Good Evening Evergreen Families,

Here are several important items for your attention:

Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Ups Open Tonight

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. Our sign-up system, called Virtual Paragon, will be open until noon on March 11. If you have difficulty with any part of the sign-up process, please contact the school office at 892.3470.

Also, please note that March 13 and March 14 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 15 is a "No School Day" for all APS students.

Evergreen Elementary School Scholastic Book Fair: February 13 and 14

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 13 and 14, 2024. 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" again this year and it will run from March 4-17. This afternoon, your child brought home a packet of information about the fundraiser. We have also attached an electronic copy of the packet to this email. We hope that you and your child will take part in our fun reading challenge. Thanks so much for your support. Happy Reading!

APS Elementary "March is Reading Month" Spirit Days

March is awesome! We are looking forward to promoting the love of reading in our Evergreen students and all month long we have special Y5-5 spirit days scheduled that we hope will fire up our students to read, read, read!! Inside the PTO's 2024 reAd Challenge Fundraiser attachment you will find a "March is Reading Month" calendar that includes a list of important dates.

Allendale Encouragement Team's Jet's Pizza Fundraiser

On Tuesday, March 5th from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm, The AET is doing a Jet's Pizza fundraiser (lunch AND dinner time). The AET receives 15% in sales when you mention AET when you order over the phone and in person. Please see the attached flyer for more information!

World D's Day

Thursday, March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day! This day was chosen because people with Down syndrome have 3 copies of the 21st chromosome. Evergreen will recognize World Down Syndrome Day, along with the other buildings in the district, in the hope that we can spark conversations about diversity, uniqueness, inclusion, and acceptance! Students will be

encouraged to wear crazy or mismatched socks or to wear blue and yellow which are the colors of Down Syndrome awareness!

Respectfully,

Doug Bol, Principal Evergreen Elementary School