging task. A major part of the challenge was that they had specific materials to use in order to complete the assigned task in a limited amount of time. Sounds pretty real-world doesn't it? You bet it does! I am proud to say that our students rose to the occasion. They worked well together and came up with some very innovative solutions. Go Eagles!!



TOBACCO-FREE POSTER CONTEST



Congratulations to Elizabeth Potapova and Shala Torres for winning the "KICK BUTTS DAY" poster contest held at the Poughkeepsie Galleria sponsored by CAPE of Dutchess County. Elizabeth won for most educational and Shala for best display. The girls were awarded a \$25 American Express Gift Card along with a prize pack.

Congratulations to Safi Shahid and Aidan Wright received honorable mention for the poster they created together. They were awarded with a bag of goodies from the galleria.

Great job to all the participants, we are very proud of our Evans Eagles!

SUMMER PROGRAM

The Hudson Valley Writing Project has a great summer program for student writers of all ages (see the link below). The program is open to ages 7-17 with one week and two week writing camps. There are scholarships and partial scholarships available.

<http://newpaltz.edu/hwvp/ywcamp.html>

JOIN US THIS SUMMER!



ART

Join us for the 64th Annual Festival of the Arts in Mesier Park located on Route 9D in Wappingers Falls! This wonderful event is open to the public from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 17, 2014 with an inclement weather date of Sunday, May 18th.

There will be artwork up for viewing from all 15 schools in the Wappingers Central School District including drawings, collages, paintings, prints, computer media projects, metalwork, photography, hand-built and thrown pottery, sculptures and an array of 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional work.



There will be a variety of art-making activities for the public starting at 12 noon and ending at 3:30 pm. Children can participate in making Eric Carle bookmarks, swirl some suminigashi ink, and try out watercolor techniques! Come over to the R.C.K. section where Empty Clay Bowls will be for sale.

Musical events will be occurring all day in the Gazebo area. There will be Choral groups from many different WCSD schools as well as instrumental presentations. Students and families are welcome to come and listen to these talented students!

Join us for this yearly honored celebration of the Arts at Mesier Park! It will be a great time so we hope to see you there!

Goals Matter! eScholar's Annual Student Contest

Students, we want to hear about YOUR goals!
What is a goal that you want to accomplish and why?

ENDS
MAY 16TH!



Contact us at
contest@escholar.com





James S. Evans Elementary School

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



SAFETY TIP

As the weather begins to improve, most of us will start spending more time outdoors! Many of our children look forward to riding their bicycles. Wearing a properly fitted helmet is an extremely important part of this fun activity.

Did You Know...



- ◆ Every two minutes, a child is treated in an emergency room for an unintentional cycle-related incident.
- ◆ More children ages 5 to 14 are seen in emergency rooms for biking related injuries than any other sport.
- ◆ **Helmet use** is the most effective way to reduce bicycle related fatalities.
- ◆ Non-motorized scooters cause more injuries to kids than any other toy.
- ◆ Every \$12 spent on a bicycle helmet for a child generates \$580 in cost-saving benefits to society.

See more at: <http://www.safekids.org>

Wappingers Central School District will be hosting Budget Presentations with the Community for the 14-15 school year at the following schools.

Gayhead April 28 7:00 pm

PTA Council John Jay May 1 7:00 pm

Oak Grove May 5 7:00 pm

District Office May 8 7:00 pm

Brinckerhoff May 12 7:00 pm

Vassar Road May 13 7:00 pm

Fishkill May 14 7:00 pm

Please feel free to attend.



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

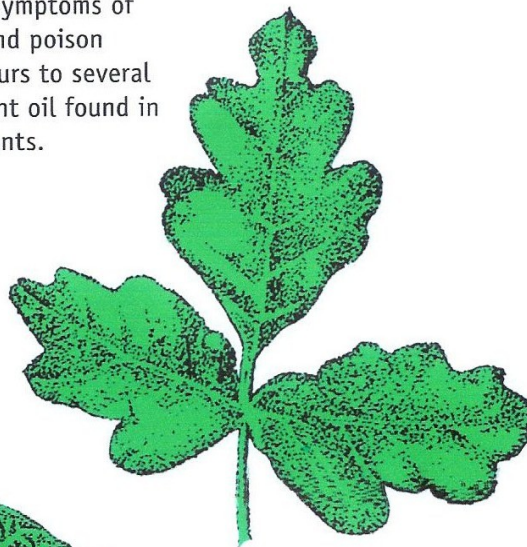
Outsmarting Poison Ivy and Other Poisonous Plants

First comes the itching, then a red rash, and then blisters. These symptoms of poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac can start from a few hours to several days after exposure to the plant oil found in the sap of these poisonous plants.



POISON IVY

Found throughout the United States except Alaska, Hawaii, and parts of the West Coast. Can grow as a vine or small shrub trailing along the ground or climbing on low plants, trees and poles. Each leaf has three glossy leaflets, with smooth or toothed edges. Leaves are reddish in spring, green in summer, and yellow, orange, or red in fall. May have greenish-white flowers and whitish-yellow berries.



POISON OAK

Grows as a low shrub in the eastern and southern United States, and in tall clumps or long vines on the Pacific Coast. Fuzzy green leaves in clusters of three are lobed or deeply toothed with rounded tips. May have yellow-white berries.



POISON SUMAC

Grows as a tall shrub or small tree in bogs or swamps in Northeast, Midwest, and parts of the Southeast. Each leaf has clusters of seven to 13 smooth-edged leaflets. Leaves are orange in spring, green in summer, and yellow, orange, or red in fall. May have yellow-greenish flowers and whitish green fruits hang in loose clusters.

Sources: National Park Service; Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Applying topical OTC skin protectants, such as zinc acetate, zinc carbonate, zinc oxide, and calamine dry the oozing and weeping of poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac.

Not Contagious

Poison ivy and other poison plant rashes can't be spread from person to person. But it is possible to pick up the rash from plant oil that may have stuck to clothing, pets, garden tools, and other items that have come in contact with these plants. The plant oil lingers (sometimes for years) on virtually any surface until it's washed off with water or rubbing alcohol.

The rash will only occur where the plant oil has touched the skin, so a person with poison ivy can't spread it on the body by scratching. It may seem like the rash is spreading if it appears over time instead of all at once. But this is either because the plant oil is absorbed at different rates on different parts of the body or because of repeated exposure to contaminated objects or plant oil trapped under the fingernails. Even if blisters break, the fluid in the blisters is not plant oil and cannot further spread the rash.

Tips for Prevention

- Learn what poison ivy, oak, and sumac plants look like so you can avoid them.
- Wash your garden tools and gloves regularly. If you think you may be working around poison ivy, wear long sleeves, long pants tucked into boots, and impermeable gloves.
- Wash your pet if it may have brushed up against poison ivy, oak, or sumac. Use pet shampoo and water while wearing rubber gloves, such as dishwashing gloves. Most pets are not sensitive to poison ivy, but the oil can stick to their fur and cause a reaction in someone who pets them.
- Wash your skin in soap and cool water as soon as possible if you come in contact with a poisonous plant. The sooner you cleanse the skin, the greater the chance that you can remove the plant oil or help prevent further spread.
- Use the topical product "Ivy Block" or "Armor" if you know you will come into contact with the poisonous plants. This FDA-approved product is available over the counter (OTC).

Tips for Treatment

Don't scratch the blisters. Bacteria from under your fingernails can get into the blisters and cause an infection. The rash, blisters, and itch normally disappear in several weeks without any treatment. But you can relieve the itch by

- using wet compresses or soaking in cool water
- applying OTC topical corticosteroid preparations or taking prescription oral corticosteroids
- applying topical OTC skin protectants, such as zinc acetate, zinc carbonate, zinc oxide, and calamine dry the oozing and weeping of poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac. Protectants such as baking soda or colloidal oatmeal relieve minor irritation and itching. Aluminum acetate is an astringent that relieves rash.

See a Doctor

- if you have a temperature over 100 F
- if there is pus, soft yellow scabs, or tenderness on the rash
- if the itching gets worse or keeps you awake at night
- if the rash spreads to your eyes, mouth, genital area, or covers more than one-fourth of your skin area
- if the rash is not improving within a few weeks.

Source: Minnesota Poison Control System

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