Evergreen Updates
April 28, 2021

Good Afternoon Evergreen Families,
Here are a few items for your attention:

Teacher Appreciation Week
The first week of May is National Teacher Appreciation Week - a week where we can thank and honor our teachers and staff for the work they do with our students. I count it a privilege to be a part of Evergreen and hope that you and your family have been blessed by the caring and dedicated team at EG who are committed to giving their best, every day, for our students.

3rd Grade Reading Law
Many of you are aware that in 2016, the state of Michigan passed the 3rd grade Reading Law. Attached, you will find an important letter that describes the Law and the district's response to it. I would encourage all of you to read through the letter and become familiar with the details of the Law.

Mental Health Month
The month of May is Mental Health Month. In May, the APS staff has committed to help raise awareness around mental health. Over the last couple of years, the district has benefited from having a Mental Health Committee which has worked to support the mental health of our students, staff, and community. One way the committee does this is through the distribution of their quarterly newsletter. You will find their most recent Spring edition attached to this email.

M-STEP Approaching
In two weeks, Evergreen's third-grade students will begin participating in Michigan's state assessment, named M-STEP. Our students will be taking 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 flyer from the M-STEP website 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.

Respectfully,

Doug Bol, Principal
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