

Here are a few new items for your attention plus a few reminders of events coming up...

Picture Retakes

Evergreen students will have an opportunity for school picture retakes on November 6.

Also, students who are participating in a before-school Music group with Mr. DeZwaan will have group pictures taken on the 6th as well.

World Diabetes Day - Monday, November 14

On Thursday, November 14, all APS staff and students are invited to participate in recognizing World Diabetes Awareness Day. To show support for those who live with Diabetes we hope to have all staff and students wear blue. Encourage your child to wear as much blue as possible as a way to say "we support you" to our APS students and staff with Diabetes.

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

Reminder: 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 including a QR Code that takes you to the reservations page. We are asking that all attendees make a reservation so that we have the right amount of food for everyone. 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!

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

Family members - 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: 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. 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](#).