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Director's Message

Dear EVCS Families,

The 2017-2018 school year is off to an incredible start. Thank you for your ongoing support of our teachers and our school!

We hope to see you at our annual fundraiser, *An Evening With EVCS* on Saturday, October 14th from 7-11PM at our newly renovated campus located at 665 Hertel Avenue. This important event helps to narrow the funding gap between the per-pupil aid that charter schools receive and what it actually costs to provide a high-quality education.

This fundraiser is sure to be a fun night with live music, food, drinks, a silent auction, basket raffles, and...plenty of off-street parking! You can purchase tickets at <http://eveningwithevcs.brownpapertickets.com> or earn a FREE ticket by volunteering to help at <http://signup.com/go/uSTyyFa>.

Again, thank you for your support of EVCS, and we hope to see you on October 14th!

Warmly,
Danielle Bruno
Director
Days Park Campus

Important Reminders

Attendance: At EVCS, Morning Meeting is a very important part of our school day. We begin the day by greeting one another, sharing news, engaging in a fun group activity, and reading the daily message to prepare for the day. This is the cornerstone community-builder for the Responsive Classroom approach at EVCS. It is so important for all children to be part of this activity every day. Morning Meetings begin as soon as attendance is taken at 8:05 AM. After 8:05, students are considered tardy. We appreciate your efforts in arriving to school on time so that we can all make Morning Meeting a priority for our students.

News from our Staff

We are very fortunate to have a number of new support staff at EVCS, including two counselors, our own occupational therapist, speech-language pathologist, and specials teachers. In every monthly newsletter, look for news, information, and tips from some of the staff members who reach our entire student body. We hope you enjoy hearing from them!

News from our Arts Department

Please click the link below to visit the Arts Department newsletter:

[VILLAGE ART WORKS!](#)

News from our Speech-Language Pathologist

Greetings, families! It is important to ask your child many questions about their new classrooms, teachers and friends. Verbal communication between parent and child is critical for learning and language development. Asking, "How was school today?" may not generate much of a response! Here are a few helpful ways to generate questions that will help your child engage in conversation, expand their language skills and provide you more information:

1. *Tell me about the best thing that happened at school today.*
2. *What was the most interesting thing you learned about today?*
3. *Tell me something funny that happened at school today.*
4. *What made you feel happy/sad at school today?*
5. *Who did you play with at recess? What did you do at recess?*

In a world full of technology, remembering to include person to person interaction and traditional play will help promote language and social interaction! Please feel free to email me any other questions that have helped your child open up and talk about school and/or any responses you would like to share:

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Thank you!

Kimberly Ramsay

Speech-Language Pathologist

News from our Community Association

The October CA meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 11th at 6PM in the Library. This month's agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Evening With EVCS Update—Liz Santacrose
3. Board of Trustees update
4. Room Parent Update—Tiffany Vallone/grade level reps
5. October AM meeting
6. NCMEC presentation/"Screenagers" screening: discuss dates, should we do it?
7. School Year calendar/committee chairs
8. October Events:
 - a. Picture Day 10/12
 - b. Teacher Luncheon 10/19
 - c. Halloween Movie 10/29
 - d. Wreath Sale
9. Family Heritage Night in November
10. Fundraising options/update
11. Questions/next meeting agenda setting

We hope to see you there! Child care will be available.

October Calendar

Please see the attached calendar for the events and activities for the month at EVCS.

