

Good Afternoon Evergreen Families,

Here are a number of announcements for your attention:

### **New Items**

#### **PTO Meeting - Tonight @ 6:00 pm**

March's PTO Parent Meeting will be held tonight, Tuesday, March 7. The group will meet at 6:00 pm in the Evergreen Library. We would love to see you at the meeting where you will hear from the PTO leadership team and school staff about the activities happening in our elementary schools.

#### **AHS Rotary Interact Parents' Night Out Event**

The AHS Rotary Club will be putting on a Parents' Night Out event coming up on Friday, March 10 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the Evergreen Elementary cafeteria and gym. Please see the attached flyer for more information!

The Rotary Interact Club will accept donations at the check-in table and any money collected will be put towards the material cost of building a house in El Salvador during our spring international service trip. See the attached flyer for more information or stop in the Evergreen office for a copy.

#### **AHS Presents: Little Shop of Horrors**

The AHS theater program is presenting *Little Shop of Horrors* this Thursday & Friday, March 9 & 10 at 7:00 pm and on Saturday, March 11 at 3:00 pm. The performances will be held in the Ceglarek Fine Arts Center. To reserve your tickets for one of the shows, go to [Little Shop of Horrors Tickets](#)

#### **Be Kind to Your Mind T-Shirts**

We have had many requests to reopen the store so that families can purchase "Be Kind to Your Mind" shirts. The online store will be open from now until March 17. Our "Be Kind to Your Mind" shirts will also be worn in the month of May in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. To purchase a shirt, [click here](#). All three designs were created by APS students.

#### **No School Reminder - Friday, March 17th**

On Friday, March 17th, our APS students will have a day off from school while APS instructional staff receives professional development. Enjoy the day off!

### **Reminders**

#### **PTO Glow Dance - Saturday**

Please see the attached flyer for more information on the upcoming "Glow Dance", which will take place this Saturday, March 11th, from 6:00-8:00 pm inside the AHS gymnasium. Also, please consider [volunteering](#) or donating to the PTO's [Amazon Wish List](#) for the "Glow Party" as well!

#### **PTO's "reAd Fundraiser and Challenge" Has Begun!**

We have a great Elementary PTO that works very hard to support our students. Last year, one of their successful projects was a fundraiser that focused on students' reading. The fundraiser was so successful, the PTO has decided to run it again this year. The fundraiser, named the "reAd

Fundraiser and Challenge" will run from March 6 - 19. Late last week your child brought home a packet of information about the fundraiser. We hope that you and your child will take part in this fundraiser and challenge. Everyone wins when our students read. Thanks so much for your support! Students can begin to record minutes on the reAd Fundraiser Minutes Log now (see attachment). Happy Reading!

### **APS Mental Health Committee Offering Parenting Workshop**

On Thursday, March 16, the APS Mental Health Committee will be hosting a parenting workshop titled: *Inquiring Minds: Understanding Your Student's Needs and Guiding Them To Success*. The evening will consist of a keynote speaker and several break-out sessions. It is open to all families in the district. It will be held at Oakwood with dinner and childcare provided. See the flyer attached for more information. Click on the [link HERE](#) to register for dinner and childcare.

### **APS Elementary "March is Reading Month" Spirit Days**

March is awesome! We are looking forward to promoting the love of reading in our Evergreen students and all month, we have special Y5-5 spirit days scheduled that will get our students excited to read, read, read. Please see the attached "March is Reading Month" calendar for a list of important dates.

### **World Down Syndrome Day**

March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day! This day was chosen because people with Down Syndrome have 3 copies of the 21st chromosome. All APS school buildings will recognize World Down Syndrome Day in hope that we can spark conversations about diversity, uniqueness, inclusion, and acceptance! Students will be encouraged to wear crazy or mismatched socks or to wear blue and yellow which are the colors of Down Syndrome awareness! See the attached flyer for more details.

## **Activities for Students**

### **Allendale Youth Volleyball Clinic**

A flyer containing information about the Allendale Youth Volleyball Clinic that will be held on Monday evenings through the month of March is attached to this email. If your child is interested, check it out!

### **GVSU STEM Summer Camp**

GVSU has STEM Summer camp options for Kindergarten through High School. All registrations are open now including the most recent addition, GenCyber Camp. Go to this [Link](https://www.gvsu.edu/camps/) to explore the different options or copy and paste <https://www.gvsu.edu/camps/> into your browser.

Respectfully,

Doug Bol, Principal  
Evergreen Elementary School