

EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY PARENT NEWSLETTER



November 2023



Principal's Message

Happy Fall! It is hard to believe that we are already in November.

Our students and staff have been working hard in and out of the classroom. This month brings us our parent-teacher conferences. We have two weeks of conferences scheduled. Please see the schedule in the newsletter. Also note your child's release time. This will be a great opportunity for guardians and teachers to meet to discuss your child's progress so far. You should have received a conference letter from your child's teacher.

Our campus is alive with positive energy and kindness. As a school we have finished up our month of bully prevention instruction. We will continue to practice the Stop, Walk, Talk, as well as Recognize, Report, and Refuse as tools to assert ourselves and stand up for what is right.

In November, we will focus on empathy and emotion management.

This excerpt from Erin DeGroff rang true to me -
"It is important to remember that we don't always choose how we feel, but we can choose how to act or react! In other words, you have control of your emotions! You have the power to change the way you feel. Sometimes, you just have to step back, take a deep breath and look at the bigger picture to get your emotions under control. Taking control of your emotions will help you be the best version of yourself."

Finally, I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving. I am very thankful for our amazing students, staff, and families at Evergreen!

Mr. Gallagher



School Information

School Hours: *Campus Opens at 7:45am*

Website: www.evergreenusd.com

Phone: (530) 347-3411 #3 **Fax:** (530) 347-4639

School Secretary : Sarah Harp, eregistrar@evergreenusd.org

Attendance Clerk: Emma Gordon, eattendant@evergreenusd.org

Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 7:30am-3:30pm

Important School Dates

~~Back-to-School Night-August 8th~~

~~First Day of School-August 10th~~

~~Fall Picture Day-September 6th~~

Conferences- (TK/K) Sept. 25-Oct. 6 (1st-3rd) Nov 13-17 (4th) Nov 3-9

~~Make-up Picture Day-October 18th~~

Spring Picture Day- April 9th

Open House- May 16th

Last Day of School-June 6th

School Holidays & Breaks

~~September 4th (Labor Day)~~

~~October 9-13 (Break) Intersession 10/9-10/13~~

November 10th (Veteran's Day)

November 20-24 (Break) Intersession 11/20-11/22

Emergency make up day/snow day Dec 22

December 25-January 5th (Break)

January 8th Teacher work day

January 15th (MLK Day)

February 19-23 (Break) Intersession 2/21-2/23

April 1-5 (Break) Intersession 4/2-4/5

May 27th (Memorial Day)

Last Day June 6th

Summer School 6/10-6/28

Morning Care & After School Programs x/7230

Students arriving earlier than 7:45am need to be signed up for our *Morning Daycare*. Students that are not picked up at their grade-level dismissal time will be sent to our *After School Program* and charged daily.

Reminders
Daylight Savings Day
11/05/23
Veteran's Day, NO SCHOOL
FRIDAY 11/10/23
Thanksgiving Break,
November 20-24

SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

Second Step : Empathy

This month, our schoolwide theme is empathy. We'll be reminding students to have empathy, identify their own and other's feelings, notice and respect the same and different feelings, and show compassion. Compassion involves saying kind words or doing something helpful to show you care how another person feels. When students can identify, understand, and respond in a caring way to how someone else is feeling, it helps create a positive and accepting school climate.

Please tell your child's teacher if you have any questions about how you can help your child learn to identify feelings and practice showing empathy and compassion at home.

Evergreen PTO

PTO meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, 5:30 pm at Evergreen Elementary.

November Intersession

November intersession is going to be held Nov. 20-22. If you wish for you child to attend intersession, please register your student by filling out the form [here](#).

Registration closes on November 10th.

Conference Week

4th grade conferences are Nov 3-9th

On Friday Nov. 3rd dismissal times are normal Friday times.

Monday-Thursday 4th grade is dismissed at 12:30pm. TK-3rd is dismissed at normal time 2pm.

1st-3rd grade conferences are Nov. 13-17th.

On Friday Nov. 17 all grades have normal Friday dismissal times.

Monday-Thursday grades TK-3rd will be dismissed at 1pm. 4th grade will be dismissed at normal time 2:55pm.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found rack is filling up fast. There are lots of coats, lunch pales, and water bottles. Please remind your child to take a look for their lost items. The lost and found is located across from our cafeteria. Items still at the school by Christmas break will be donated.

Cookie Dough

Thank you to everyone who participated in our school fundraiser. Cookie dough pick up day is NOVEMBER 15th. Keep an eye out for more information.

Christmas Craft Night

Christmas craft night will be Thursday 12/14/23. Mark your calendars. It is a great family even held at the Elementary school. Keep an eye out for more information to follow.

Shirts for Sale

Evergreen spirit shirts are for sale in the office.

Cash or check-- made out to Evergreen USD \$10

Sizes available are youth xs-xl. We also have adult size M- 2XL in black only.



Stickers for Sale

NEW!! Stickers \$5.00 each

They look great on your car windshield, cup or any other hard surface. Available in the office. Cash or Check only please.



SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

News from Fourth Grade

November is here already and our 4th graders have started to explore the native tribes of California as well as reading the beloved 4th grade classic, *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. We will be starting a writing performance task out of our Being A Writer program as well as completing our Calif. Parks Writing and our mystery writing in the creative style of author Chris Van Allsburg. The month begins with a great novel study of the holiday classic, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Conference week is fast approaching, and it will be great to get a chance to touch base with all our parents and show off all the amazing progress these students have made since August. Veteran's Day holiday is a great day to remember all the sacrifices of our veterans, and our Thanksgiving break is a wonderful time to spend with family and friends. And finally, don't forget to "fall" back those clocks on November 5th.

News from Third Grade

3rd grade has some exciting events to look forward to in the coming months. We just finished our science unit, "Forces, Motion, Electricity and Magnetism" and will be starting our unit on "Observing Weather Patterns, Seasons, and Natural Hazards" next. In math, we have been working really hard on multiplication the past few months and we will begin division next. Students will be working hard on division and to see the relationships between multiplication and division as well as division and repeated subtraction using models and arrays. Native American tribes and settlements are our next focus after we have finished studying the geography of California in Social Studies. In our literature unit we have been reading Charlotte's Web and students have been really enjoying the book and are very excited to watch the movie after we finish up. Keep your eyes peeled to see some fun pictures on the Evergreen Facebook page of fun student activities happening in 3rd grade!

News from First Grade

First Grade has had an awesome month, but the most exciting part was our field trip to Turtle Bay! We furthered our knowledge of life cycles, plants and animals through the exhibits, as well as saw an awesome Artificial Intelligence exhibit. It was so fun to learn as a group and then play together on Turtle Bay's amazing playground! Next month we are looking forward to exploring what makes up a community, and how to be a good neighbor.



News from Miss Olsen-Music Teacher

Hello Evergreen Family! Miss Olson, Music Teacher, here to update you on the happenings in Music. I am very excited to have joined our evergreen family. I have been working on acquiring additional instruments to add to our current Orff collection as well as repairing the instruments we have. We have added 10 Orff (xylophone, metallophone and glockenspiel) instruments to our current 11 with more on the way.

Preschool through second grade has been learning traditional, school songs, new songs (in English and en Español) and games. They have been introduced to a variety of music, instrumental and songs they dance to or sing. Most recently they were introduced to the bass xylophone, alto metallophone and soprano glockenspiel. The third and fourth grade classes have been learning to read music, singing solfege for voice and notes with musical alphabet letters for the instruments. We have also been building our rhythm reading skills and learning new songs and dances. Students make their own compositions in small groups with the notes we have learned so far. Third graders have been singing their compositions and fourth graders have been playing the notes they have learned on recorder and the Orff instruments. Most recently third and fourth graders made flash cards for the students to take home and practice with, so they can learn and memorize their notes and solfege. This would be a fun family activity. Third grade will receive their recorders mid November, so learning these notes to pair with the recorders is important.



News from Second Grade

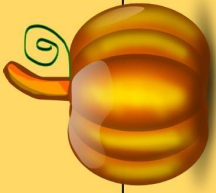
Second grade has been having a lot of fall fun! In Mrs. Russo's class, students earned a pumpkin party where they were able to investigate pumpkin qualities, participate in spooky stations, and paint their pumpkins! They have spent time learning about the characteristics and life cycle of

pumpkins. Did you know that pumpkins have 500 seeds on average?



Evergreen Union School District

November 2023 Menu



Prepayment of meals is welcomed and encouraged. Cash or checks are accepted in the cafeteria, the amount tendered will be applied to your child's meal account.

PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE!
Online payment options for student meal accounts are available at:
<http://lingconnect.com/>

The District Wellness Policy is available for viewing at:
www.evergreenusd.org

Applications for free and reduced meals can be completed at any time during the school year. ALL students who qualify for free or reduced meal prices will receive meals at NO COST.

Menu subject to change.

More specific nutritional information is available upon request.

Please call:
(530) 347-3411 ext. 7533
with any questions regarding food service related issues

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast Hot or Cold Cereal English Muffin Lunch NATIONAL NACHO DAY Super Nacho Refried Beans	Breakfast Waffles Sausage Lunch Deli Sandwiches String Cheese Broccoli Buds w/ Ranch Chips	Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Lunch Chicken Noodle Soup Celery Sticks with Ranch Dinner Roll	Breakfast Eggstravaganza Wheat Toast Lunch Chicken & Waffles French Fries Baby Carrots w/ Ranch	Breakfast Cini-minis Lunch NATIONAL SANDWICH DAY Turkey Bacon Ranch Pita w/ Spinach & Tomatoes Pickle Spear Chips
Breakfast Hot or Cold Cereal Wheat Toast Lunch Corn Dog Baked Beans Carrot Sticks with Ranch	Breakfast Breakfast Muffin Sausage Links Lunch Xtreme Burrito Green Salad with Tomatoes	Breakfast Mini Pancakes Lunch Turkey Gravy w/ Mashed Potatoes Green Peas Dinner Roll	Breakfast Pancake on a Stick Lunch Grilled Ham & Cheese Ciabatta Celery w/ Peanut Butter Baby Carrots	Breakfast Fall Parfait Lunch Chicken Nuggets Corn Dinner roll
Breakfast Hot or Cold Cereal Wheat Toast Lunch NATIONAL NACHO DAY Super Nacho Refried Beans	Breakfast Eggstravaganza Sausage Lunch Intercession Days:	Breakfast Pumpkin Muffins Lunch Intercession Days:	Breakfast Pumpkin Muffins Lunch Intercession Days:	Breakfast Pumpkin Muffins Lunch Intercession Days:
Breakfast Hot or Cold Cereal English Muffin Lunch Fish Sticks French Fries Broccoli Buds w/ Ranch Goldfish Crackers	Breakfast Biscuits & Gravy Sausage Link Lunch Chickwich Potato Wedges Baby Carrots w/ Ranch	Breakfast Breakfast Biscuit & Sausage Sandwich Lunch Spaghetti Mixed Green Salad w/ Tomatoes & Kidney Beans Bread Stick	Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Lunch Pizza Green Salad Cucumber	Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Lunch Pizza Green Salad Cucumber

BREAKFAST
Free for all students!

LUNCH
Free for all students!

ADULT MEALS
Breakfast: \$3.00
Lunch: \$ 5.00
A la Carte Entree: \$ 1.75

MILK
\$.50

Bottled Water
(available to purchase only with cash or money on account)
\$1.00

Choice of 1% white or nonfat chocolate milk is served with each meal.

Fruit Juice is served additionally with breakfast.

Fresh Fruit is served everyday for both Breakfast and Lunch.

Additional vegetables are always available with every lunch as we are an offer vs. serve program.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

EVERGREEN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES



Parents are responsible for notifying the office of a student's absence ASAP.

Bend School: 530-527-4648; bregistrar@evergreenusd.org

Evergreen Elementary: 530-347-3411 ext/3; eattendant@evergreenusd.org

Evergreen Middle: 530-347-3411 ext/4; mattendant@evergreenusd.org

If the office doesn't receive notification of your child's absence, the school will call the student's contact list to find out why your student is absent. Unverified absences will automatically be unexcused. If a student is absent excessively (10% or more of the time), an Attendance Student Success Team (SST) Meeting will be held, and we may require a doctor's note to excuse future absences.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

- Illness/Doctor's Note
- Doctor Appointment
- Dental Appointment
- Student Hospitalization
- Death in Immediate Family
- Observation of a Religious Event

(If a student is absent for more than 3 days due to illness and/or hospitalization, a doctor's note may be required.)

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

- Unverified Absences
- Out of Town
- Certain Family Emergencies
- Missed Transportation/Woke Up Late
- Unexcused Tardy of 30 minutes or More
- Taking Vacation not approved with ISP
- Incomplete ISP Work
- Feeling Too Tired/Not Wanting to Attend

(Three unexcused absences or more is considered truant and can result in an Attendance SST/SARB Referral.)

TARDIES/LEAVE EARLIES

Tardy: Considered late if student is not in first period/homeroom class by the time the first bell rings.

Leave Early: Anytime a student is signed out before the end of the school day.

- A tardy that is 30 minutes or more late is considered an absence (Unless excused for an appointment – Note may be required)
- Excessive tardies and/or leave earlies may result in an Attendance SST/SARB Referral

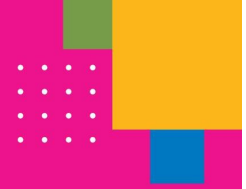
INDEPENDENT STUDY PLANS

- Request must be submitted AT LEAST 3 days in advance (form available in office)
- Absence must total 3 days or more school days
- Work must be returned the first day back at school fully completed
- If work is completed to District standards, full attendance will be granted
- Failure to complete all work may result in unexcused absences and future unapproved ISP's

TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE

- When your student needs to miss part of the school day, schedule all appointments for your student after school or during school breaks when school is not in session.
- If the appointment must be made during school hours, please have your student attend school prior to the appointment and/or return to school after the appointment to complete the school day.
- Try to schedule vacations/trips ahead of time by doing an ISP for lengthy absences (See requirements above)

When to Keep Your Child Home from School or Child Care



Symptom of Illness

Sore throat

When should my child stay home and when can they return?

OK TO ATTEND WITH MILD SYMPTOMS. Please consider wearing a mask if age 2 years or older.

STAY HOME AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION for difficulty breathing or swallowing, or continuous drooling.

RETURN WHEN IMPROVING. If an antibiotic is prescribed, take the first dose at least 12 hours before returning.

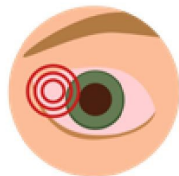


Cold symptoms, such as cough, stuffy/runny nose, sneeze

OK TO ATTEND WITH MILD SYMPTOMS. Please consider wearing a mask if age 2 years or older.

STAY HOME AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION for severe symptoms, including a bad cough, difficulty breathing or trouble catching their breath, or wheezing when not controlled by medication (like albuterol).

RETURN WHEN IMPROVING. If your child will need medication after returning, contact the site to let them know.



Ear or eye irritation, including pink eye

OK TO ATTEND WITH MILD SYMPTOMS. Recommend frequent handwashing.

STAY HOME AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION for difficulty seeing or hearing, an eye injury, or pain they cannot tolerate.



Rash

OK TO ATTEND WITH MILD SYMPTOMS.

STAY HOME AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION if rash is worsening, causing pain, has blisters, or is not healing.

RETURN WHEN IMPROVING or as guided by health care provider. In general, for conditions such as lice, impetigo, ringworm, scabies, and pinworms, your child may return as soon as they start appropriate treatment.

When to Keep Your Child Home from School or Child Care

Below are suggestions for when to keep your child home when they are not feeling well. Contact a health care provider if your child needs medical care. A doctor's note is generally not required to return to school or child care. For more information, please visit the [CDPH guidance page](#).



Overall, not feeling well

When should my child stay home and when can they return?

STAY HOME IF any new illness or symptom prevents a child from participating meaningfully in routine activities.



Fever

STAY HOME IF a fever is of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher.

RETURN WHEN fever went away over the night and is gone in the morning without the use of medications such as Tylenol®, Advil®, or Motrin® (acetaminophen or ibuprofen).



Vomiting

STAY HOME IF vomiting has occurred 2 or more times in 24 hours.

RETURN WHEN vomiting has ended overnight, and your child is able to hold down liquids and food. Recommend frequent handwashing.



Diarrhea

STAY HOME IF your child's stool is likely to leak from the diaper, or if they are unlikely to make it to the toilet in time (if potty trained). If the stool looks bloody or black, seek medical attention.

RETURN WHEN improving. Recommend frequent hand washing.



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