

## H&SA Newsletter - August 31, 2018

We hope everyone had a great first week back to school! It's a busy week at Evans, but we're here to help make your transition into a new school year with the H&SA an easy one.

**Membership Packet:** Next week, students will bring home the H&SA Membership Packet. Please remember to return your manilla envelope, with completed membership form and membership donation, if electing to join the H&SA, to school by September 14, 2018.

**Volunteer Clearances:** If you plan on coming to school this year during school hours, whether it's to volunteer for the H&SA, help teachers during a holiday party, or any other reason, you **MUST** have clearances on file with the SFASD district office! If you arrive at school to volunteer but your clearances are not on file, you will unfortunately not be able to volunteer that day. Clearances (including the Annual Online Volunteer Registration) take **AT LEAST 2 weeks** to process. So if you have any interest in helping during September (think Fun Run and Book Fair!!!) please complete these ASAP!

Here's the link to fill out the Annual Online Volunteer Registration, as well as information on other documentation you may need to submit - <https://www.spring-ford.net/about-spring-ford/spring-ford-community/volunteer-information>. You can also check the status of your clearances in Skyward (Log In --> Open Family Access --> Report Cards --> Volunteer Dates for FA 2018-2019).

**Ram Runners Fun Run:** Next week your child will bring home information and collection envelopes for our First Annual Ram Runners Fun Run scheduled during school hours on Friday, September 21, 2018! We are **SO** excited for this event and we know the kids are going to love every minute of what we have planned. This isn't your average Boosterthon! Instead, we've teamed up with the Get Movin Crew to maximize the percentage of donations that is kept by the H&SA! We will need **A LOT** of daytime volunteers (4-6 per CLASSROOM) so make sure your clearances are on file with the district office, and keep an eye out for a sign up genius link on our website or in our Facebook group within the next week. To receive the sign up genius link **BEFORE** it's offered to other Evans families, make sure you click the box next to "Fun Run" in the subscriptions section of your AtoZ Directory account. We'll also email it out in our next H&SA newsletter.

**Dining Out:** Our first Dining Out fundraiser this year will be at California Tortilla on Wednesday, September 12 from 4-8pm. Use the attached flyer or just say **EVANS** when you order!! 20% of all Evans sales will be donated back to the H&SA!

**AtoZ Connect Directory:** Thank you to all who have entered or verified information in our student directory! Remember to join the directory or verify last year's information

by September 30, 2018 to be entered to win a FREE 2018-2019 YEARBOOK! Our winner will be chosen October 1, 2018. Remember, you can choose which committees you'd like to help with this year in the "Subscription" section of the directory. If you check the committee's box, committee chairpersons will contact you for volunteer opportunities prior to making them public to the rest of the school. Coming up in September are the Book Fair, Fun Run, and Evans T-Shirt distribution. We need A LOT of volunteers for our First Annual Ram Runners Fun Run, so make sure to check that box!!

To join the directory or verify information from last year, follow the instructions found in your first day packet, and visit <https://atozconnect.com/login>. Instructions for the directory can also be found on our website and in our Facebook group. If you need help with the directory or have questions, please contact Amy Lumpkin, Directory Committee Chair, at [amy.schondra.lumpkin@gmail.com](mailto:amy.schondra.lumpkin@gmail.com), or reach out to any Board Member.

**Yearbook:** If you are a HOMEROOM PARENT - we need your help!! Please reach out to the Yearbook Committee ([Jennifer.Earley@me.com](mailto:Jennifer.Earley@me.com)) to make sure your class photos and memorable moments make this year's book!

**Bus Duty:** Bus Duty continues next week and volunteers are still needed! You can sign up for a shift here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4caea729a6f94-afternoon1>. Clearances must be on file with the district office and for safety reasons younger children are not permitted to accompany you while volunteering. If help is no longer needed later in the week, you'll be notified via the Sign Up Genius.

**Community Service Committee:** Hello Evans students and families! We are excited to introduce a new committee this year: Community Service! The goal of this committee is to help our students and families get involved with local service and outreach projects. Helping others can be very rewarding and it will encourage our youth to seek out ways to volunteer as they grow into young adults. Please stay tuned for more details in our next newsletter. If you are interested in joining this committee or if you have ideas for service projects, please contact Carey Greives: [cabrn5@msn.com](mailto:cabrn5@msn.com) or 410-746-6426.

In the meantime, we are looking for a volunteer to assist with a current, ongoing project with the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry. Every Friday morning, a volunteer picks up food from the Aldi Supermarket on Ridge Pike and delivers the food to the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in Colledgeville. The volunteer will need to be available, on average, every other Friday, between 9 am and noon for approximately one hour. A vehicle able to hold numerous boxes of food (such as a mini van or SUV) is also helpful. If you are interested in helping with this critical project, please contact Jenn Henson: [jjhenson@verizon.net](mailto:jjhenson@verizon.net) or 610-283-4634.

**Treasurer's Note:** The H&SA has a new look to its financial forms! The new forms can be found on our website at [www.evanshsa.org](http://www.evanshsa.org) under "Documents & Forms",

"Treasurer's Forms". Copies of the new forms will be provided to committee chairpersons at the Committee Chairperson meeting Monday, September 17 at 7:00 pm in the Evans Library.

**Beautification:** The Beautification Committee needs volunteers to water the planters outside of the school entrance so they stay healthy and vibrant throughout the next few weeks. This is an easy way to volunteer without committing a ton of time. Clearances not required. Click the link to sign up - [www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4cafab23a20-evans](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4cafab23a20-evans)

**Book Fair:** Next week your child will come home with a baggie for Scholastic's All for Books program. By donating \$1 or loose change in this bag, you help us give books to children in need in our community through the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry. Scholastic will also match OUR monetary contributions with their own funds to buy books for national organizations such as Kids In Need Foundation, Reader to Reader, Inc. and the National Center for Families Learning.

If your child's class collects the most money during this Coin Challenge, they will win \$25 in books for their classroom library!

If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Sullivan at [cecs@alumni.upenn.edu](mailto:cecs@alumni.upenn.edu). Thank you for your support!

**Refunding:** There are so many ways for Evans families to help raise money for the H&SA without spending any extra time or effort! One of those ways is through Amazon Smile. When you shop Amazon with the H&SA listed as your designated charity, we earn 0.5% of all eligible purchases payable as a quarterly donation from Amazon. To add the H&SA as your charity, visit [https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/change/ref=smi\\_cyc\\_pf\\_redirect?ie=UTF8&ref=ya\\_d\\_l\\_pldn](https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/change/ref=smi_cyc_pf_redirect?ie=UTF8&ref=ya_d_l_pldn) and choose "Evans Elementary Home and School." Every time you shop from the link [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), your purchases will be counted towards our donation. *Please note - Purchases must be made from this link to count towards our donation.* If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Henson ([jjhenson@verizon.net](mailto:jjhenson@verizon.net)), Refunding Committee chair, or any board member.

### **Upcoming Events - Save the Date!**

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 (7:00-8:00pm) - First H&SA General Membership Meeting  
Friday, September 14, 2018 - First Day Packets Due (Will be distributed the first week of school)  
Monday, September 17, 2018 (7:00-8:00pm) - H&SA Committee Chairperson Orientation  
Friday, September 21, 2018 (School Hours) - First Annual Ram Runners Fun Run! MANY Volunteers needed! More details to come!

Friday, September 21, 2018 (6:00-8:00pm) - Welcome Back Water Ice Social! First FIT (Families in Training) Night - Family Kickball on the field at 7:00pm!  
Wednesday, September 26, 2018 (School Hours) - Fall Book Fair Begins  
Thursday, September 27, 2018 (6:00-8:00pm) - Book Fair Family Shopping

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