Good Morning Evergreen Families,

**Parent-Teacher Conferences - February 14 and February 16**

On Tuesday, February 14, and Thursday, February 16 the entire district will hold parent-teacher conferences.  As in the fall, our K-5 conference times will run from 12:30-3:00 pm and 5:30-8:00 pm.  A sign-up letter will come home with your child today and will include directions for Virtual Paragon, our online Parent-Teacher conference sign-up tool.  The Evergreen staff places a high priority on conference attendance, in fact, many of our classrooms have 100% attendance from their parents.  This is an important opportunity for parents to have discussions with our staff about their child’s progress.  We look forward to meeting with you for conferences in a couple of weeks!  You can find the Virtual Paragon sign-up directions attached to this email, as well.   Please note that February 14 and February 16 will be half days of school for our students and Evergreen's dismissal time is 12:01 pm.

**Evergreen Elementary School Scholastic Book Fair: February**

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading.  During Parent-Teacher conferences, please stop at the media center to visit our Scholastic Book Fair, where we will have a wonderful selection of affordable books. The book fair will be open for families to shop on February 14 and 16.

Shopping hours will be from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  Students will also have the opportunity to preview and shop the fair during the school day on February 13, 14, 15, and 16. Online shopping is also available at the link below from February 10 through February 24. We hope to see you at the book fair!  <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/evergreenelementaryschool6>.

**Amazing Reading Bus Auction**

As the Amazing Reading Bus celebrates its 25th year in service this year, we are holding a fundraising auction to help celebrate this in a BIG way!  Please see the attachment about the Baskets for Books auction happening in February during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

**i-Chats**

As a reminder, if you are planning on volunteering at Evergreen, which could include events such as chaperoning a field trip and helping with classroom parties, you are required to fill out an i-Chat.  There is a 5-day processing window for the i-Chat forms.  If you have not filled one out yet, please stop in the Evergreen Office and fill out the appropriate paperwork.  Also, please remember to take your driver’s license when you come in.  Thank you so much for all you do to support education in Allendale!

**Lunch Menu Changes**

Our Food Service staff is happy to announce that beginning on Feb 6, the kitchen will be offering students 2 lunch options.  The lunch options will be listed on the February menu.

**White Out Cancer Varsity Basketball**

AHS Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball is hosting Coopersville on February 17th to WHITE OUT CANCER!   If you're interested in purchasing a t-shirt to support the cause, you can [find them here](https://www.thehomesteadt.com/teams/allendale-basketball-white-out). The deadline to order is February 10th!

**K-5 PTO Sponsored “Sweetheart” Dance**

The PTO is excited to offer its annual Sweetheart Dance again this year.  A flyer containing more information is attached.  The dance is scheduled for Saturday, February 18 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and it will be held in the High School gym.  The PTO is looking for additional helpers.  If you are able to volunteer, please check out the links below:

Here is a signup genius for volunteers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094EACAB2FA7F58-allendale2>

Here is an amazon wish list we've created to help with decor as we improve our dances: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28ZMY5CRDZ20K?ref_=wl_share>

**Activities For Students**

**Allendale Little League**

Allendale Little League sign-ups are now open.  Please click the [Allendale Little League](https://www.leagueathletics.com/Default.asp?org=Allendalelittleleague.com&fbclid=IwAR3Y30Iad-tLSJUYvtrJHW47udhLHnJid5T_IONePSECRPG7KeI-R-5t5PU) link and go to the “Register Online” tab for more information.

**Little Lakers Sports Day - Camp**

GVSU’s student-athletes will be hosting a sports camp for 3rd-6th graders on February 11th. The event is named “Little Lakers Sports Day,” and it will be free to all students who register in advance.  Lunch will be provided and each participant will receive a free ticket to our basketball games that afternoon. If you are interested in having your child participate, please go to this registration link: <https://saacgvsu.wixsite.com/mysite>.

**Total Trek Quest Registration**

Total Trek Quest (TTQ) is a program designed for boys in grades 3-5 and focuses on character development through fun, high-energy lessons.  Their culminating event is a 5K run, which they train for during their time together.  There is a flier attached that describes the program in more detail and has registration information included.

**Girls On the Run Registration**

Over the years, Allendale students have benefited from the Girls On The Run (GOTR) program.   Students who participate in the program have an opportunity to enjoy running and will also learn valuable lessons from their coaches along the way.   A flyer with more information about the program and steps to take to register is attached.

Respectfully,

Doug Bol, Principal

Evergreen Elementary School