

Here are a few notes for your attention:

### **Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Ups Open Tonight**

On Wednesday, March 12, and Thursday, March 13, the entire district will hold parent-teacher conferences. As in the fall, our K-5 conference times will run from 12:30-3:30 pm and 5:00-8:00 pm. Our parent-teacher conference sign-up window will open this evening at 7:00 pm. Attached to this email, you will find step-by-step instructions that include the master password: ([English Version](#)) ([Spanish Version](#)). Our sign-up system, called Virtual Paragon, will remain open until noon on March 10. If you have difficulty with any part of the sign-up process, please contact the school office at 616.892.3470.

Also, please note that March 12 and March 13 are half-days for students. Evergreen's half-day dismissal time is 12:01 p.m., Oakwood's is 11:52 a.m., and the ECC's dismissal time is 12:10 p.m. Additionally, don't forget that Friday, March 14 is a "No School Day" for all APS students.

### **March is Reading Month (MiRM)**

March is a great month for a number of reasons, and one of those is the fact that March is Reading Month. We have been fancying up the month of March for a number of years now in celebration of the gifts of reading and books. This coming March will be no exception! Our MiRM team has put together a great calendar for the month which includes a number of fun theme days. [Here is the link to our calendar of events](#). An additional event that you won't find listed on the calendar is an Author Assembly on March 27, sponsored by our Amazing Reading Bus and the PTO. Local author, Aaron Zenz, will be engaging our students in assemblies throughout the day.

### **Mental Health Committee Rolls Out "Beat the Blahs" Week**

Next week, our Mental Health Committee is organizing a "Beat the Blahs" Spirit Week! As winter is near its end, often this is the time of year when the "Blahs" can set in. We plan to beat those blahs by having a week filled with Spirit Days and fun activities that are designed to take care of our students' and staff's mental health while emphasizing Evergreen's culture of belonging for all students and staff. Check out this [Beat the Blahs](#) page for more information on our Spirit Days.

### **Evergreen Elementary School Scholastic Book Fair: March 12 and 13**

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading. During Parent-Teacher conferences, please stop at the media center to visit our Scholastic Book Fair, where we will have a wonderful selection of affordable books. The book fair will be open for families to shop on March 12 and 13, 2025. Shopping hours will be from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Students will also have the opportunity to preview and shop the fair during the school days that week. We hope to see you at the book fair!

### **PTO's "reAd Fundraiser and Challenge" Beginning Soon!**

We have a great Elementary PTO that works very hard to support our students. One of their very successful projects has been a fundraiser that focused on students' reading. The PTO has decided to run the fundraiser, named the "reAd Fundraiser and Challenge" from March 3 to March 24. This afternoon, your child brought home a packet of information about the fundraiser. We have also included an [electronic copy of the packet here](#). We hope that you and your child will take part in our fun reading challenge. Thanks so much for your support. Happy Reading!

### **Evergreen Fine Arts Night - March 25**

Evergreen Fine Arts Night is Tuesday, March 25, and our Art Department is in need of volunteers to help hang art. If you are interested in helping with this, [please check out this sign-up genius site.](#)

### **Upcoming PTO Events**

#### Allendale Schools Day @ GVSU!

Saturday, March 1st

Women's Game - 1:00 p.m.

Men's Game - 3:00 p.m.

[Tickets](#) are good for both events!

Apply Coupon Code APTO to waive all fees and support our PTO!

\*LMDA Dancers will perform during the Men's Basketball halftime.

#### Allendale Spirit Night @ [Urban Air - Holland!](#)

Thursday, March 13th

4:00-8:00 p.m.

Exclusive Spirit Night Pricing:

\$30.99 Platinum Attractions

\$26.99 Ultimate Attractions

\$19.99 Deluxe Attractions

Mention Spirit Night and 20% of the proceeds are donated to the PTO!

#### Allendale Bowling Night @ [Hudsonville Lanes](#)

Tuesday, April 29th

6:00-8:00 p.m.

\$15/Bowler includes 2 hours of bowling + shoe rental!

★ Order [Tickets](#) Today! ★

Respectfully,