

# Parent Newsletter

## February 2019

Dear Parents & Guardians,



National Random Acts of Kindness Day is February 17 and to prepare for that day, Evans will be focusing on Kindness during the entire month of February. We have several activities planned to spread kindness to each other and members in our community. Students will be bringing home Kindness Calendars that they are encouraged to complete during this month. Our Team KIND students will be leading our efforts to spread KINDNESS by organizing a **food collection for the local food pantry and toiletry and self-care items for local shelters**. Please KINDLY donate these items to others that are in need!

### ★ CELEBRATIONS ★

Evans has many reasons to celebrate and we are so proud of everyone that has worked hard to receive the following recognitions. Congratulations to each of them!

★ A huge shout out to all of our Evans Eagles for their improved behaviors this first semester!! Building-wide behavior data shows that unexpected student behaviors receiving a minor have decreased by 58% and unexpected student behaviors receiving a major behavior referral have decreased by 37%!! Fantastic job to students for SOARing as an Eagle. Also, KUDOS to our staff for their continued reteaching of expected behaviors at Evans!!

★ Congratulations to Mrs. Thompson and the Fond du Lac School District Counseling Team who received the 2019 Wisconsin School Counselor Association's School Counseling Team Award!

★ Evans Elementary School received GOLD Recognition from the Safe Routes to School organization for our partnership, planning, education and encouragement of our students to practice safe routes to school. A special thank you to Mrs. Longdin for her efforts to provide a strong and caring Safety Patrol that helps to keep our walking students safe and to Mr. Williams for his organization of Fall Walk to School Day, Winter Walk to School Day, and Spring Bike to School Day!

★ Congratulations to our Grade Level Spelling Bee winners from each grade level:

**3rd Grade:** Colton Langenfeld

**4th Grade:** Anthony Vang

**5th Grade:** Megan Trent

**5th Grade Runner Up:** Brandon Mendoza

Best of luck to Megan and Brandon who will represent Evans at the District-Wide Spelling Bee!

★ On January 14th, Tyler Nellessen, Lillie Blain, and Megan Creydt participated in the Theisen Math Meet. Tyler placed 4th out of all the fifth grade students in the meet! Congrats to all for participating!

★ Rishith Umesh launched the furthest paper airplane at Evans to become the finalist in the District Wide Paper Airplane Contest held last week Friday between the Varsity basketball games at Fondy High. Congrats to him!!

Stay warm and enjoy the snow!

Mrs. Amy Rettler

*Principal*



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## **School News**

★ **Parent Teacher Conferences:** If you have not signed up for a conference, please do so!!

Conference dates and times are:

February 7 → 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

February 12 → 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

February 15 → 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

★ **Parent Climate Survey:** As a parent who has children attending Evans, we are seeking your opinions on how you feel Evans is working to provide you and your child with the following...

- A strong, safe, and supportive learning environment
- Health and counseling services are for your child
- Supportive efforts to address behaviors
- Quality of staff/student relationships

Your responses will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for analytic and reporting purposes. The survey will take approximately 7 minutes to complete and the feedback we receive from you directs our focus so that we continue working to provide the best educational learning environment for your child. The link will be sent to you electronically next week or you can visit the Evans homepage on the Fond du Lac School District website beginning February 6th.

★ **Open Enrollment:** The in-district open enrollment application period starts on February 4 and ends on April 30 th at 4:00 P.M. This is the time in which you can apply to have your child attend another school in the Fond du Lac School District under open enrollment if you choose to do so. Parents/guardians need to make a request for children to attend a school outside of their designated attendance area through this application process. Please stop by the Evans office or District Administration Office to pick up the application.

★ **Great America Reading Program:** Please complete your forms and return them to your child's classroom teacher by Monday, Feb. 25th!

★ **Winter Dance:** February 22 from 5:00 - 8:00PM. **WE ARE IN NEED OF MANY PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP MAKE THE DANCE SUCCESSFUL FOR OUR STUDENTS!** Please consider helping out. Volunteers would be asked to sign up to help decorate and set up, work in food booth, work at book fair, crowd control, take pictures, work silent auction, and take down/clean up. To volunteer please contact Tiffany Cummings at [cummings@fonddulac.k12.wi.us](mailto:cummings@fonddulac.k12.wi.us) or Jessica Longdin at [longdin@fonddulac.k12.wi.us](mailto:longdin@fonddulac.k12.wi.us).

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## **Mrs. Thompson's Notes**

### **School Social Worker**

Great News!! The Fond du Lac School District Elementary School Counseling Team has been recognized as the 2019 Wisconsin School Counselor Association's School Counseling Team Award recipient. In light of the award and celebration of school counseling, I thought a reminder of my unique role at Evans was appropriate. I serve children at Evans in a variety of ways.

**Classroom Counseling** □: Classroom Counseling activities are designed to help students learn and explore various social/emotional lesson topics as well develop an understanding of community and the world of work. Counseling lessons are intended for all students and do not require students to reveal any personal information. Classroom lessons cover topics such as academic success, respect, and safety. Periodically, these lessons will include information for parents that will come home with your child.

**Small Group Counseling:** Small groups will be held throughout the school year. Group topics will include problem solving, pro-social skills, and academic behavior. Should your child be invited to join a small group, an information sheet will be sent home with your child prior to the start of the group. This year, I have been able to offer 21 different small groups to date. These groups meet each rotation schedule for 30 minutes; they last for 6 to 8 weeks and are held during I/E time.

**Individual Counseling:** Individual counseling is designed to help students develop an understanding of themselves or others, define goals, and/or resolve conflict. I am available to meet with your child individually anywhere from a single time up to many times over the course of several weeks, depending on the topic and degree of concern. I also assist parents in helping connect with community resources for their child or family.

**Academic and Career Planning:** Students as young as second grade have lessons that tie their current education into their future career. Then, each fifth grade student and their parents will participate in an individual conference to review these materials and help plan for the transition to Middle School. Information to schedule these conferences will be going home with fifth grade students in February. As a partner in your child's education, I believe working together helps to ensure your child's success in school, the community, and their relationships with others.

Please contact me at 929-2828 if you have any questions or concerns. ~ Mrs. Thompson

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## **PTO News**

★ **Next PTO Meeting:** February 5 from 6:00-7:00 in the Evans Media Center. Please join us!

February 4 - 8, 2019



★**MILK MOOLA IS ENDING!**: If you collect for the Milk Moola Program of raising funds for Evans, please send them to Evans **BEFORE** Feb. 28th as the program will be ending soon!

*Thanks to all that have collected these caps for Evans over the years!!*

★**Winter Dance & Book Fair**: The Winter Dance and Book Fair will be on Friday, February 22. The Book Fair will be open that evening in the media center for you to purchase new, fresh reading materials.

★**Remaining PTO Meetings**: February 5th    March 7th    April 4th    May 2

\*\*Meetings run from 6:00-7:00PM in the Evans Media Center. Please join us!

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### Communication to Watch For:

- February Kindness Calendar
- Winter Walking Club Information
- Knowledge-A-Thon Information
- Parent Climate Survey

### Important Dates to Remember...

- ❑ February 5th: PTO Meeting 6-7pm
- ❑ February 7th P/T Conferences 3:30 - 7:30PM
- ❑ February 8th: Evans Swim Night at the Aquatic Center 6-7pm
- ❑ February 12th: P/T Conferences 3:30 - 7:30PM
- ❑ February 15th: No School P/T Conferences 8:00AM - 3:30PM
- ❑ February 22th: Ski Club
- ❑ February 22th: Winter Dance and Book Fair
- ❑ March 7: PTO MEETING 6:00-7:00PM
- ❑ March 15: KNOWLEDGE-A-THON



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## **FEBRUARY 2019**

| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                       | Thursday   | Friday  |
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|  |   |   |  | 1 <b>Day 2</b><br>*Girls on the Run<br>Lottery Selection        |
| 4 <b>Day 3</b>                                       | 5 <b>Day 4</b><br>*PTO Meeting<br>6pm-7pm   | 6 <b>Day 5</b><br>*Outdoors Club<br>3:30 - 4:15 | 7 <b>Day 6</b><br>*P/T Conferences<br>Evening 3:30-7:30                                | 8 <b>Day 1</b><br>*Evans Swim Night<br>@Aquatic Center<br>6-7pm |
| 11 <b>Day 2</b><br>*Outdoors Club<br>3:30 - 4:15     | 12 <b>Day 3</b><br>*P/T Conferences<br>Evening 3:30 - 7:30  | 13 <b>Day 4</b>                                 | 14 <b>Day 5</b>  | 15<br>*NO SCHOOL<br>P/T Conferences<br>8:00-3:30<br>*Ski Club   |
| 18 <b>Day 1</b>                                      | 19 <b>Day 2</b><br>*Girls on the Run<br>PARENT MEETING @<br>3:30<br>*Outdoors Club<br>3:30 - 4:15 | 20 <b>Day 3</b>                                 | 21 <b>Day 4</b><br>*WINTER WALK to<br>SCHOOL DAY -<br>Meet at Taylor Park<br>at 7:30AM | 22 <b>Day 5</b><br>*Ski Club<br>*School Dance &<br>Book Fair    |
| 25 <b>Day 6</b><br>*Great America<br>Reading Log Due | 26 <b>Day 1</b><br>*Outdoors Club<br>3:30 - 4:15  | 27 <b>Day 2</b>                                 | 28 <b>Day 3</b>  |   |

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