Good Afternoon Evergreen Families,

Here are several important items for your attention:

### **M-STEP Approaching**

Next week, Evergreen's third-grade students will begin participating in Michigan's state assessment, named M-STEP. Our students will take tests in Math and English Language Arts (ELA). The results of the M-STEP are valuable to our staff and administration as we work to continually improve the teaching and learning that happens in our buildings. I have attached a <u>flyer from the M-STEP website</u> that has suggestions on how families can help their students be well-prepared for the tests. Please take a few minutes to look it over and consider ways that you can help.

#### 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.

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

During the winter months, Evergreen tried out a new idea that allowed family members an opportunity to join their child for lunch. We called these events "Munch and Mingles." We received positive feedback from families who were able to come into the building to lunch with their children, so much so that we have decided to offer one more Munch and Mingle opportunity for each grade level before the school year ends. On Friday, May 9, we would like to extend an invitation to our 1st grade families to come in for lunch. On Friday, May 16, we would like to invite our 2nd-grade families, and on Friday, May 23, we would like to invite our 3rd-grade families. 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

## **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 <u>flyer to register and learn more</u>. Hope to see you there!

### **PTO Family Activities**

Hudsonville Lanes Family Bowling Night - April 29th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM \$15/Bowler - Includes 2 hours of Bowling + Shoe Rental <a href="https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/allendale-pto-spring-bowling-night">https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/allendale-pto-spring-bowling-night</a>

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
<a href="https://www.gofevo.com/event/Allendalefamily41">https://www.gofevo.com/event/Allendalefamily41</a>

# 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**

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, <u>click on this link.</u>

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? <u>Check out this information.</u>

### 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.

Respectfully,

Doug Bol, Principal
Evergreen Elementary School