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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have officially entered the second marking period! Report Card Conferences were held the days prior to Thanksgiving break and were very well attended by our parents/guardians. A strong home-school connection can have a significant impact on your child's academic success. Thank you to all of you who were able to join us.

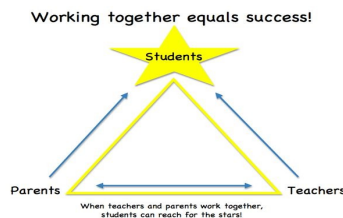
In an effort to increase instructional time for our students, I have shifted some of our dismissal procedures. We have already implemented the following changes with success: van pick

-up begins at 3:30pm, parent pick-up is at 3:35pm, and K-6 dismissal begins when our busses have arrived (usually around 3:40pm). As a reminder, early pick-ups (such as a doctor's appointment) require a note that is sent to school with your child and given to your child's teacher. Emergencies will arise, please call the main office as soon as possible to arrange an emergency pick-up – only the parent/guardian and/or the persons listed on your child's

Emergency Card will be allowed to pick-up your child in these situations. Lastly, photo ID and the nature of your visit are always required when you visit our school.

I also would like to personally thank Mrs. Kisslinger who dedicates a lot of her own time to create our Evans Newsletters each month. She does an incredible job coordinating the articles and communicating important information from our school to your home!

Warm Regards,
Lauren Guerrero
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES:

- December 6th - Holiday Boutique 7-9PM Adults Only
- December 16th - BOE Meeting WJHS 7:30PM
- December 19th - PTA Meeting 8:15AM
- December 21st - Breakfast with Santa 9-10:30AM
- December 24-January 1st - Holiday Break

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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

We have been working very hard to keep our school grounds aesthetically pleasing! Please join us in our efforts by parking in designated areas **ONLY!** Please **DO NOT** park on the grass! If you are interested in being apart of our mission, please feel free to join us!

FROM THE ART ROOM - MRS. SCHOR

Suminagashi is the Japanese art of floating ink on water. We here at J. S. Evans were lucky enough, thanks to the Arts-in-Education Funding, to have artist Christina di Marco here for three days in November. She worked with every single class and even faculty who would walk in and try this art form as well!

HISTORY: The origin and development of marbling was practiced in Japan as early as the 12th century. The first forms of Japanese marbling were called suminagashi, or ink floating. Delicate, swirled patterns were produced on paper when colors of ink were floated on the surface of the water. The artist would drop circles of black and

indigo blue ink into the water, then blow on the surface of the water to produce smoke-like patterns. Marbling later became popular with members of the Japanese royal court. They used a slightly different technique to produce suminagashi. They would decorate paper with sumi-ink then immerse the paper in water. As the inks floated to the surface, a beautiful pattern would appear. (History taken from <http://suminagashi.com/>)

All students were able to try this amazing technique using special inks and water to make two pieces of art work. We learned about surface tension, dispersing ink, and how to make different patterns. These papers

were, or will be, used in different art projects with each grade or class. For example, 6th graders learned how to make a Suminagashi covered book with concertina pages. Second graders, Mrs. Whitehouse's class and Mrs. Cardoso's class used their paper as the water background for their Claude Monet inspired waterlily pond with Japanese bridge. Third graders and Ms. Moran's class learned how to make a three-dimensional origami box form. After a fulfilling 3-days, and many days of ironing art work after, I would do this again in a heart-beat with the students just to see their amazed faces



PTA CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Sheremeta's Kindergarten Class! They won the Evans Membership Drive award. They won 50 Eagle Bucks for their class and received a Certificate of Appreciation! Thank you to all that participated it was a great success! Membership is still available for anyone interested in joining us.

We would like to thank Sue Kelly and her employer Merillat Cabinetry for donating the reusable bags provided at Halloween Fun Night!



NOTES FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

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

“Permanent Pickups” (students who are picked up every day) will require a blanket note for the year. Pick up will be at 3:35 pm.

Early pick-ups, such as doctor appointments, also require a note that should be sent into school with your child and given to the teacher.

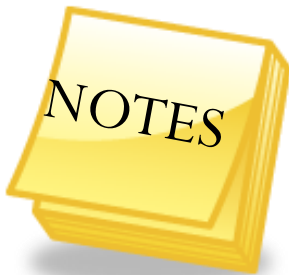
Early pick-ups are permitted up until 3:15 pm.

Photo ID and the nature of your visit are required. You will **NOT** be allowed in the building or to pick up your child if you do **NOT** have photo ID.



No child should be picked up later than 3:40 pm. Evans buses leave approximately at 3:45 pm. 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 as soon as possible to arrange an emergency pick-up. Only the student's parent/guardian and those listed on the Emergency Card will be allowed to pick up your child in these situations.



You may contact us @ 845 298-5240.

NATIVE AMERICAN DANCE - 4TH GRADE

The drum the beating of collective hearts. The rattles... the rhythm of the community. The dance ... the celebration. The songs ... the stories of a proud people. For a short period of time on November 6th the 4th grade students at Evans Elementary were transported to an earlier time engaged in authentic Native American songs and dances. Led by Dave Beck, the Native American educator from Bowdoin Park, the children were immersed in the essence of Native American Culture, the songs and dances these indigenous people used to explain and celebrate the world around them.

Mr. Beck began the program by introducing students in Mrs. Burke's class and Mr. Clarke's class to the various instruments Native Americans used and how they were made from the natural resources available. After that discussion, the children learned and sang several authentic Native American songs. In some cases, students were taught vocables (sounds) that were used in place of words. Native Americans were banned from singing the words of their songs by the early European settlers. Since, they did not have a written language, many of the words to songs were forgotten and lost forever. Fortunately, they remembered the tunes, so they filled in the missing words with sounds to carry on their traditions.

After learning some songs, it was time for the children to experience the rhythm of the ceremonies. Children had the opportunity to drum and use rattles to feel the pulse of a simulated Native American celebration. Predictably, it wasn't long before Mr. Beck had the children up and dancing. Children learned an authentic Native American dance while they continued singing. The ceremony brought the children together as a community of learners experiencing what they had learned over the last several weeks.

Finally, it was time for Mr. Beck to pack up his Native American instruments and be on his way. Students said goodbye and already are looking forward to their next learning experience with Mr. Beck. As a result of this experience, the children certainly have a better understanding of how the Eastern Woodland Native Americans connected their hearts and souls with the sounds and rhythms of the natural world around them.



POND STUDIES - 2ND & 3RD GRADES

On Thursday November 21st second and third grade classes had a visit from The Mid Hudson Children's Museum. Students participated in an engaging assemble called Pond Studies: All About the Eco-System of The Hudson River. Everyone enjoyed learning about the unique features of our great river and all of the fascinating river life that it supports. They met Steward the Sturgeon who was a life size replica of the famous river fish that feeds on the bottom of the river. The favorite part of the assembly by far was the audience participation that went along with a discussion on pollution of the river. There are many pollutants that are affecting the river. Ask your second or third grader if they know what the most dangerous pollutant is. It was great to have a wonderful local



organization like the Mid Hudson Children's Museum visit our school. It was even

SAFETY PATROL

We are in our third 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 third year, her dedication has made this a success! The following students are part of safety patrol this year:

Fifth Grade

Nicolas Cardenas	Jenna Chorba
Samantha Cossio	Arshdeep Dhaliwal
Jeffrey Fitzsimmons	Austin Lent
Ryan Tomlins	Nadia Zerafa



Sixth Grade

Rebecca Barry	Sydney Boschulte
Blendi Gjevukaj	Ashley Guaman
Christopher Guzman	Haley Hormel
Michayla Hughes	Megan MConologue
Megan McMahon	Magdalena Moranda
Anthony Morelli	Gianna Peterman
Elizabeth Potapova	Arianna Rostron
Oscar Ortiz	Thomas Schaff
Amouriana Thomison	ShalaTorres
Albijana Ukaj	Quincy Wilcox
Ava Zorilo	

JDRF FUNDRAISER

Our school hosted a JDRF Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes on 11/13/2013—so that we could help our community and the kids and families that are affected by T1D. We want to make a difference! The children walked with the entire school, even though it was a very cold day, everyone who participated enjoyed themselves. It was a wonderful display of teamwork and giving back to the community. Evans raised \$1,115.02! Thank you for all the donations!



To All Sixth Grade Students and Families:

We invite you to participate in Guess that Baby which will be featured in our yearbook.

We would love to see our graduating 6th grade's baby pictures in the yearbook for the popular can you guess who the baby is?

Please send in your picture and the form that was provided in a **SEALED ENVELOPE** addressed to:

Baby Photos

Evans Yearbook Committee

No Later than: Friday, December 13th!

Please write your name on the back of the picture if you would like it returned

We look forward to seeing all those baby faces!!!!



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



Friday, December 6th



7:00 to 9:00 pm

A night of Adults Only Shopping Fun!

Come to a place that's fun and entertaining! Leave the kids with a sitter. 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

