



EVERGREEN Middle School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9	End of 1 st Quarter
November 10	Grade Prep Day—NO SCHOOL
November 11	Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL
November 18	BOSS BASH—(afternoon party)
November 23	Budget Reduction Day—NO SCHOOL
November 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Holiday—NO SCHOOL

Dear Evergreen Families,

I hope this newsletter finds your family in good health and enjoying the fall season. It is hard to believe that in a little more than twenty school days we will be breaking for the holidays! October was a blur, with so many activities at Evergreen! During the school days of October, students participated in a festive Spirit Week where we celebrated being a part of Evergreen's 30th year. We also dedicated a week to Red Ribbon Week in order to commit to a healthy drug and alcohol free lifestyle. During the entire month of October we focused on anti-bullying lessons and measures as part of the national Anti-Bullying month. We also enjoyed a variety of fun evening events in October. Thank you to so many of you who patiently attended Parent/Teacher conferences, it was great visiting with you! We also had the opportunity to see a plethora of varied Evergreen student talents in our Fall Band Concert, Literary Chills Night, Skate Night and volleyball and soccer matches. It is truly amazing how many talents our Evergreen students possess!

As we move into November, it is a critical time for students to work on the characteristic of perseverance. The beginning of school honeymoon period has become a distant memory and given way to the reality that school work is incessant. This is a great time to check with your student to see if they are using their school Planner and developing or maintaining systems of organization to stay on top of their work load. As a parent myself, I often look for resources to help my students with learning challenges that they are facing. Here are a few free websites you may want to visit or have your student utilize for extra support.

Khan Academy www.khanacademy.org (Video lessons on almost every academic subject)

Test Taking www.testtakingtips.com (Test prep, Test Anxiety, Note Taking, Study Tips)

iTunesU www.apple.com/education/itunes-u/ (Over 350,000 online educational resources)

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November also launches a series of after school enrichment opportunities. To stay up to speed with all things Evergreen, please visit our website at <http://hsd.k12.or.us/evergreen/>

Thank you to all who support Evergreen in so many ways! Please know that we welcome parents to visit our school often. Whether the visitation is coming in for a lunch date with your student, visiting classes or attending extra-curricular events, we welcome you to visit. Wishing you and your family the best in November!

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/>.

EVERGREEN FOOD BASKETS

This year at Evergreen we will be having our annual food drive during December 5th- 14th. 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!

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.

EVERGREEN ELL

During the month of October ESL-EMS staff was been busy preparing for conferences, and responding to parents' requests for support. We had 39 parents attend conferences.

Mr. Kristensen met with all 147 students in the ESL-Monitored-Migrant cohort to praise students with all passing grades (ABCs) and discuss strategies for support and improvement with students who showed failing grades on the Midterm 1 grade report.

Mrs. Males has been contacting parents with team concerns and information to help parents work more effectively supporting students increased work challenges at the secondary level.

Ms. Hopper has 28 students signed up for her After School Academic Support program on Tuesdays and Thursdays; we have added Ms. Kayla Rodriquez to this district sponsored support staff.

The cohort showed a significant number of students (74) with failing grades in Math BPA and APA at Midterm 1, and the Math Department and Mr. Kristensen are developing extended strategies for supporting students with after school support, in-class small group support with Mr. Lucero (Teach America Teacher), and small group instruction by Mr. Kristensen.

SUPPLIES & ORGANIZATION

Quarter 1 is over and now is a great time to assess your student's supply needs. Many students could also benefit from a healthy dose of organization. Cleaning and sorting out binders, lockers, and study areas at home will help get them off to a great start for Quarter 2. Thank you!

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 **taylors@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!

IMMUNIZATION UPDATE

Immunization Exclusion Day is February 15! One by one we are getting in our incomplete immunizations. If your student is incomplete, you would have found a letter in the Quarter 1 progress reports letting you know exactly what they are missing. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to Evergreen's main office. If your student still needs to receive the vaccination(s), please send us the information as soon as you get it. Make sure you sign the letter before you return it to the office. The closer we get to Exclusion Day, the harder it is to get an appointment. If you need information about immunization clinics, please call the office.

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>

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Parent Club for providing the staff with a lovely taco salad meal prior to Parent Conferences. It was delicious and very much appreciated!

Holiday Assistance 2011

Western Washington County

Salvation Army-Tualatin Valley Citadel

351 SE Oak, Hillsboro (503-640-4311)

Families must register in person on November 4, 11, or 12 from 9am-4pm.

Families must bring a photo ID or proof of address (a utility bill or rental agreement) for all adults in the household, and one of the following for each child: birth certificate, school records or medical records. Families must also reside in Washington County. On registration day, families will be given a date, time, and location to pick up their food box, and to select toys for infants to age 12, without their children present.

Forest Grove Fire Department

1919 Ash St., Forest Grove (503-992-3240)

Toys only—register by phone or in-person between November 1--December 18. No delivery (pick-up day in late December will be explained at time of registration). Forest Grove residents are priority—first come, first served while resources last.

Cornelius Fire Department

1311 North Barlow Cornelius, OR (503-357-3840)

Toys and food—register in person M-F 9-5pm between November 21--December 19. Local delivery available on December 23—while resources last. Cornelius residents are priority.

Forest Grove Elks Lodge

2810 Pacific Ave., Forest Grove (503-357-2440)

Food and toys (for no more than 3 children) for families in Forest Grove, Banks, Gaston, Cornelius, North Plains, Vernonia and Gales Creek. Call between 11am-2pm, M-F, while resources last (Dec.16th at the latest). Pick-up or delivery option. Preference given to military families.

Banks Family Resource Center

Food and gifts for adults and children. Serving families in the Banks School District only (zip code 97106). Call the Resource Center at (503-324-5686) if families are not sure if they're in the district. The Banks Elementary School, and Banks Public Library, at 111 Market St., Banks, will have application forms available. Forms must be filled out and mailed (address is on form). Deadline is December 5.

The telephone Information Line 2-1-1 tries to coordinate this information, but the following information is more detailed and complete. It is correct as of 10/15/11, but is subject to change. All agencies require that each family receives assistance from only one organization, and maintain a database to prevent duplicate applications.