

Good Afternoon Evergreen Families,

Here is some information that we would like to share with you:

Allendale Public Schools' Family C.A.R.E. Team Highlights

- Cold Weather Clothing

As November draws near, so does the promise of cold weather. Our Family C.A.R.E. Team is partnering with LOVE, INC to help support families in need of winter gear for their children. If you need some assistance in this area, please see [this flyer for more information](#).

- Holiday Helpers Info

The APS Family CARE and Love INC will be running their annual Holiday Helpers program. If your family is experiencing financial hardship and needs assistance during the Holidays, please read our [English Language Letter](#) or our [Spanish Language Letter](#) for more information about applying to the Holiday Helpers program. Applications can be dropped off at Love INC or brought back to school to be given to a Family CARE Team Member.

- Parent Engagement Nights

The APS Family CARE Team is teaming up with Coopersville's Schools to support our families and students by creating Parent Engagement and Learning Opportunities. The first engagement night will be a Parent Cafe on November 7th at Allendale Middle School Cafeteria. Parent Cafes are designed to address stigmas around mental health and behavioral health challenges within families by providing a safe space for caregivers to share lived experiences and receive concrete support. The November 7th Parent Cafe "Let's Taco About It" will address how parents can handle tough feelings and situations. Here is a [flyer they have created](#) that contains additional information. Meals and Daycare are provided during the event.

- November Food Drive

Over the years, the APS staff has led a food collection effort to support our student-based services of Manna Meals and Hand-to-Hand programs during the Thanksgiving season. You can find more information about our food drive by clicking here: [November Food Drive](#). Please note that our food collection will run from November 18-22. Thank you so much for your support!

Trunk or Treat - Rotary Club

The AHS Rotary Interact Club is hosting its annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm at the Evergreen Elementary bus loop. The bus loop will be available for set up starting at 3:45 pm on the 27th. We are looking for people or groups of people from APS staff and organizations who would like to host and decorate a trunk and hand out candy. We had a lot of families show up for the event the last couple of years and it has been a blast. If you would like to host a trunk for this event, please fill out the following form to reserve a spot. We have room for about 40 trunks and we'll fill them on a first come first serve basis. <https://forms.gle/59VTw2oM4BtEfnuq8>. Thank you from the Allendale High School Rotary Interact Club!

Volunteers Needed to Help in Evergreen's Morning Drop-Off Loops

In September, we reached out to our families with an opportunity to volunteer in our morning drop-off loops. The Google form that we had used was not working as it should have been, so we wanted to throw this opportunity out to our families again, in case we missed any of you who may have been interested earlier this fall.

If you would be willing to work alongside our morning drop-off loop staff members to welcome students as they come out of their vehicles and ensure their safe entrance into the building, we would love to hear from you. We are asking volunteers to help support our student drop-off process from 8:20 am until 8:40 am.

If you are interested in volunteering in this way, please complete [this Google form](#). The form will give us information that we can use to get you on the schedule.

Reminder: Halloween Costumes

Wow, the excitement for Halloween just keeps growing around the building. Our teachers are planning to include Halloween activities in their school day on Thursday, October 31. Students are invited to wear their costumes during their classroom activities on the 31st. Your child's teacher will send home specific details about their schedule and their plans in the near future.

I do want to remind our families that our costume policy does not allow toy weapons of any kind, nor costumes that include pretend blood. If your child's costume includes these items, please keep those items at home. Also, we do ask that you encourage your child to wear a costume that is age-appropriate for elementary students. Thank you so much for your attention to these requests.

Reminder: Halloween Party Pre-Check-In


Some of our classrooms will be celebrating Halloween with small classroom parties and will be sending home details of their plans soon. If you plan to come help, or just visit, we encourage you to do a "pre-check-in" through our visitor registration machine, called Raptor. Family members who are able to come in early to do a "pre-check-in" will be able to avoid waiting in line on the day of the party. Both Evergreen offices will be open for "pre-check-in" from Monday, October 21 through the morning of Halloween.


Reminder: iChat Forms

If you hope to be an Evergreen volunteer in any capacity this year, we will need to have a current iChat form on file for you. You may stop by either of the Evergreen offices with your driver's license where a member of our office team will help you update your iChat.

Allendale Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Update

We have lots of great opportunities to get involved and have fun with your family! See below & find more information in our [Newsletter!](#)

 Nov. 2nd (Saturday), 3 pm - Join us for our first GVSU Football Game \$18/ticket. Get your tickets [HERE!](#)

 Nov. 16th (Saturday), 4-6 pm @ Allendale High School we are hosting our Hollywood Red Carpet Family Formal. Special early bird pricing is available now until 11:59 pm Oct. 18th: \$10/person with a family max of \$40 [HERE](#). Ticket prices will increase on Oct. 19th, so be sure to purchase early for the best rate!

Activities for Students

- Allendale Youth Wrestling will hold a sign-up event on November 5 and November 6 at the Middle School Multipurpose Room from 6:00 - 7:00 pm each evening. There is more information in this [Allendale Youth Wrestling Flyer](#).