Dear Evergreen Families,

Teacher Appreciation Week is just around the corner. The PTO is offering some activities and ideas to help make this an especially enjoyable week for all the teachers. After all, it’s our opportunity to put them in the spotlight and let them know they deserve a standing ovation for all of their hard work this year.

Attached to this letter is a star for your child to share why he/she thinks his/her teacher is a star. Please write the teacher or staff member’s name at the top and include your child’s name on the page as well. Encourage your child to decorate the star as he/she chooses. The bottom portion should be cut off and returned to school if you are able to contribute to the teachers luncheon on Tuesday (Pre-K through 4th graders) or dessert bar on Friday (5th graders). Please return the luncheon responses by Friday 4/29 or send an email to Nancy Bobrowski, fnbobrowski@md.metrocast.net. The stars should be turned in no later than Monday, May 2. Each teacher will have a folder to hold the stars. Students may turn stars made for specialists and staff into their classroom teacher’s envelope.

There are many ways parents can help behind the scenes to make this a super week. Please note that if the weather is nice, all are invited to help chalk the teachers’ entrance on Sunday (May 1) between 2-4pm. Help is also needed after school on Tuesday (May 2) from 4-5:30pm. All volunteer opportunities will be listed in detail on the PTO website, www.EvergreenPTO.org. Please contact Erin Gaddis if you have any questions, erin.gaddis@prodigy.net.

The PTO plans to provide a few nice surprises for the teachers during the week. However, the most treasured gifts come from the students. Classroom parents are encouraged to give a group gift if possible. To help facilitate this, Amy Hauerstein has agreed to be the contact person for anyone who would like class gift ideas. She can be reached at hauerstein@md.metrocast.net. Of course, students are welcome to give additional appreciation gifts if they choose. Teacher Wish Lists can be found on the PTO website.

A schedule of the week’s activities is listed on the back.
The PTO thanks you in advance for supporting Evergreen’s teachers and staff members. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

**Sunday, May 1** – Take a family stroll or ride up to EES and help us chalk the teacher’s entrance (weather permitting) from 2-4pm. A limited supply of chalk will be available. If you have sidewalk chalk to spare, please bring it along. Adult supervision must be present for each child.

**Monday, May 2** – My Teacher is a Star! Please turn in the stars that were sent home telling why your teacher is a star. The stars will be used to decorate your teacher’s door. The star template will be posted on the PTO website and copies will be in the office if you want to make more for specials teachers and staff members. Remember to put your teacher’s name at the top and sign your name.

**Tuesday, May 3** – Superstar Teachers Luncheon for faculty and staff will be offered throughout the day. We are asking students in Pre-K through Grade 4 to donate an item for the potluck luncheon. Return the bottom portion of the star or send an email to fnbobrowski@md.metrocast.net. Please choose an appetizer, salad or side, main dish or dessert. Dishes need to be dropped off by 10:30 am with instructions attached. Volunteers are also needed to monitor recess in order to give the teachers a little more time to enjoy their tasty lunch. Please send an email to erin.gaddis@prodigy.net or sign up in the office if you would like to help during recess. The luncheon was much appreciated last year and is a great way to show our thanks. This is the official “Teacher Appreciation Day.”

**Wednesday, May 4** – The Stars Shine Brightly. The stars that were returned will be displayed on the teachers’ doors. Take this opportunity to brighten your teacher’s day by showing good manners.

**Thursday, May 5** – Class Spirit Day. Wear your teacher’s favorite color and become his or her biggest fan.

**Friday, May 6** – Bring in a card, poem, or picture for your Star Teacher. A Teachers are “Sweet” Dessert Bar will be sponsored by the students in 5th grade. Please sign up to bring in a sweet treat by returning the bottom portion of the star or emailing Nancy Bobrowski fnbobrowski@md.metrocast.net. The PTO will provide a chocolate dipping station. Fruit to dip is one of the requested items. You could also provide any type of dessert you would like. Please drop off desserts by 10:30 am with instructions attached.
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