

## Evans H&SA Newsletter - September 28, 2018

**Fun Run:** THANK YOU to all our volunteers who came out and helped during our first Ram Runners Fun Run!! The kids had a BLAST while embracing a healthy lifestyle!

The online donation window for the Fun Run ends today! As of Sept 26 @ 12pm, we've raised \$24,491.86! Committee members will be counting the final cash/check envelopes that have come in today and adding them to the student's web pages. We will be announcing our grand total soon! THANK YOU to everyone who donated! The H&SA provides our students with so many wonderful opportunities throughout the school year and without our generous Evans community it wouldn't be possible!

Fun Run Prizes will be distributed discretely the week of October 8! Raffle winners will be announced in a special Fun Run Edition Skyward email!

**Book Fair:** Many thanks to everyone who supported the Classroom Coin Challenge! Over \$1,300 was raised in support of the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry and we will continue to raise funds during the book fair for this very worthwhile endeavor. Mrs. Frantz's third class was the winner of the Challenge and will receive \$25 worth of books for their classroom!!!

The fair is in full swing and many students have visited the Book Fair. We hope they are enjoying their books! We have one more Family Shopping Night on October 2, 2018. Bruster's Ice Cream Cart will be at school, or please visit their Royersford location **that night** and mention Evans, and your purchase will also support the school.

If you are still interested in helping with the Book Fair AND have your clearances, including your annual form, please sign up through the link in the emailed 9/28/18 newsletter. Remember other children are not allowed to accompany you while you volunteer. Many thanks for everyone's support!

**AtoZ Directory:** We've had an AMAZING response to the student directory this year! Remember to join or verify your information in our directory by September 30 to be entered to win a FREE 2018-2019 Yearbook! The winner will be announced in our October 12 newsletter! For information on how to join or verify information, visit our website [www.evansHSA.org](http://www.evansHSA.org).

Also, you must be in our directory to be a part of the H&SA Facebook Group ([www.facebook.com/groups/evanshomeandschool](http://www.facebook.com/groups/evanshomeandschool)). Starting October 1, 2018, group admins will be checking members identities in the directory to confirm that they are Evans parents. If an admin can not find your name in the directory, you will be removed from the Facebook Group. This is for the privacy and safety of our students. If you have any questions about this please contact any board member.

**Yearbook:** Thank you to everyone who took pictures during the Fun Run and Water Ice Social! If you took them on your personal camera, please email Alison Mazur ([amazing.mazur@gmail.com](mailto:amazing.mazur@gmail.com)) or Jen Earley ([jennifer.earley@me.com](mailto:jennifer.earley@me.com)) to find out how to get your pictures submitted. Thanks for your help!!

**Community Service Committee:** Thank you to all the kids and parents who were able to attend last week's orientation night at Operation Backpack! It was amazing to see Evans so well represented! Due to the overwhelming response, additional volunteers to help pack the backpacks are not needed at this time. However, Lisa Heverly, director of Operation Backpack in Pottstown, will email Carey Grieves, Committee Chairperson, when she has cancellations. Lisa did mention that her needs usually do increase come January, so we'll keep you informed about future volunteer opportunities. We're proud to have so many Evans families interested in this organization!

Operation Backpack is searching for volunteers to help during their food drive at our local Redner's Market in Collegeville on November 17 from 8-4pm. Volunteers are needed to hand out shopping list to shoppers, accept donations, and thank customers for donating. An Operation Backpack employee will be present and Carey and her daughter are planning to help out in the afternoon. Here is the sign up genius to choose a volunteer shift: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d45a4a72fabfb6-food2>. Spots are still available! Children need to be accompanied by a parent. Please consider joining us!

You can "Like" Operation Backpack on Facebook by clicking here - [www.facebook.com/OBP.PA](http://www.facebook.com/OBP.PA). Information about their 8th Annual Fundraiser can be found on their Facebook page, or by clicking here - [www.facebook.com/events/648176962196358](https://www.facebook.com/events/648176962196358)

Volunteer Opportunity at Empowering U Center and Pillars of Light and Love - If you and your children haven't had the opportunity to check out the Empowering U Center in Trappe, you need to!! Their message is to empower youth and adults to be calm, confident and happy. We all can use more of that, right??? They offer many free workshops and events for the community, one being a monthly kindness project. This month they will be creating Halloween Goody Bags for children at CHOP. Click the following link for more information - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monthly-kindness-project-halloween-goody-bags-tickets-50531704689>

**Refunding: Box Tops for Education:** Clipping Box Tops is another simple way to raise money for our school! Look for Box Tops, in all shapes and sizes (bonus certificates, too), on hundreds of products (visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products> for a complete listing of products). Each valid Box Top earns 10 cents for our school! As an incentive to clip, we will again hold our **annual Box Tops contest**. Beginning **October 1, 2018 through February 15, 2019**, send in your valid (not expired!) Box Tops in a Ziploc bag/envelope clearly marked with your teacher's name. The class collecting the most Box Tops during the contest period wins a water ice party, with other prizes going to runner up classes in each grade! Many Box Tops

have an 11/1/18 expiration date, so please submit those Box Tops asap! Finally, if you would like to earn even more for our school, check out the Bonus Box Tops app (see <https://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp> for more information). Any questions, please contact Jenn Henson at [jjhenson@verizon.net](mailto:jjhenson@verizon.net).

**Dining Out:** We hope everyone enjoyed a night without cooking during our first Dining Out Event at California Tortilla! Because of your purchases, Cal Tort will be donating \$109.45 to the H&SA!

**Membership:** Thank you to all who returned their membership packets! If you have not sent yours in and want to join the H&SA, please return your completed membership form and donation to school. Extra membership forms can be found on our website - [www.evansHSA.org](http://www.evansHSA.org). If you do not want to join the H&SA, please return your empty manilla envelope to the school for reuse.

If you chose to Opt-Out of fundraising this year by donating \$75 and would like those funds to be redirected towards your child's Fun Run donation, please contact Jenn Henson, H&SA Treasurer, **TODAY** to do so!

**Constitution & By-Laws:** During the first General Membership Meeting on 9/11/18, the Executive Board presented proposed changes to our Constitution and By-Laws. H&SA members in good standing are eligible to vote on these by-laws at the next General Membership Meeting on 11/13/18. Visit our website to review the proposal - <http://www.evanshsa.org/documents---forms.html>.

Major changes that should be noted are:

1. Revision of duties of the Vice President and Secretary to become Vice President/Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.
2. Volunteer Code of Conduct

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

Monday, October 1, 2018 - Box Tops for Education Contest Begins

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 (6:00-8:00pm) - Book Fair Family Shopping

Wednesday, October 3, 2018 - Book Fair Ends

Monday, October 8, 2018 - No School For Students

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 - Fall Picture Day :)

Thursday, October 25, 2018 - Spirit Stick Sale for Grades 1-4 (during recess)

Wednesday, October 31, 2018 - Fall Celebrations and Parade (More info coming from your teachers soon!)

### **Active Sign Up Genius Links**

Book Fair - SEE EMAILED 9/28/18 NEWSLETTER

Operation Backpack - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d45a4a72fabfb6-food2>

Laminating - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aaeab2cabfc1-evans>

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