

Good Afternoon Evergreen Families,

Here are a few notes for your attention:

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

This coming Thursday, January 9, is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Allendale Public Schools is encouraging all staff & students in the district to wear blue on Thursday, in honor of all law enforcement personnel, and especially Deputy John Ortman. By wearing blue on Thursday, we can demonstrate to Deputy Ortman how much we appreciate him and all he does for APS. Deputy Ortman continues to be an incredibly valuable member of the APS team. He not only helps keep our students, staff, and buildings safe, but he also serves as a tremendous role model and coach for our students. Deputy Ortman is appreciated!

January PTO Meeting

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Please plan to join us in Evergreen's East Media Center at 6:15 pm to learn about events the PTO has held so far this year and the variety of ways to get involved in upcoming events that are planned for the second semester. Hope to see you there!

Reminder: 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 the 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. I have attached several photos of the lost and found racks for you to take a look at. [Photo 1](#), [Photo 2](#), [Photo 3](#), [Photo 4](#), [Photo 5](#)

Records Days and Report Cards

Thursday, January 16 and Friday, January 17 are half-days for our students and are designated as "Records Days" which give our teaching staff additional time to finalize students' grades and report cards. Report cards will be sent home with students on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 21. Please note that the release time for Evergreen students is 12:01 on half-days.

Pre-School Registration and Open House

On January 16, the Allendale Early Childhood Center will hold its [Preschool Open House event](#) from 5:30-6:30 pm. Both the AECC and the Evergreen West buildings will host Open Houses and we would encourage you to stop by both locations to meet our teaching staff and check out the classrooms.

APS C.A.R.E. Team's Parent Engagement Nights

The APS Family CARE Team is, once again, teaming up with Coopersville's Schools to support our families and students through a [Parent Engagement Event titled "The Great Disconnect."](#) "The Great Disconnect" event will take place at the Coopersville High School's Centerstage Theater on January 21 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. You are all invited to attend.

Attendance: Every Day Counts for Your Child's Success

Did you know that regular school attendance is directly linked to academic achievement? When students attend school consistently, they not only build a strong foundation of knowledge but also develop important life skills such as time management, responsibility, and a love for learning. Your child's daily presence contributes to a positive and supportive classroom environment, creating a vibrant community of learners.

As family members, your involvement in your child's education is invaluable. By ensuring your child attends school regularly, you are playing a crucial role in their academic and personal development. [Consistent](#)

[attendance sets the stage for future success](#), building the skills and habits that will serve them well throughout their educational journey and beyond. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to your child's education. Together, we can make the second half of the school year a fantastic and enriching experience for all!

Student Activities

- The Allendale Township Library is hosting a [Winter Reading Program](#) for kids and adults. Students will bring home a flyer this week that contains more information about the program. The program runs from January 2 through March 1.
- Allendale Little League is looking for any boys or girls interested in playing baseball or softball this upcoming spring! Registration is open now. Early bird registration goes through January 17th, regular registration goes through February 17th and late registration goes through February 28th. Practices will begin in April, and games will be April-June! Feel free to visit the Allendale Little League website (www.allendalelittleleague.org) or find us on Facebook for more details!
- [NFL Flag Football](#) is the largest flag football program in the country. The NFL Flag Football League gives student-athletes an opportunity to compete and continue to work on their football development skills throughout the spring season. NFL Flag Football League will begin play this Spring 2025 at West Ottawa High School's state-of-the-art turf football stadium. The program will also offer an All Girls NFL Flag Football division. Registration is currently open and will end April 2, 2025. Scholarships are available for families in need.
- 📣 Allendale Champion Force Cheer - Spring Registration is open here for ages 4+. Practices are on Thursday evenings for 16 weeks beginning February 6th, and cost just \$10/week! - Class Code 14218 - [Register today!](#)
- 🏐 Allendale Youth Volleyball Camps *Starting in January!* 1st - 6th Grade - Cost \$35-\$75. All information is provided on the registration form found [here!](#)

Respectfully,

Doug Bol, Principal
Evergreen Elementary School