

## Evans H&SA Newsletter - September 14, 2018

THANK YOU to all who came out for our first H&SA meeting this past Tuesday! We approved the budget for the school year, reviewed proposed changes to the by-laws, and answered many questions about upcoming events and volunteer clearances. If you weren't able to make it to the meeting, you can find the meeting minutes (pending membership approval) on our website - <http://www.evanshsa.org/documents---forms.html>.

We ask all H&SA members to review the proposed by-law changes. You can find a copy of the current by-laws, as well as the proposed changes on our website - <http://www.evanshsa.org/documents---forms.html>. H&SA Members will have the opportunity to vote to approve or reject the new by-laws at our next general membership meeting on November 13, 2018. Please contact any board member with questions!

**Event Cancellations:** In the event that the H&SA needs to cancel an event due to weather, you can find that information in our Facebook Group ([www.facebook.com/groups/evanshomeandschool](http://www.facebook.com/groups/evanshomeandschool)) or on our website ([www.evansHSA.org](http://www.evansHSA.org)). Our next outdoor event without a rain date is the Water Ice Social on Sept 21!

**Daytime Help:** A big thank you to the Bus Duty volunteers who helped the students find their buses and ensured the first two weeks of school went smoothly!

**Ram Runners Fun Run:** Only one more week until our **First Annual Ram Runners Fun Run!** Collection envelopes and fliers were sent out last week and the donations are already pouring in! At the time that this newsletter was written (9/13/18 @ 10am) we have raised \$5410!!! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED! Don't forget to track your child's online donations on their SWP (Student Web Page). You can also follow along how much we've raised as a school here - <https://secure.eventsonline.us/reg/getmovincrew/pub/school/1152>. The H&SA keeps 100% of cash/check donations and 85% of online donations. For donations made online, there is a \$2.50 processing fee that donors have the option of paying to increase our donation total. We have multiple dates planned to count cash/check donations as they come in, so families have an up to date total of how much has been raised. You can sign up to help count donations using the Sign Up Genius link below. THANK YOU for your generosity!

During the Fun Run, students in Grades 1-4 will complete 3 stations while running, skipping, or hopping along our walking path. Kindergarten and MCIU students will do the same on the playground blacktop. We even have a DJ to keep the kids movin! Each grade gets 45 minutes to participate, so we expect a quick and FUN day!

Parents wishing to volunteer for the Fun Run, please click the Sign Up Genius link below to secure your spot. We need A LOT of help and spots are filling up quickly. Remember that clearances must be on file with the SFASD office, and for safety

reasons other children are not allowed to accompany you while you volunteer. SIGN UP GENIUS FOUND IN EMAIL COPY OF H&SA NEWSLETTER

Remember to send your child to school in their Evans t-shirt on Friday, Sept 21 (these will be distributed next week!) and get ready to hear about all the fun activities from the run!

**Fun-tivities:** The H&SA is proud to introduce "Fun-tivities" at Evans Elementary! Fun-tivities are after school classes for students to learn new skills and have fun with friends. For the Fall Session, we're offering 4 classes - Bar-less Barre (Yoga & Pilates), Just for Fun Book Club, Learn to Play Chess, and Art Club - for grades 1-4. See the attached application for class descriptions, fees, and dates. You can also find the application on our website ([www.evansHSA.org](http://www.evansHSA.org)). Submit your application as soon as possible to secure your child's spot! We're already working on amazing Winter Session classes!

**Book Fair:** Many thanks to everyone's support for the Coin Challenge! The results will be announced in school as well as in the next newsletter! Envelopes for the book fair have been sent home, please return them by 9/18. We have a new payment option this year - e-wallet. Visit this website to find out more information - <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/eepa>

Also, we need volunteers for different aspects of the book fair. If you have your clearances for this year, please consider signing up here: SIGN UP GENIUS LINK FOUND IN EMAIL COPY OF H&SA NEWSLETTER

**Dining Out:** The Bruster's Ice Cream Cart will be at both Book Fair Family Shopping Nights (Thurs, Sept 27 & Tues, Oct 2) with a portion of our sales donated back to Evans. Can't make it to family shopping but still want to satisfy your sweet tooth? Just head over to Bruster's on Ridge Pike and say EVANS when ordering for your purchase to count towards our donation!

**Membership Packet:** Membership packets are due to today! If you have not returned your manilla envelope (empty or with your completed membership form and donation), please do so ASAP. You can join the H&SA at any time throughout the year. Membership forms are available on our website - [www.evanshsa.org/documents---forms.html](http://www.evanshsa.org/documents---forms.html)

**Spirit Sticks:** Our first Kindergarten Spirit Stick Sale will be Tuesday, September 18! Keep an eye on your email for more information from your child's teacher!

Due to allergy concerns, SFASD restricts students to bringing in only non-food items to celebrate birthdays. Why not celebrate with Spirit Sticks! Contact Michelle Mishock, Committee Chairperson, at [jmmishock@comcast.net](mailto:jmmishock@comcast.net) to purchase Spirit Stick vouchers for the class! Your child's teacher can tell you how many students are in the class so you know how many to request. Vouchers are \$1 each. Sales are scheduled 3 times this year for Grades 1-4 - Oct 25, Jan 24, & May 23 - so students can redeem their

voucher at the next sale (Kindergarten sales are scheduled separately and you will be notified by your teacher when they will occur). Note that some teachers will hold onto the vouchers until the sale, so that they are not lost in the meantime.

You can also send your child a special **Birthday Spirit Gram**! For \$2, your child will receive your handwritten birthday note and a spirit stick or voucher. Contact Michelle Mishock at the above email to send your child a spirit stick birthday treat!

**Water Ice Social:** Our Annual Water Ice Social is scheduled Friday, September 21 at 6pm. This is a FREE event for Evans Families to get together and have fun after the hustle and bustle of a new school year dies down. Held on the Evans Elementary playground, families can enjoy water ice and play with friends. We'll even have SPECIAL GUEST SCOOPERS ;) You can also head over to the field at 6:30pm for a Family Kickball Game, our first FIT Night Event (Families in Training). Spirit Sticks will also be available for purchase.

**AtoZ Connect Directory:** THANK YOU to all of you who have joined or verified the directory! Remember, if you join the directory or verify last year's information by September 30, 2018 you'll be entered to win a FREE 2018-2019 YEARBOOK! Our winner will be chosen October 1, 2018. Instructions for joining and verifying info in the directory can be found on our website - <http://www.evanshsa.org>.

A question we get a lot about our student directory "How can I protect my privacy?" Not everyone wants detailed information like their address or phone number listed in the directory, and thankfully with AtoZ Connect, you can make as much or as little information public to the Evans community as you prefer! Click the following link for instructions on how to edit your account to hide certain information in the directory - <https://support.atozconnect.com/article/383-how-do-i-verify-or-edit-my-information>

**Laminating:** The Evans Laminating Committee is ready to get started! This is one of our teachers FAVORITE committees! Tuesdays at 9:15am and Thursdays at 1:30pm, any help is appreciated! Training provided! Clearances must be on file with SFASD office. For safety reasons, other children are not allowed to accompany you while you laminate. Click the following link to sign up for a shift - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aaeab2cabfc1-evans>

**Refunding:** There are so many ways for Evans families to help raise money for the H&SA without spending any extra time or effort! Another one of those ways is though the Giant A+ School Rewards program - you shop at any Giant using your registered bonus card and your purchases earn money for our school. New supporters, please see the attached letter for detailed instructions on registering your bonus card. Former supporters, no need to re-register your card! This year the A+ program runs from **September 7** through March 16, so please don't delay in registering your card! If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Henson ([jjhenson@verizon.net](mailto:jjhenson@verizon.net)), Refunding Committee chair, or 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!

**Upcoming Events - Save the Date!**

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 (school hours) - First Kindergarten Spirit Stick Sale

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 (7:00-8:00pm) - H&SA Committee Chairperson Orientation

Friday, September 21, 2018 (School Hours) - First Annual Ram Runners Fun Run!

Friday, September 21, 2018 (6:00-7:00pm) - Welcome Back Water Ice Social! First FIT (Families in Training) Night - Family Kickball on the field at 6:30pm!

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 (School Hours) - Fall Book Fair Begins

Thursday, September 27, 2018 (6:00-8:00pm) - Book Fair Family Shopping

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

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

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

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