

Good Afternoon Evergreen Families,

Here are a few things that are going on in Evergreen that we want to update you on:

“A Thanksgiving Celebration” Musical Production

This is a reminder that on Wednesday and Thursday nights, November 20 and 21, our second and third-grade students will be performing their Music Program called “A Thanksgiving Celebration.” We are excited to see our students on stage and encourage you to attend if you are able. The programs will be held in the Ceglarek Fine Arts Center and the performance schedule is:

Wednesday, November 20

6:30 p.m. Show includes the following classrooms: Gravelyn, Nusbaum, Reister, Baker/Vruggink, Timmerman

7:30 p.m. Show includes the following classrooms: Johnston, Maness, Chapin, Herrmann

Thursday, November 21

6:30 p.m. Show includes the following classrooms: Dykstra, VanDyken, Hanson, Persak

7:30 p.m. Show includes the following classrooms: Koning, Powell, Molenkamp, Oslund

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!

Evergreen’s Lost & Found

The Evergreen Lost and Found table and racks are overflowing. If you feel like you may be missing a child’s sweatshirt, jacket, or shoes, we would encourage you to stop by school to check out the lost and found. Also, it is always helpful to us, when we pick up coats or sweatshirts on the playground, to find the name of the owner written on the inside tag. If you are able to label any of your children’s items, that dramatically increases the chance of us getting it back to the right person.

Winter Art Show

Join us at the opening reception of the District Winter Art Show on Monday, December 2nd from 5:30-7:00 PM at the Ceglarek Fine Arts Center (CFAC) Art Gallery Lobby. Selected artists from each school will have artwork on display. During the reception, we will provide live music, art activities, and refreshments for all who attend. If you cannot make the opening reception, please take the time to stop by the CFAC between December 3rd - December 20th to view the work of our exceptional artists. We hope you can join us for a night of celebration and fun. We look forward to seeing you there!

Allendale Encouragement Team (AET) Updates

- Time to decorate for the holidays! Make a beautiful holiday porch pot at Dekker Bros Farms off of 68th on Thursday, November 21 from 7 - 9 pm. All the information can be found on our Facebook event by searching Porch Pot Party: An AET Fundraiser. Proceeds go back to support APS teachers and staff! ([attached graphic](#)).
- Don't be a cotton-headed ninny muggins and miss this sweet morning with Buddy the Elf! Join us in your pajamas for pancakes, games, prizes, crafts, balloon animals, and more on Saturday, December 7 from 8-10 am at Oakwood! \$5 per person/\$20 family max for all the food and fun! All proceeds go back to your APS teachers and staff. ([attached graphic](#) and [event link](#)).

Allendale Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Events & Activities

The PTO is taking the *STRESS* out of fundraising with the **NO FUSS FUNDRAISER**!

♥ You can make a real difference without adding to your already busy schedule.

♥ Investing in the PTO shows your support for enriching your child's school experience.

♥ Want more details? **Take a look here:** https://docs.google.com/document/d/17mWhqyAF095g9QxIYNd9_HxN7dGM-xjgw4kHpG1p2rA/edit?usp=sharing

♥ **Please Donate Here Today:** <https://www.zeffy.com/fundraising/39eb7502-0f41-4796-b6f6-76f9183fbe78>

Check out the updated PTO newsletter **here:** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MR7Sq3PeX6V1GvJ2zL7QSQZzG7EH27YfUNpDHXQQRo/edit?usp=sharing>

Student Activities

- [Girls on the Run](#) registration opens soon! GOTR is open to 3rd-5th grade girls, The season begins on March 10th and goes through the celebration 5k on May 31st. We will have a M/W team and a T/Th team. Registration will open on Dec 1 and run through Dec 12. When registration opens it will be available on the [GOTR website](#). For this coming GOTR season we need a couple of volunteer coaches, please [fill out an application](#) if you are interested in volunteering. For any questions about volunteering there is a helpful FAQ section on the page and an "email us" button if you have further questions.

Respectfully,

Doug Bol, Principal
Evergreen Elementary School