



EVERGREEN Middle School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 14	Q2 Midterms (will be mailed home)
December 13	8 th Grade Career Fair
December 17	Christmas Vacation Begins
January 3	Classes Resume
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—NO SCHOOL
February 1	End of Q2/Sem1
February 2	Grade Prep Day—NO SCHOOL
February 3	Sem 2 Prep Day—NO SCHOOL

Dear Evergreen Families,

As we enter the holiday season, I am again reminded of the importance of caring for one another through giving. It is a normal human behavior to put one's personal wants in front of the needs of others. Here at Evergreen, during the month of December, we have several compassionate student-led giving endeavors that are making a positive difference to our community. Witnessing these young people put others' needs first, is incredibly heartwarming.

Our annual **Canned Food Drive** has begun and our students are currently collecting canned goods to help create food baskets for Evergreen families in need. The baskets will be organized by our students during the last week before we depart for the break. Our staff will take these food baskets and deliver them during the first week of break. Recently we also had 120 students from Mrs. Love's classes participate in an **Attitude of Gratitude** event where students collected and delivered 400 personal items such as: diapers, hats, gloves etc. to Community Action's Family Shelter. Evergreen students will also be supporting a Head Start classroom at Patterson Elementary. They will be surprising twenty preschool students with new winter coats and a gift basket.

Earlier this month our Leadership students braved some adverse weather in order to give some care to help our environment with **SOLV at Council Creek**. Here is an account of our Evergreen students' contributions from the project director:

This morning when we woke up, after looking out the window at the burly weather, we anticipated a message from Evergreen Middle School asking to reschedule their planned trip out to Council Creek, but we never got it. When the students got off of the bus and actually felt the rain and cold wind, we were worried that they would be hesitant in getting to work, but boy were we wrong! It may have been pouring out at Council Creek but that couldn't stop this eager, happy, and positive group of students from restoring these wetlands! Evergreen Middle

School students powered through one of the biggest rains of the fall to plant over 120 Sitka Willows along Council Creek today. They paraded down the slope with potted willows and shovels in hand, without a doubt they could plant in the thick, muddy wetland - even on a day like today. Sure enough, their confidence was justified as they contently and patiently planted in adverse conditions. Thank you to the students of Evergreen Middle School!

I am so proud of our students' efforts to provide compassionate service-oriented outreach. These events and the dozens of random acts of kindness that we see at school each week are reminders of how awesome our Evergreen kids are! Despite the challenges of increased class sizes, our student behavior data reveals that we are at a record-breaking pace in the reduction of behavioral incidents. Behavioral incidents are down 45% from two years ago and are at a 7 year low! Way to go Evergreen students and staff!

I encourage all of us to find that little extra bit of patience and compassion during this stressful time of year. We never know whose day we might make by going out of our way to be extra patient or kind. Wishing you and your family the very best during the holiday season!

Go Eagles!

Rian Petrick

HILLSBORO SKI CLUB

Hillsboro Ski Club transports snowboarders and skiers in grades K-12 (and their parents, if desired) to Mt. Hood Meadows for recreational skiing on Saturdays. We offer two 4-week sessions: the first begins on January 7, and the second session begins on February 4, 2012.

The club offers program packages for all levels with discounts on lessons, lifts, rentals or combinations of these services. Transportation is by Luxury Coach and leaves from Poynter Middle School at 6:15am on Saturday mornings. Buses are chaperoned and advisors monitor the on-site medical clinic hourly. This program is for students and their parents only.

For details, see our website at <http://hillsboroskiclub.squarespace.com/>.

IMMUNIZATION EXCLUSION DAY

Immunization Exclusion Day is February 15 and is coming up fast. By now, if your student is incomplete, you received a letter in their report card. This letter lets you know exactly what immunizations they will need to stay in school on February 15. A list of students with incomplete immunizations will be mailed to Washington County on January 6 for exclusion. To avoid the craziness of Exclusion Day, get your information to Evergreen's main office as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call Cindi Harris at 503-844-1400.

EVERGREEN FOOD BASKETS

This year at Evergreen we will be having our annual food drive during December 5- 14. The goal of this food drive is to feed 18-20 Evergreen families. Students are encouraged to bring any non-perishable foods that are not expired and good enough for your family to eat. Every little bit is greatly appreciated.

The other exciting part about our food drive is all of the guideroom classes will be having a contest. The guideroom that brings in the most food per student on average will win a pizza party. The 2nd place guideroom will win a Krsipy Kreme party and 3rd place group will win an ice-cream sandwich party. Remember the more food we bring in the more families we can assist. Thank you!

GEOGRAPHY BEE

This month, the Social Studies Department held preliminary tests to determine which students qualify to participate in the Geography Bee. Over 100 students scored high enough on the pre-test and are eligible to compete!

The schoolwide Geography Bee will be on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 pm. Eligible students will compete to be Evergreen Middle School's Geography Bee Champion. The Champion will then take a qualifying test to compete at the state level Geography Bee which will be held in the Spring.

BABY PICTURES WANTED!

Yearbook is looking for baby pictures! If you want your child's baby picture to appear in our yearbook, please submit it to Ms. Bywater by January 6. You can bring it to school, have it scanned and then it will be returned to your student. Or you can e-mail the jpeg image to bywaters@hsd.k12.or.us.

PE SHORTS

If you have any aerobic equipment (treadmill, elliptical, etc.) you no longer have need for, the Physical Education department would gladly take your donation. Please contact Mr. Kivett for more information at kivetts@hsd.k12.or.us

WOOD DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Evergreen Shop classes are in need of wood donations for projects. If you have any wood (plywood, scraps, etc.) that you can donate, please contact Troy Hall at halltr@hsd.k12.or.us

UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Have you moved recently? Do you have a new home or cell number? If you have not contacted our registrar with these changes, please contact Lindi McGee at 503-844-1401 or email mcgeel@hsd.k12.or.us to provide any updated contact information.

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Throughout the school year we will have 2-3 after school socials/dances for our students to enjoy. In order for these events to be successful we need your help. If you are willing to consider volunteering in the future, please e-mail Sarah Bywater (Taylor) at taylorsh@hsd.k12.or.us. We will then let you know as dates are set and see if you are able to assist us at that time. As a reminder, parents & other volunteers must fill out the volunteer information on the district website before doing any volunteer work at our schools Thank you!

SANTA IS COMING!

Santa is coming to Evergreen! Students with NO referrals or Trackers between November 28-December 16 are automatically entered into a drawing at the end of the day on December 16 to win candy or gift cards. There will be lots of winners, so hopefully your name will be in the drawing!

VETERINARY SCIENCE CLUB

The “All Creatures Great and Small” veterinary science program is coming! This FREE grant-funded after school program includes dissections, microscopy, guest speakers and field trips to OHSU and OSU! There will be two sessions this year. The winter session will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm (February 14—March 1). The spring session will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm (April 10—May 3). To apply, students will pick up an application form from their science teacher. Applications for the winter session will be available approximately a week after returning from winter break. Each session accepts a maximum of 26 students in the program and the Activity Bus is available if needed. If your student is interested in science, animals or medicine don't miss this great opportunity!

THANK YOU PARENT CLUB!

Thank you to our Parent Club for appreciating our staff and providing us with an amazing baked potato bar for lunch. We ♥ our Parent Club!

INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Please bring your used printer ink cartridges to our main office. We are recycling them and getting money for our school for supplies. Thank you!

EVERGREEN WEBSITE

Staying current on school news can be challenging. We encourage students & parents to regularly visit our school website for relevant news, information & upcoming events. **Our Daily Announcements are always posted on the Homepage and our monthly newsletters will be posted here as well (we will not be mailing newsletters home).** Add our address to your Favorites list today! Visit: <http://www.hsd.k12.or.us/evergreen>

ENGINEERGIRL! ESSAY CONTEST

We are pleased to announce the National Academy of Engineering's **EngineerGirl!** website's 12th annual Essay Contest. Students are asked to write about the role of engineering in providing safe and nutritious food. Details and rules can be found on the EngineerGirl! website: <http://www.engineergirl.org/CMS/Contest/food2012.aspx>.

Participation is open to both girls and boys in grades 3-12 and submissions must be entered by 6:00 pm (EST) on March 1, 2012. All winning entries will be published on the EngineerGirl! website and winners will receive cash prizes: first place winners \$500, second place winners \$250, third place winners \$100. The 2012 EngineerGirl! Essay Contest was made possible by the generous support of Lockheed Martin Corporation.

The EngineerGirl! website is designed to spark the curiosity of young people, girls in particular, and encourage them to consider careers in engineering. EngineerGirl! provides career descriptions, profiles of successful women engineers, information about exciting engineering projects, and interactive tools for girls, parents, teachers, and guidance counselors, all designed to encourage girls to pursue an engineering education and career. Launched in 2001, the site is visited by more than 18,000 unique visitors a month and has been featured by the Girl Scouts of America, the Society of Women Engineers, and local and national media in the United States and around the world. Engineer Girl! is a trusted and entertaining resource for young girls, parents, educators, and volunteer engineers involved in student outreach. In a 2011 poll, girls' reported that viewing the EngineerGirl! website or participating in its annual essay contest caused 63% of them to consider a career in engineering and 81% to consider studying engineering in college. Please visit www.engineergirl.org to learn more.