

Good Morning:

I hope this note finds you well. Just a few things to update you on this week:

Last PTO Meeting of the Year

The last PTO Parent Meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd (tonight) at 6 pm in the Evergreen Library. Come hear about all the great opportunities your Allendale Elementary PTO/Encouragement Team provided for our students and staff this year. Plus — there are a few more events coming up. (See note below).

Teacher Appreciation Week - Assistance Needed

The Allendale Elementary K-5 PTO and Encouragement Committee plan, again this year, to show appreciation to all the elementary staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. This is the request for help they have asked us to share with our families:

The week of May 8-12 is Teacher Appreciation Week. The Encouragement Teams have plans to recognize our amazing staff all week long for the many ways they lift our students UP! It will take some teamwork to pull this off so if you'd like to get involved, we encourage you to check out the Teacher Appreciation Week (TAW) flyer that is attached to this email. Thanks in advance!

Amazing Reading Bus Fundraiser - Last Chance for Tickets

Support the AMAZING READING BUS with a MOVIE NIGHT at Celebration Cinema in Grandville for THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE at 6 PM on Tuesday, May 9. \$18.00 per person including refillable pop and popcorn. Get tickets today at this [link](#). Contact Mr. DeZwaan, Amazing Reading Bus Coordinator at dezwaandan@apsfalcons.net

M-STEP: Off to a Good Start

This week our 4th grade students start their M-STEP journey and our 5th grade students take their last portion of the assessment. All students and staff have worked very hard to get to this point. Not only are we thankful for our students' commitment to do their best, we're also very thankful for the way our Oakwood families support their students during the testing windows. We want to encourage our students to get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast and be to school on time every day - but especially during our M-STEP assessment window. We appreciate your continued partnership! Our fourth-grade testing dates are May 2, 3 and 9.

As always, if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Proud to be your child's principal,
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