

Good Afternoon Evergreen Families,

Here are a few notes for your attention:

Evergreen Day

On January 8, our first day back to school following the New Year, we are celebrating our Evergreen community by wearing our new Evergreen T-shirts. When you have a moment, ask your child to go set out the shirt so it is all ready to go on Monday morning :). The APS team is looking forward to seeing our kids soon!

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

This coming Tuesday, January 9, is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Allendale Public Schools is encouraging all staff & students in the district to wear blue on Tuesday, in honor of all law enforcement personnel, but especially Deputy John Ortman. By wearing blue on Tuesday, 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!

Michigan's SMILE Dental Program

Coming in April!! The Michigan SMILE Program. This is a mobile Dental Program that will be coming to our schools on April 26th. This program offers preventative and restorative care to our students including Examinations, cleanings, X-rays, fillings, Fluoride treatments, and simple extractions. Most Dental insurances, including Medicaid, cover 100% of the services that are provided. If you are interested, please see the attached flyer for more information. Permission forms will be sent home with your child in the upcoming weeks. There will also be an electronic version available on the flyer below. Our Mission is to improve oral health for children who may not regularly see a dentist while making it easy and convenient for you!

Reminders:

• 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 right-hand side of the screen: <https://www.allendale.k12.mi.us/schools/elementary/>. Thank you for your help with this.

• 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!

[Volunteer Sign-Up Link](#)

[Amazon Wish List Link](#)

*Please note - this event replaces the Sweetheart and Shamrock dances. This will be the only family dance event for this school year.

- **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!

Respectfully,

Doug Bol, Principal
Evergreen Elementary