

Good Evening Evergreen Families,

Here are several important items for your attention:

### **M-STEP Update**

Our third-graders took the ELA portion of the M-STEP test last week, and I was so proud of the way they gave their best effort! I want to thank our third-grade staff members and our third-grade families for supporting our students through the assessment. Next week on Tuesday, our third-grade students will take the second part of their M-STEP test, the Math portion.

### **No School for Students - May 2**

On Friday, May 2, our staff will participate in a professional development day. All APS students will have a no-school day.

### **Allendale Encouragement Team (AET)**

The AET is gearing up for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, the week of May 5! They want to give you the opportunity to support the week's events, gifts, and fun with a "Sponsor a Teacher or Staff Member" hands-off option! You can sponsor someone for the whole week for just \$15. All you need to do is send Venmo over to @christie-tidd or use the QR code, or drop off cash or a check to one of the offices, and the AET will pick it up! You can follow along with the week's activities on their FB page "Allendale Encouragement Team". Because when it comes to showing love to our teachers... we're *right on Target!*

### **May Munch and Mingles - Parent Involvement Opportunity**

Reminder that on Friday, May 9, we are inviting our 1st-grade families to come in for our second Munch and Mingle lunch event. Then, on Friday, May 16, we would like to have our 2nd-grade families come in, and on Friday, May 23, our 3rd-grade families are invited to come in for lunch with their students. You can find more information, including a sign-up link, here: [First Grade Munch and Mingle](#), [Second Grade Munch and Mingle](#), [Third Grade Munch and Mingle](#)

### **Evergreen Lost and Found**

The Evergreen Lost and Found table and racks continue to overflow. 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. Items that are not claimed by the end of May will be donated to the Ripple Effect Resale Store. I have attached several photos of the lost and found racks for you to take a look at.

[LF1](#) [LF2](#) [LF3](#) [LF4](#) [LF5](#) [LF6](#) [LF7](#)

### **Total Trek Quest Community 5K**

Evergreen families are invited to the Total Trek Quest (TTQ) Community 5k. TTQ would love to have members of the community come out to walk/run/move alongside program participants as they achieve their goal of the final 5k. Check out the [flyer to register and learn more](#). Hope to see you there!

### **Teddy Bear Drive**

One of our High School students is working to complete her Eagle Project for Scouting America (previously known as BSA). She is working with Billy Bear Hug, a nonprofit organization that gives stuffed bears to children in children's hospitals across West Michigan, by hosting a bear drive. The drive will be from April 28 to May 18. We are supporting our high schooler's project by placing donation boxes in the Elementary school offices for the drive. [A flyer with more information can be found here.](#)

### **PTO Family Activities**

 Hudsonville Lanes Family Bowling Night - April 29th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

\$15/Bowler - Includes 2 hours of Bowling + Shoe Rental

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/allendale-pto-spring-bowling-night>

 West Michigan Whitecaps Allendale Family Night - May 11th, 2:00 PM


Support the Singing Falcons and kick off your Summer with the West Michigan Whitecaps!

\$18/person - Allendale Singing Falcons sing the National Anthem

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Allendalefamily41>

 Final PTO Parent Informational Meeting - May 14th, 6:15 - 7:15 PM

Meet us at the Evergreen East Media Center for our last PTO meeting of the year!

 West Michigan Whitecaps Allendale Family Night - June 20th, 6:35 PM

Support the Falcon Kids Choir and enjoy the fireworks at West Michigan Whitecaps!

\$18/person - Falcon Kids Choir will sing the National Anthem

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Allendalefamily4>

## **Student Activities**

- **Allendale Rocket Football**

We are excited to announce that registration for Allendale Rocket Football is now open and will remain open until August 1! The season kicks off with practices beginning August 4, and games will run for six weeks starting on September 6. Rocket Football has two divisions. The first, Flag Football, is open to students entering Kindergarten through 2nd grade. The second division is Tackle Football, which is open to students entering 3rd through 8th grade. This is a great opportunity for kids to learn the fundamentals of football, build teamwork skills, and have fun in a supportive, community-focused environment. To register or learn more, please visit: <https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/allendalerocket>

- **AYSO Soccer**

AYSO Soccer is gearing up for its spring season with registration open from April 13 - May 30. To find out more about registration and the need for coaches, [click on this link.](#)

- **GVSU Football Camp:** [see attached flyer for more details](#)

- **Allendale Robotics**

Exciting Robotics for K-1st Graders!

Allendale Robotics is giving our youngest learners a hands-on start in coding with VEX 123 robots—no computer needed! Using physical cards and the VEX Coder, students explore programming concepts by making their robot move, play sounds, and more. It's a fun, screen-free way to build problem-solving and creativity skills early on. Want to learn more? [Check out this information.](#)

STEM Learning & Robotics for 2nd-3rd Graders!

Allendale Robotics is bringing hands-on STEM excitement to our 2nd and 3rd grade students with VEX GO! Students dive into interactive challenges that boost problem-solving, teamwork, and perseverance - all while learning real scientific concepts. Whether your child attends Allendale Public Schools, another school, or is homeschooled, they're always welcome to join the fun. [To learn more or sign up, click here.](#)

- **Camp Invention**

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Allendale Public Schools is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed Camp Invention program to our students entering grades K-6th in the fall. It's an exciting summer adventure with lessons that explore connections between science, technology, engineering, and innovation. Students will work together to seek solutions to real-world problems and sharpen critical 21st-century learning skills while rotating through several fascinating modules. The camp will be held at Allendale Middle School from August 4 through August 7. If you would like to check out Camp Invention, you can find out more at [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org).