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**EVERGREEN LOCAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZES EVERGREEN SCHOOLS

For the third consecutive year, the Evergreen Local School District is the recipient of a Momentum Award! Presented by the State of Ohio Board of Education, the Momentum Award recognizes schools and districts for exceeding expectations in student growth for the year. Schools and districts must earn straight A's on all Value-Added measures on the 2019 Ohio School Report Card. The Evergreen Local School District is the only district in Fulton County to receive the award this year. In all, only 48 districts across Ohio received this prestigious award.



Congratulations also go to Evergreen Elementary for being named a 2019 Momentum Award recipient. This marks the first time EES has earned this accolade. EES was one of 173 schools recognized by the Ohio Department of Education and only one of two schools in Fulton County to receive the award.

"This truly represents the hard work and dedication from each and every one of our students, parents, staff, and community members," said Dolores Swineford, assistant superintendent. "We look forward to our continued success in making Evergreen the top district in our region and state!" added Swineford.

WELCOME ZACHARY MURRY

The Evergreen Board of Education welcomes its newest member, Zachary Murry. The meeting on January 14, 2020 marked the beginning of his four-year term. He replaces Jack Carson whose term ended in December 2019.

According to Murry, he decided to run for a seat on the board because he believes service work is important. "I believe that Evergreen and this community are awesome. A lot of what I have been able to accomplish in my life is due to the strong foundation that I received as a student here," Murry said. "It is my hope that I can serve the community and school while ensuring all children in the District continue to receive a first-class education that prepares them for wherever life takes them," he added.

Murry is a 2000 graduate of Evergreen High School and currently lives near Lyons, OH. He has three young children, two of which attend Evergreen Elementary School. "I returned to Evergreen because it is home. I wanted my children to attend Evergreen and grow up in this community," Murry explained. "I am looking forward to working with my fellow board members to maintain the high standards previously established while continuing to improve the education and instruction that Evergreen provides to its students," he added.



Murry is an attorney and partner in the Barkan & Robin Ltd. law firm. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from The Ohio State University and his Juris Doctor from the Catholic University Of America, Columbus School of Law in Washington, DC. He is licensed to practice as an attorney in the States of Ohio, Michigan, and Maryland.

Outside of the office, Murry enjoys playing with his children and dog, refinishing furniture, as well as following his favorite sports teams, the Evergreen Vikings and Detroit Tigers.

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2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 17	District Meetings/Workday
August 18	District Meetings/Workday
August 19	First Student Day
September 4	NO SCHOOL for Students
	District In-Service Day
September 7	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
September 8	NO SCHOOL - Fair Day
October 7	EES Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 8	EES/MS/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 9	NO SCHOOL for students - Teacher Workday
October 23	End of First Quarter
October 26	Start of Second Quarter
November 25 - 27	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
December 22	End of Second Quarter & First Semester
Dec 23 - Jan 1	NO SCHOOL Winter Break
January 4	NO SCHOOL for Students - Teacher Workday
January 5	First Day of Third Quarter/Second Semester
January 18	NO SCHOOL - MLK, Jr. Day
February 11	MS/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences
February 12	NO SCHOOL for Students
	District In-Service Day
February 15	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
March 12	End of Third Quarter
March 15 - 19	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
March 22	First Day of Fourth Quarter
April 2	NO SCHOOL
April 5	NO SCHOOL
May 23	Commencement Ceremony
May 27	Last Student Day
	DISMISS 1-HOUR EARLY
May 28	Teacher Workday
June 1, 2, 3	Student makeup days if necessary

PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES GRANDPARENTS



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Evergreen Elementary School will be accepting kindergarten registrations for the 2020-2021 school year from February 3 - 7, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Parents may register in the elementary main office; the child does not need to be present to register. During registration, parents will make an appointment for their child's screening during the month of May. State law requires kindergarten attendance prior to first grade. In order to attend kindergarten in 2020-2021, children must be five years of age on or before August 1, 2020.

Documents required for registration:

- Child's birth certificate
- Child's immunization records
- Custody papers if applicable
- Proof of residence in the Evergreen School District



Accepted verification documents are: (*only one needed*)

1. Valid driver's license or photo state ID card with current address in the district
2. Copy of the deed, escrow papers, or lease/rental agreement showing residence in the district
3. Copy of a current utility bill/deposit receipt (phone, gas, or electric), or a current active bank statement that includes name and address

Call the elementary office at 419-644-9221 with questions.

MUSIC BOOSTERS

The Evergreen Music Boosters work hard behind the scenes to provide additional financial support to the District's music programs. The group annually contributes more than \$30,000 toward the Evergreen Middle School and High School choir and band programs. The funds have been used to purchase instruments and equipment, uniforms, music, and adjudication and honors ensemble fees. The money also helps with transportation expenses and the end-of-the-year awards program. Any parent or grandparent with a student in grades 6-12 who participates in the music program is welcome to become a Music Booster. Meetings are usually the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the EHS choir room. Search for Evergreen Music Boosters group on Facebook for updates. Don't forget to mark your calendar for this year's annual fundraiser, the Music Boosters Reverse Raffle scheduled for March 28 at Holy Trinity's Community Center.



DISTRICT WEBSITE

For additional information and updated schedules, visit the District's website at:

evgvikings.org

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



By Eric J. Smola,
Superintendent

I hope your new year is off to a healthy and productive start. At

Evergreen, 2020 is already proving to be a busy and exciting time. At the December 2019 Evergreen Board of Education meeting, there was tremendous support to begin exploring the possibility of remodeling Evergreen Middle School and incorporating a Performing Arts Center to better serve our students and community.

At this time, we are in the initial phase of collecting information from teachers and staff in order to work with architects to develop concept drawings. We will take the needs and desires of our staff into consideration and create renderings to be shared with our external stakeholders. The next steps include reaching out to external support groups (Music Boosters, Athletic Boosters, MVP, etc.) followed by hosting community meetings for open discussions, gaining feedback, and answering questions.

Updates regarding our progress and a public meeting schedule will be announced soon.

Knowing we are building for future generations is exhilarating. As a new decade unfolds, and we look to define our future; I am sure 2020 is going to be an exciting year for Viking Nation!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Military Appreciation Night at EHS Boys' Basketball Game** - Anyone serving in the U.S. military (past or present) is invited to attend the home EHS boys' basketball game vs. Swanton on Friday, January 17. Provide military identification for free admission. The JV game begins at 6:00 pm followed by varsity.
- American Red Cross Blood Drive** will take place at Evergreen Elementary on January 30 from 2:30-7:30 pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: EVERGREENPINT. Blood donations can help save lives!
- Educator's Night at EHS Girls' Basketball Game**
 The EHS girls' basketball team is hosting Educator's Night on January 30 during the home game against Patrick Henry. Evergreen current and/or retired staff will receive free admission, pregame recognition, and a small token of appreciation. The JV game begins at 6:00 pm followed by varsity at 7:30 pm.
- 8th Grade HS Orientation** is February 13 at 6:00 pm in the HS Gym. Graduation and testing requirements, scheduling, and creating a four-year educational plan will be discussed.

HOLOCAUST EXPERIENCE

Mrs. Cymbolin's 10th grade Honor English students are read the books, *Night* and *Dawn*, by Holocaust survivor, Elie Weisel. To complement their reading lessons, the class visited the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills, Michigan. During the field trip, students learned how Adolf Hitler attained power, the rise of Nazi Germany, and the impact WWII Nazi concentration camps had on gypsies, political prisoners, and the Jewish population. In addition, the students had the opportunity to meet and listen to Holocaust survivor Martin Lowenburg. Lowenburg preached to the students "love heals and hate hurts" as he explained what the four-year experience felt like within Auschwitz and how he witnessed the murder of his parents and 9-year-old twin brothers. "Mr. Lowenburg's first-hand account was powerful and unforgettable," said Mrs. Cymbolin. "The students got to experience living history today," she added.



QUIZ TEAM BOUND FOR NATIONALS

Congratulations to the EHS Quiz Team for qualifying early in the season for the National Quiz Team Tournament this spring. This is the Quiz Team's fourth year in a row to attend the national competition in Chicago. The team will also appear on WBGU's Brain Game and WNWO's Academic Challenge. Coached by Bill Blanchong, team members are Chandler Ruetz, Augie Tipping, Jacob Blanchard, Emma Fritsch, Katie Wheeler, Derek Cobb, Lauren Smith, Jacob Goodson, and Brock Patrick.



EXPLORING CAREERS

Students in Spanish III recently completed a unit on professions and careers while focusing on job training and necessary skills. To gain hands-on experience, the class and Mrs. Cooper, Spanish teacher, visited the Fulton County Humane Society. Steve Wanner, director, gave the class a tour of the facility, introduced them to the animals, and discussed the many career opportunities available working with animals.



CONGRATULATIONS MR. KEIFER!



▲ Defiance College President, Richanne Manley, recognizes Jerry Keifer as Coach of the Year.

Defiance College recently named alumnus Jerry Keifer as a 2019 Coach of the Year Award recipient during DC's fall homecoming festivities. He was recognized for his 27 years of coaching varsity basketball, having an overall record of 343-233 (prior to the 2019-20 season), earning three district championships, three NWOAL championships, and twelve sectional championships. At Evergreen High School, Mr. Keifer teaches accounting, integrated applications, and personal finance. In addition, the Viking win against Edgerton HS on January 4, 2020 marked Mr. Keifer's 350th career win! He has served as an Evergreen teacher and Viking coach for almost 31 years.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. Lyons, band director, and the Eighth Grade Band performed a variety of holiday songs to entertain EMS students and staff alike during lunch to help kick-off winter break. Mr. Ruffer, principal, even dusted off his own saxophone and joined in the fun.



D.A.R.E. DRUNK GOGGLES

Deputy Zumfelde presented the side effects of consuming alcohol to sixth grade students as part of the D.A.R.E program. Students wore "drunk goggles" and were asked to perform simple tasks of catching a ball, walking a straight line, standing on one foot, and dribbling and shooting a basketball. The goggle effect ranged from drinking one beer to six beers. "This exercise showed students how simple activities become very complicated and how easily judgement is clouded when alcohol is involved," said Zumfelde. "Not only is it dangerous to drive drunk, but it also shows students why they should not to get into a vehicle with someone who has consumed alcohol. Operating any vehicle while consuming alcohol can be deadly," he added.

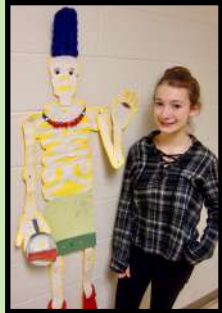


IMPORTANT DATES CONTINUED

- **EES Father-Daughter Dance** is February 13 from 6:30-8:30 pm at EES. The dance is open to girls in grade K-5 and sponsored by EHS After Prom. Tickets are \$20 per couple in advance and \$25 at the door. Add \$5 for each additional daughter. The event includes a live DJ, cookies and punch, gift raffle baskets, manicure table, photos, and more. For questions, contact Amy Silvestri at 419-764-4353.
- **EHS Senior Night For Winter Athletes** will take place at the boys home basketball game vs. Bryan on February 21 in-between the varsity and JV games. JV contest begins at 6:00 pm.
- **Dueling Piano Show**, a fundraiser presented by the EHSAfter-Prom Parents, is February 22 at the Bunker Bar on Eber Road in Holland, OH. Doors open at 6:00 pm and show begins at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and includes dinner, dessert, one drink ticket, and entertainment. Must be 21 years to enter. For tickets, contact Jenny at 419-466-9679, Heather at 419-708-0022, Mindy at 419-601-5009, or visit The Country Charm Cafe in Metamora.
- **The Addams Family** is this year's spring EHS musical production. Performances will be April 3 & 4.

ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

The following EMS students have been named Artist of the Week for going above the assignment requirements, using exceptional technique, and producing a unique piece.



▲ Gwen Lambert, Day of the Dead Calaca



▲ Konner Sanford, Illumination Print



▲ Skvler Gomer, Illumination Print



▲ Olivia Bonaminio, Pharaoh Portrait



▲ Ella Johnson, Pharaoh Print

MATH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Sixth grade math Students of the Month for November are Zachary Boothby, Jayden Harmon, Olivia Weirich, Samantha Harkey, and Zoe Abdo. These students, one from each class period, are recognized for their academic performance, strong effort, upstanding character, and respectful behavior in the classroom.



THANK YOU MENTORS!

EES mentors were treated to a special appreciation breakfast for volunteering their time to help students who need one-on-one help with reading. The program is coordinated by Jane Lintermoot and Paula O'Neil. This year's mentors are Marianne Lulfs, Sherri Ruetz, Sabrina Moussa, Lara Clemens, Randy Lintermoot, Teresa Burgermeister, Bonnie Markley, Alison Hunt, Judy Huffman, Nancy Peebles, Linda Gleckler, Debbie Langenderfer, Larry Decker, and Julie Herr. Additional mentors are always needed. Volunteers must be able to commit to at least one day a week for two hours in the morning, Monday through Thursday, from 9:00-11:00 am. Contact Jane Lintermoot at 419-644-9221, ext. 3130 if interested.



EES VIKING PRIDE ASSEMBLY



Principal Jane Draheim hosted a student assembly where she announced Evergreen Elementary School is the recipient of an "A" ranking on the State of Ohio Report Card. Evergreen Elementary is one of only two schools in Fulton County to be recognized with this distinction. Delta Middle School also received an "A". Congratulations to all of the EES faculty, staff, and administration for all the



hard work and dedication needed to achieve this highest honor.

EGG DROP TEST

Third graders studied the design process in science and completed an egg drop experiment to test out their construction theories.



HEALTHY EATING & LIFESTYLES

Third grade students participated in the MyPlate program this fall. Students learned how to eat healthy and maintain a healthy lifestyle. MyPlate is sponsored by the Four County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMhs) Board, the United Way of Fulton County, and the Fulton County Health Department.



FIRST GRADERS EXPLORE HISTORY

First graders immersed themselves in their “long ago and now” social studies unit. Students celebrated Pioneer Days as well as re-enacted the First Thanksgiving. These opportunities allowed the students to experience diverse cultures and see first-hand how various items, clothing, and customs have changed over time.

▼ *Celebrating the first Thanksgiving*



▼ *Reliving life as a pioneer*



DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

Early childhood developmental screenings for children ages 0-five years are available this spring. Screenings are free and enable parents to gain insight on their child’s overall growth and development. Children do not need to be screened if they will be entering kindergarten or are currently enrolled in early intervention or preschool through their local school district or NwoESC. Screenings examine vision, hearing, speech, language, fine and gross motor skills, physical growth, and social/emotional milestones. Screenings are for children living in a Defiance, Fulton, Henry, or Williams county school district.

To make a screening appointment:

- Step 1: Complete Ages Stages questionnaire online at <https://www.asqonline.com/family/f34be3>
- Step 2: Receive an appointment phone call from area code 567, Archbold, OH, starting January 15
- Call 567-444-4818 if online access does not exist

Screening dates and locations:

- February 24 at Crossroads Evangelical Church 845 East Leggett St, Wauseon, OH
- March 9 & 30 at Delta Church of Christ 500 Providence St, Delta, OH
- March 23 at Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH

The Community Bulletin Board

- Upcoming 2020 Evergreen Board of Education Meetings: February 18, March 9, April 20 at 6:00 pm in EHS media center. Agendas and summaries are located at www.evgvikings.org.
- Evergreen Music Boosters Meetings: February 19, March 23, April 15, and May 13. All meetings begin at 6:00 pm in the EHS choir room.
- MVP (Mini Vikings Parents) invites parents/guardians to attend MVP meetings the first Monday of each month. Meetings are held in the EES media center at 6:00 pm.
- Evergreen Youth Association (EYA) will be holding baseball and softball recreation league registration on March 8 and 15 at the Metamora and Lyons fire stations. Registration deadline is March 27 at the elementary school fair. For printable forms and more information, visit the EYA website <https://evergreenyouthassociation.com>
- EYA softball tryouts will be held February 16 at Evergreen Middle School at the following times:
 - G10 tryouts 2:00-3:00 pm
 - G12 tryouts 3:00-4:00 pm
 - G14 tryouts 4:00-5:00 pm
- Love is Forever, by ProMedica Hospice, is a free grief support group for children ages 6-16 and their families who have experienced the death of someone special in their lives. Support groups meet the third Wednesday of every month at Sylvania First United Methodist Church at 7000 Erie Street, Sylvania, OH 43560. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm and programming is from 6:00-7:30 pm. To RSVP, call Bill Fink at 419-824-7400 or email William.Fink@ProMedica.org.
- New location! Evergreen Music Boosters Reverse Raffle is set for March 28 at Holy Trinity.
- EHS weight room is open to the public on Monday & Wednesday 4:30-7:00 pm and Saturday 7:00-11:00 am. Follow "Joe Evergreen" on Facebook for schedule changes, especially during basketball season.

GOLF FUNDRAISER FOR EVERGREEN ATHLETICS

This year marks the 25th anniversary for the Chris Miller Memorial Golf Tournament presented by the Evergreen Athletic Boosters. Open to the public, the event will be held on May 23 at Valleywood Golf Club in Swanton, OH. Join the Evergreen Athletic Boosters for a steak dinner, golfing, and socializing while raising funds, awareness, and excitement for all of Evergreen's athletic programs. If you are interested in playing and/or being a sponsor, please contact Garrett Damman at 419-249-7195 or Jeff Herrick at 419-304-0772. Registration deadline is slated for May 15.

EVENTS WELCOME

Email jconrad@evgvikings.org to have your event added to the Community Bulletin Board.

★ THANK YOU! ★

The Grape Leaf Diner graciously provided lunch for the EMS staff. Thank you for your generosity!



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FREE GROCERIES FUNDRAISER

Tickets for the Supermarket Sweep are now on sale. Proceeds benefit the Evergreen track and field programs. Tickets are one for \$5.00 or five for \$20.00. The winner receives 90 seconds to grab as many groceries as possible at the Community Market Grocery Store in Delta. Last year's winner grabbed nearly \$375.00 in groceries. Tickets will be sold until February 27. Winner will be drawn February 28. For tickets, see a track athlete or contact Coach Walker at jwalker@evgvikings.org.

BORDER BATTLE

EMS students picked their favorite team before The Ohio State University vs. University of Michigan football game. Winners of the spirit contest are pictured below.

