



Evansdale Education Foundation

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Dear Evansdale Elementary School Community,

For more than 50 years, families have sent their children out the door each morning to be educated by the loving and caring staff at Evansdale Elementary School. The global COVID-19 pandemic has up-ended that half-century of tradition as our teachers, staff and students have had to adapt to learning from home.

As we begin our 16<sup>th</sup> week of remote school, I want to thank the Evansdale community for its generous support of the Evansdale Education Foundation, which has been able to support our school as we have all adapted to online learning.

Thanks to families, friends and neighbors like you who donated to Eagle Trek in 2019 we raised over \$30,000 to support the Foundation and Parent-Teacher Association! With those donations, the Foundation was able to support Evansdale's teachers so they can remain focused on engaging our young learners through new technologies and tools. For example, in August 2020 the Foundation purchased a school-wide subscription to Seesaw, an online platform that both facilitates communication between the school and families and offers students and teachers the opportunity to interact with each other and provide feedback on class assignments. In September 2020, the Foundation was able to support the purchase of additional online resources from Little Sponges and Savio for our dual-language French immersion learners.

Investments the Foundation had made in previous years continue to pay off – from investing in professional development for teachers, stipends for teachers who achieve Gifted and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) certification, supporting school-wide STEM certification and equipping the school with Chromebooks and STEM materials. We are also really excited about the physical improvements we have supported over the years – from maintaining the track on the lower field to the refresh and make-over of the school media center into a 21st Century Library! We cannot wait to have students back in the building so they can enjoy it!

As our mission-driven work continues, we are reminded of how much we rely on and appreciate the support of our school community. Because of the pandemic, we were unable to host our annual fall fundraiser – the Eagle Trek walk-a-thon. Therefore, I am writing to you

today – with a request that you show your continued support for Evansdale Elementary and the Foundation through a direct gift.

We know there are urgent, immediate needs the school is asking the Foundation to support in the coming year. This includes:

- High-quality COVID-19 signage throughout the building emphasizing the 3 Ws – **Wash** your hands, **Wear** a Mask and **Watch** Your Distance (Stay 6-feet apart) – **estimated cost \$3,000.**
- Signs and directions throughout the building in **English, French and Spanish** to honor our schools' dual-language French immersion and our bilingual Spanish-English learners. We want everyone to feel welcome at Evansdale! – **estimated cost \$5,000.**
- Renewal of **Seesaw**, our school-wide communication and student portfolio platform, plus our activities and assignments platform for PK-2 for the 2021-2022 school year - **estimated cost - \$3500**
- Renewal of Little Sponges (K-2) and Savio (3-5), our French Dual-Language Immersion online language tools for adaptive practice and specific teacher assigned tasks for the 2021-2022 school year - **estimated cost \$4,000**

We are asking families, friends and neighbors to consider contributing – because every donation counts!

**\$50 – Eagle Family Donors** will receive an Evansdale Foundation magnet.

**\$250 -- Silver Eagles** will receive a magnet and an Evansdale Foundation stainless steel tumbler.

**\$500 – Golden Eagles** will receive a magnet, the Evansdale Foundation stainless steel tumbler and your family's name on our donor brag banner.

The Evansdale Education Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) entity and all contributions are tax deductible.

You can donate online at the Foundation website - <https://www.evansdalefoundation.org/donate> - or you can pay by check. Checks can be made payable to Evansdale Education Foundation, P.O. Box 942222, Atlanta, GA 31141.

If you are donating, please also ask your employer if they have a Donation Matching program.

And finally, you can always support the Foundation through your online purchases at Amazon when you register with the [AmazonSmile program](#) and select the Evansdale Education Foundation Inc. as your charity of choice.

Donating to the Foundation now will help ensure Evansdale Elementary School remains the creative, kind and nurturing environment it has been for thousands of children over the past 50+ years. Your donation will allow the Foundation and school to plan for a bright future in 2021 and beyond.

I hope you and your loved ones remain safe and well. On behalf of the Foundation Board, we wish you a Happy Holiday season and look forward to seeing you all back in the school building when it is safe to gather. Thank you for standing with the Foundation and for choosing to donate. We hope we can fundraise and celebrate our school's successes in person in the coming year!

With gratitude,

Serena Vinter  
President, Evansdale Education Foundation

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Thank you for your generous donation to the Evansdale Education Foundation, Inc.

Method of Payment

My check, payable to the Evansdale Education Foundation is enclosed.

I have donated online at this amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For our records

In order to provide you with a receipt for your tax-deductible donation, may we please have the following?

First Name:

Last Name:

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