



Evans Middle School's

The Roar

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Calendar Dates

Oct. 3-10– Book Fair
Oct. 7– Sprayberry's Night
Oct 6-8– Nine Weeks Testing
Oct. 8– PTO Bake Sale
Oct. 10 - Student Holiday
Oct. 13-17- ITBS Testing
Oct. 20-24– Red Ribbon Week
Nov. 4– Sprayberry's Night
Nov. 24- 28- Thanksgiving
Break
Dec. 19- Jan. 6– Winter Break

Athletics

FOOTBALL

Sept. 23– Madras at Arnall/Lee at
E Coweta/Smokey at Evans
Sept. 30– Lee at ECHS
Oct . 9– 1st Rd Playoffs at ECHS
Oct 14– Semi-Finals at NGHS
Oct. 21– Championship Game

SOCCER

Oct 1– First day of practice
Oct 16– Pre-Season Tournament
at Lee Middle School
Oct. 17– Smokey vs. E Coweta
Madras vs. Arnall
Lee vs. Evans
Oct. 21– East Coweta vs. Evans
Smokey Road vs. Arnall
Lee vs. Madras
Oct. 24– Madras vs. East Coweta
Evans vs. Smokey Road
Lee vs. Arnall
Oct. 28– East Coweta vs. Smokey
Arnall vs. Madras
Evans vs. Lee

Principally Speaking ...

One of the most exciting programs we have at Evans is our school-wide Title 1 Program, which provides additional funding for our school to help improve all students' overall academic achievement.

Title 1, the largest federal education program, is one of the corner stones of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) act. Title 1 is intended to help ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain a high quality education. Many of the major requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act are outlined in Title 1 guidelines: Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), teacher and paraprofessional requirements, accountability, guidelines for schools designated for improvement, standards and assessments annual state report cards, parent involvement, and professional development.

Funding for Title 1 schools is based on a formula that counts the number of students living in poverty for United States Census data. The state receives funding through this formula and then distributes it to school districts based on the number of economically disadvantaged students in that district. Next the district distributes funds to its Title 1 schools (those schools with an economically disadvantaged population of 40% or more).

Evans Middle School is categorized as a Title 1 school, which gives us increased flexibility to meet the needs of all our students. Using Title 1 funds, we have designated a variety of opportunities that benefit all students: student support services, after school tutoring, connections remediation classes, supplemental materials and supplies, technology, professional development for teachers, and school improvement planning.

Through federal Title 1 funding, Evans Middle School has been afforded the wonderful opportunity to provide additional services in our identified areas of greatest need and to continue to enhance the academic achievement of all our students.

Sincerely,

Vince Bass
Principal

Why Does Attendance Matter?

The State of Georgia, The Coweta County School System, and Evans Middle School have rules on the number of days you can be absent. That is because they want you to attend class! Here is why:

- **You are likely to get better grades!** You can't learn if your not in school. Research shows a clear link: Students who come to class do better in school.
- **You are likely to get a better job!** The habits you set now by attending class everyday and coming to school on time will carry over into the workplace.
- **You are more likely to stay out of trouble!** One study found that 78% of those who ended up in prison had a first arrest in school truancy.
- **You'll be more likely to graduate!** Missing to many classes is often the first step toward dropping out. Students who drop out of high school have a higher rate of unemployment.

-The Parent Institute 2007

YEARBOOK PHOTOS



Any parents who attend school events please make sure to take some photos for the yearbook! You can turn in the photos at the front office.

The Parent Quiz

In the end, it is the child who decides if he/she wants to learn or not. But a good example from parents can motivate that child to want to learn.

Here is a quiz to see how you are doing. Give yourself five points for something you do often, zero points for something you never do, or any score in between.

- ___ 1. **Show my child** I am still a learner by asking questions.
- ___ 2. **I let my child know** I am interested in what he/she is learning.
- ___ 3. **I make it clear** to my child that I believe he/she can learn.
- ___ 4. **I applaud my child's** efforts, not just successes.
- ___ 5. **I am involved** at my child's school.

HOW DID YOU SCORE?

Above 20 points— means you are truly motivating your child. **15-19 points**— This is average. **Below 15**— means you can do more to motivate your child to learn!

Questions & Answers

Q: My son and I seem to be fighting over everything. Since he's growing older, should I back off a little as the "authority figure"? Should we become more like friends?

A: NO! Many parents make this mistake. Their children want more independence. They don't want to be told what to do. And often, parents give children what they want so they'll be happy and love them.

These parents think acting like an authority, telling kids what to do, will alienate their children from them. Other parents simply want to be hip. They don't want to be seen as old and uncool.

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WELCOME 6TH GRADERS!



Welcome to Evans Middle School! We are so glad you are with us this year. We hope that as a sixth grader you have a great deal of success. Here are a few helpful tips to remember throughout the year. First, write all assignments in the agenda every day. Agendas are a great tool to help keep students organized and parents involved. Second, come to school every possible day. When students are absent, they can miss a lot. If a

student does have to be out of school, make sure they make up all work missed. Third, parents, stay in contact with the teachers and encourage your child to ask questions for clarity. Remember the teachers want their students to succeed and have planned exciting units for this year! Our students will learn all about the parts of speech, decimals and graphs, along with short stories, the scientific method and rocks and minerals, and map skills. When students, parents, and teachers are working together, we can have a great year!

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT KEEPS PAYING OFF IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Recent research is very clear! When parents are involved at school kids do best:

- Their grades are higher
- Their behavior is better
- Their attitude about school is more positive

Having parents involved also helps teachers understand students from other cultures more easily. They can better help all students through the problems of the teenage years.

“Parent Involvement at the Middle School Level” 2002

Evans teams up with Sprayberry's to Pig-Out!

Evans night at Sprayberry's BBQ is October 7, 2008. This is on the first Tuesday of every month unless it falls on a holiday, then it will be the following Tuesday.

Sprayberry's has been kind enough to offer Evans PTO 10% of the total Evan's sales on our nights.

Call your friends and have them join us. Bring your whole family, grandma and grandpa too! It is a whole lot of fun and a great way to support the school.

Evans Newsletter is published each 9 weeks by the Evans Middle School PTO

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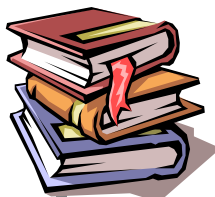
**NEXT PTO BAKE SALE IS
 OCTOBER 8, 2008**

Bake sales are the 2nd Wednesday of every month with the exception of December and May. There will not be a bake sale on those months.

RED RIBBON WEEK WILL BE
 OCTOBER 20-24th

EVANS BOOK FAIR

OCTOBER 3-10th



**Winner of the Doughnut Party
 for the most parents who
 joined PTO is:**



Mrs. Perry- Harris's Class

 ★ CONGRATS TO THE B-TEAM (7th GRADE) VOLLEYBALL ★
 ★ THEY WERE UNDEFEATED! ★
 ★ WAY TO GO!!!! ★
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Everyone should have received Publix cards in the mail. **PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL** by using them when you shop at your local Publix store. If you did not receive one in the mail they can be picked up at the front office.

THE PARENT QUIZ

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The fact is, middle schoolers have friends. They still need parents to support and guide them. They need limits and someone to make good decisions for them when they aren't able. This doesn't mean be an Ogre, but you should:

- **Continue to set** and enforce a limited number of rules. But let your child have input into what rules and consequences will be.
- **Gradually give** your child more independence. Let him/her make decisions that affect him/her and experience the consequences.
- **Be willing to control**, not just advise. Advice is what friends give. It can be taken or not. True parents direct in a way that keeps their children's best interest up front.
- **Share your thoughts**, beliefs and values.
- **Share your concerns**. You can even ask for help. BUT don't make your child responsible for reassuring you or fixing your problems.
- **Have fun together**. Good parents know that having fun with their children creates a healthy and balanced family.

- The Parent Institute 2002

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