

## H&SA Newsletter – August 17, 2018

Dear Evans Families, Teachers and Staff,

Welcome back to Evans Elementary for the 2018-2019 school year! We hope you had an amazing summer and are feeling refreshed and eager to start a new year! A lot of amazing things are happening with the H&SA, and our newsletter brings you information about how to volunteer and get involved. Be sure to check your email every other Friday for this newsletter so you don't miss any H&SA info!

**First Day Packets:** Packets will be sent home with the oldest child in each Evans family during the first week of school. Included in the packet is an H&SA membership form, AtoZ Connect Directory instructions, a calendar of events, a list of our committees and their descriptions, and a few other items about the H&SA. If you choose to join the H&SA, please return the completed membership form and your membership donation in the manilla envelope in which you received it. If you choose not to join the H&SA, please return the empty manilla envelope to school. Please return these items to school no later than September 14, 2018.

**AtoZ Connect Student Directory:** The Evans Elementary Student Directory is a wonderful tool you can use to keep in contact with other Evans families. Teachers are not allowed to release student information, so if you would like to contact another parent (think party invitations and play dates) the directory is how you'll do it! It's also how committee chairpersons will contact you if you're interested in helping with activities throughout the year. You can also customize privacy settings to make as much or as little information public in the directory as you like.

All Evans families who enter or verify information in the directory by September 30, 2018 will be entered to receive a FREE 2018-2019 YEARBOOK!! Our winner will be announced on October 1, 2018 and will receive a voucher to collect a yearbook at the end of the school year.

**RETURNING FAMILIES MUST VERIFY LAST YEAR'S INFORMATION TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE DIRECTORY. INFORMATION ENTERED LAST YEAR WILL STILL BE VISIBLE TO OTHER DIRECTORY FAMILIES, BUT YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE DIRECTORY UNTIL YOUR INFORMATION IS VERIFIED.**

You'll receive a paper copy of these instructions in your First Day Packet coming home the first week of school, and they are also posted on our website ([www.evansHSA.org](http://www.evansHSA.org)) and Facebook Group ([www.facebook.com/groups/evanshomeandschool](http://www.facebook.com/groups/evanshomeandschool)).

New for the 2018-2019 school year - For the safety of our students, **you will only be added or remain in our Facebook Group if H&SA officers can verify your identity in the directory!** You can choose to keep some contact information private, such as your address and phone number, but your name needs to be public so we can confirm you are an Evans Parent!

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 H&SA officer.

**Evans T-shirts:** Each year, the H&SA provides a school themed t-shirt to every student, free of charge. At the end of last year, we collected t-shirt order forms for the upcoming school year. If you did not complete an order form for your student, please do so as soon as possible (form attached). Forms need to be received prior to the first day of school! Completed forms can be submitted electronically to [jihenson@verizon.net](mailto:jihenson@verizon.net), physically submitted to the Evans office staff or given to any H&SA officer at the Evans Open House on August 23. If you have any questions or are uncertain if you submitted a form, please contact Jenn Henson at [jihenson@verizon.net](mailto:jihenson@verizon.net). Please include your child's name in your correspondence.

**Evans Elementary Home & School Association Facebook Group:** The H&SA Facebook Group is a closed group for current Evans Elementary families intended to keep you up to date on H&SA events and fundraisers, as well as find volunteer opportunities. To join the group, visit [www.facebook.com/groups/evanshomeandschool/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/evanshomeandschool/) and click "Join." Your request will be approved after your identity is verified by H&SA officers via our student directory. Information posted in our group is also available on our website ([www.evansHSA.org](http://www.evansHSA.org)) and sent out in our bi-weekly newsletters, so if you aren't on Facebook you won't miss any info. We ask that information that is posted in this group is related only to the H&SA. Any non-H&SA posts can be directed to the new Evans Parent group "Parents Social Group of Limerick PA" [www.facebook.com/groups/1894208410842993/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1894208410842993/). This is a parent administrated group where you can ask questions about classes, homework, teachers, and all other non-H&SA questions you may have. Thank you to Melissa Trant-Kline for volunteering to admin this group!

**Evans Elementary School Visitation Day:** On August 23, 2018, parents and students can visit Evans to tour their new classrooms and meet their teacher during scheduled times. H&SA officers will also be in the lobby to collect Back to School Spirit Grams, assist parents with the AtoZ Directory, collect t-shirt order forms, and more! Stop by and say hi!

**Yearbook Committee:** The Yearbook Committee is looking for volunteers to help take pictures of the student's arriving on the first day of school, August 27, 2018. Please arrive at school by 8:35am to pick up your badge and camera from the office and plan to stay at school until around 9am, in order to capture as many students as possible. You will be taking pictures of the students as they get off the buses and head into school. Clearances must be on file to volunteer, and for safety reasons, other children are not permitted to accompany you when volunteering. Please contact Alison Mazur ([amazing.mazur@gmail.com](mailto:amazing.mazur@gmail.com)) if you are interested in helping.

**Bus Duty:** The start of a new school year can be overwhelming for students. Volunteers are needed during the first two weeks of school to help students find their buses during dismissal. Clearances must be on file to volunteer, and other children are not permitted to accompany you when volunteering. Click the link to sign up - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4caea729a6f94-afternoon1>

**Back to School Spirit Grams:** What better way to welcome your little learner back to school than with an Evans Spirit Gram! If purchased, students will receive a Spirit Stick along with your handwritten note of encouragement for the start of a new year. If you would like to send your child(ren) a Back to School Spirit Gram, print out the flier attached to this email, place your completed flier and \$2 cash in an envelope labeled "Back to School Spirit Gram" and your child's name. You may return the envelope to an H&SA officers at any of the following events: **August 19 Popsicles on the Playground (Kindergarten Families Only)**, **August 21 New Family Orientation (New Families to Evans Only)**, or **August 23 Evans Walkthrough/Meet the Teacher (Open to all Evans families)**. Fliers will also be available at these events for those who are unable to print one out. Back to School Grams will be distributed to students during the first week of school.

**Beautification:** The planters outside the school entrance are ready to cheerfully welcome our students back to school! The Beautification Committee needs volunteers to water them 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 Committee:** Mark your calendar! The Fall Book Fair is scheduled from Sept 26 to October 4 with Family Shopping Nights on Thursday, September 27 and Thursday, October 2! Please consider volunteering for the book fair! Daytime and evening opportunities are available and it is a short time commitment. No experience necessary! The Sign-up Genius to secure your volunteer shift will be coming out soon. Contact Catherine Sullivan to be added to the list: [cecs@alumni.upenn.edu](mailto:cecs@alumni.upenn.edu) or check the "Book Fair" subscription box in the AtoZ Connect Directory.

**Refunding:** As we begin a new school year, please consider helping our H&SA through our ongoing fundraisers. If you shop Amazon, please do so through Amazon Smile and select our H&SA as your charitable organization. Clip your General Mills Box Tops and earn 10 cents per coupon for our school. Recycle any gently used but no longer needed shoes. Please visit "Fundraisers" at [www.evansHSA.org](http://www.evansHSA.org) for details regarding these and other ongoing fundraisers that benefit our school.

**Clearances:** Many of the H&SA volunteer opportunities and school events require clearances to be filed with the Spring-Ford District Office. Visit [www.spring-ford.net/about-spring-ford/spring-ford-community/volunteer-information](http://www.spring-ford.net/about-spring-ford/spring-ford-community/volunteer-information) for information on how to obtain and submit your clearances.

**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 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

That's a wrap for our first H&SA Newsletter for the 2018-2019 school year! H&SA officers would love to talk to you about ways to get involved this year at Evans, so please feel free to contact any of us for more information. You can also read the Committee Descriptions flier posted on our website (<http://www.evanshsa.org/committees---volunteers.html>), or in our Facebook Group, to find the committees that fit your availability and volunteer time needs. There's something for every family to do, no matter how much time you have to give. Thank you for helping the H&SA make Evans a wonderful place for our children to grow!

Evans Elementary H&SA Executive Board Members

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Evans Elementary H&SA Website - [www.evansHSA.org](http://www.evansHSA.org)

Evans Elementary H&SA Private Facebook Group  
- [www.facebook.com/groups/evanshomeandschool/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/evanshomeandschool/)

Evans Elementary H&SA Public Facebook Page - [www.facebook.com/Evans-Elementary-Home-School-Association-1629843957112095](https://www.facebook.com/Evans-Elementary-Home-School-Association-1629843957112095)



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# Evans Elementary 2018-2019 Student T-shirt Form

## We are getting a jump on next school year!

Each year the H&SA provides ONE free school t-shirt to each student in the school to be used for field trips, unity days and field day. **Please provide the appropriate size for your child that will be the best fit for NEXT school year. Be sure to factor in your child's possible growth over the school year when selecting a size.** If a t-shirt is lost during the school year or needs to be replaced, a replacement t-shirt can be purchased for \$5.00. The shirts are Gildan brand and will shrink slightly when washed. Youth sizes are as follows: Small (6-8), Medium (10-12), Large (14-16). Adult sizes are also available.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size      (Youth sizes)      S      M      L  
Grade in FALL of 2018/2019: \_\_\_\_\_      (Adult sizes)      S      M      L      XL

### ADULT T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Adult t-shirts can be purchased for \$5.00 each. These shirts are great for volunteering at Evans events or during field trips. Include your payment with this form, in an envelope marked "Evans H&SA", when returning it to school. ***If paying by check, make your check payable to: Evans Elementary H&SA.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Oldest Child at Evans & Grade in Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Size:      S      M      L      XL      2XL      3XL