

Good Afternoon Evergreen Families,

Here are a few notes for your attention:

Evergreen T-Shirts Coming Home Thursday

Allendale has been blessed with an incredible PTO. The PTO leadership team has made a big effort to fundraise over the past number of years to support events and initiatives in the buildings that ultimately benefit our students. Creating a strong community within our school building is important work and has positive benefits on students' well-being and achievement. One way that the PTO is supporting this effort is through gifting each student and staff member of Evergreen with an Evergreen t-shirt. The t-shirts have come in and we are sending them home with your student tomorrow (Thursday). We would love to have all Evergreen wear their new building t-shirts on Monday, January 8, as we kick off the second half of the school year together, as a close-knit community of learners.

APS Holiday Spirit Week

Evergreen's students and staff have been having a great time with our Holiday Spirit Week. We have seen a wide variety of holiday-themed clothing and accessories in the building over the past couple of days and along with that, a growing amount of excitement for Christmas. As a reminder, Thursday's theme is Festive Flannel or Awesome Animal Print Day and then Friday's theme is Polar Express Day when students are invited to wear their most cozy clothes or PJs.

Holiday Break

Allendale Public Schools' last day of school before our holiday break is Friday, December 22. We will have a full day of school on the 22nd and classes will be back in session on Monday, January 8. We wish you a fabulous Christmas and Holiday season.

New Attendance/Absence Component

In our continuous effort to refine our processes and procedures, we have decided to add a new component to our attendance process that we hope will streamline things a bit. We have added a new attendance email address and would like to request that, any time your child is going to be absent, you either call the office or send an email message through our attendance email address. The attendance email address is evattendance@apsfalcons.net or you can go to Evergreen's webpage and find a link along the righthand side of the screen: <https://www.allendale.k12.mi.us/schools/elementary/>. Thank you for your help with this.

Notes from the PTO:

APS PTO Boots and Bling Family Dance*

Right around the corner is the PTO's "Boots and Bling Family Dance" (January 20, 2024, at the Allendale High School from 2-4 pm or 6-8 pm). There are two dance times, both with the same theme and activities for families to choose what time fits them best. The PTO needs some helpers before, during, and after. Please see the attached flyer for more information, the dances are sponsored by our wonderful APS PTO! *Please note - this event replaces the Sweetheart and Shamrock dances. This will be the only family dance event for this school year.

[Volunteer Sign-Up Link](#)

[Amazon Wish List Link](#)

January PTO Meeting

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Please plan to join us in the Evergreen media center at 6:00 pm to learn about the variety of events the PTO has held so far this year and to get involved in some of the upcoming events in the new year. There are a variety of ways to be involved, we hope to see you there!

Merry Christmas,

Doug Bol, Principal
Evergreen Elementary