

### **Parent Survey - Bond Proposal Input**

Last week Thursday, Dr. Cooper, APS's Superintendent, sent a letter to all Allendale parents and guardians about the Bond Proposal that was voted on this summer. In the letter, he shared that the administration and steering committee are seeking additional input from the community on the main elements of the proposal. Over the last week, we have received a significant number of survey responses but would love to see that number grow even larger. If you have not completed the survey and would be willing to share your thoughts, we would greatly appreciate it. The survey is set to close on September 16 and can be accessed through this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P7RF33X>

### **PBIS Assemblies**

On Tuesday, we invited each of the grade levels to attend our Positive Behavior Supports and Interventions (PBIS) assemblies in the gymnasium where Mr. VanderWal and I spent time talking with our students about Evergreen's 3Rs. Evergreen's 3Rs - Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn - are the core expectations we have for our students. The Evergreen staff weaves the 3Rs into every aspect of our day, including expectations that are set in the classroom, on the playground, and in the cafeteria. During the assemblies, we introduced our Falcon Tickets and Falconhead Tokens, both of which are used to recognize students who are demonstrating behaviors that align with the 3Rs. After the assemblies were finished, staff commented on how well our students did during the assemblies and we are excited to see how high our students will fly this year!

### **M45 Celebration Event**

Are you looking for something fun to do around town on Saturday, September 14? Come join the fun at Allendale's M45 Celebration Event. Activities include a Fun Run, Carnival Rides, a Craft Fair and Farmer's Market, Food Trucks, plus much more. Take a look at the attached flyer for more details.

### **Allendale Encouragement Team (AET)**

The Allendale Encouragement Team (AET) needs your help! The heart of this group is to send a monthly note to encourage teachers and staff. That's where you come in! Sign up for a teacher (or two) to encourage each month, October to May (8 times), by way of a note sent to the school office via your student or yourself. We will provide you with a favorites list for the teacher(s) you sign up for via email if you'd like to send in a treat with your note. The treat isn't required, but if you do, keep it under \$5, please. Any questions, email us at [APSencouragement@gmail.com](mailto:APSencouragement@gmail.com) or check out the flyer. [Join our Facebook Group at AET - Making a Difference!](#)

♥ ECC - <https://tinyurl.com/25422cru>

♥ Evergreen - <https://tinyurl.com/4dhbpbn>

♥ Oakwood - <https://tinyurl.com/yc7nkk66>

♥ Middle School - <https://tinyurl.com/4e7veb2e>

♥ High School - <https://tinyurl.com/22vhdkxc>

### **Hand2Hand Program**

Hand2Hand is a program that helps provide students with food for the weekends and is intended to assist families that are experiencing a financial burden. If your student would benefit from this opportunity, please complete this form. Check out our [Google Form](#) to sign up.

### **Evergreen - Encouraging Excellence in Attendance**

Evergreen Elementary School started using an attendance email address last year and, after receiving positive feedback, we have decided to use it again this year. Any time that your child is going to be absent, we request

that you either call the office or send an email message through our attendance email address. The attendance email address is [evattendance@apsfalcons.net](mailto:evattendance@apsfalcons.net) or you can go to Evergreen's webpage and find a link along the right-hand side of the screen: <https://www.allendale.k12.mi.us/schools/elementary/>.

### **Picture Date - October 1**

On October 1, Geskus Photography will be in the Evergreen building for our annual Picture Day. Packets will be coming home with your student in a couple of weeks.

### **Reminder: School Safety Week**

Over the next couple of weeks, the district's school buildings will participate in a district-wide School Safety Week. Throughout that week, all buildings and departments will practice each of our district safety drills. Students' safety and well-being are of the utmost importance to us, and we look forward to increasing their awareness of the procedures we would take in a variety of emergency situations.

### **Reminder: Allendale's K-5 Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) - Invitation**

Allendale Public Schools has been blessed for many years with a tremendous PTO. Each year the PTO contributes to the success of our schools through their involvement. Along with organizing very successful fundraisers, the PTO creates and assists with a variety of student activities throughout the year. If you are looking for ways to be more informed about the school system, or are seeking ways to be involved, we invite you to attend our PTO meetings. Our first PTO Parent Meeting of the year will be Wednesday, September 11 from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm in Evergreen's East Library.

I have attached two PTO documents to this email for your review. One is a weekly newsletter from the PTO that includes event information and meeting dates. The second document is an overview page that includes information about the organization and its plans for the 24-25 school year.

### **Student Activities**

#### **Allendale Youth Basketball**

Any 3rd - 6th grade boys or girls interested in participating in a youth basketball program, we have news for you! Registration is happening soon. A parent meeting will be held on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 pm in Allendale's Early Childhood Center gymnasium with registration held on Monday, September 30 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the AECC gym. You can find a flyer with this information attached.

#### **Girls in Aviation Day Event**

The Women in Aviation Great Lakes Chapter is hosting a Girls in Aviation Day Event on September 21st from 11-3 at Avflight - Grand Rapids Airport. This year will mark the 10th Annual Girls in Aviation Day, an event put on by various chapters of Women in Aviation International to inspire young people to expand their interest and explore the opportunities available in the aerospace industry. A flyer with registration information is attached.

The event highlights include:

- Static Aircraft, Fuel Truck, Tug, Fire Truck, and Snow Removal Equipment
- Airfield Tours in an Operations Cruiser
- Aircraft Marshaling Lessons
- Aviation-themed arts and crafts
- VFR Sectional Scavenger Hunt
- Avionics Adventures
- ATC Simulator
- Safety Wiring Demonstration
- Panel-style discussions and more!

#### **Total Trek Quest**

TTQ is a running club for boys in 3rd through 5th grade. It is a great opportunity for young boys to engage in physical activity and develop their running skills. The program will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:20 - 5:00 pm. Third-grade students will meet a coach outside of the office and walk over to Oakwood with the team coach. TTQ starts on Monday, September 9, and will end on November 16. The cost to participate is \$50.00. If you have any questions or if you'd like assistance with something else, feel free to contact [TTQ@arborcircle.org](mailto:TTQ@arborcircle.org). A flyer with more information is attached to this email and the registration site is: <https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/AOFall2024>

Respectfully,  
Doug Bol, Principal  
Evergreen Elementary School