

## Grandparents' Welcomed at Elementary School Reception



During the week of December 14th, Evergreen Elementary School Student Council hosted its annual Grandparents' Reception. Grandparents of Evergreen Elementary students enjoyed a holiday reception in the company of their grandchildren. The elementary student council under the direction of Mr. Chris Beck

served punch and cookies during the after school event in the cafetorium. The Evergreen Elementary School Choir under the direction of Ms. Alice Inman provided the entertainment. The choir performed a collection of holiday favorites and invited those in attendance to sing along. The Evergreen Elementary Parent Association opened its Santa Gift Shoppe to allow grandparents and children an opportunity to finish any last minute holiday shopping. All in attendance experienced a heartwarming start to the holiday season.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER — January 2010

High School Guidance  
by Sue Lamour, Counselor  
Jennifer Conrad, Guidance Assistant

### GRADE CARDS

Grade cards for the first term will be handed out to the students Friday, January 8, 2010.

### 2009-2010 CLASS SCHEDULES

High School Students — The scheduling process for the 2010-2011 school year is beginning. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will receive their course descriptions and scheduling materials by the end of January. All students will be asked to discuss their course selections with their parents and have a parent sign their schedule choice form. Students must return their signed form to the guidance office by the due date noted on the form.

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*** Due to increased enrollment and the difficulty in managing changes, there will be no schedule changes next year! The courses the students select accompanied by the parents agreement via their signature will become the student's class schedule. These are the classes the students will need to take. The only exceptions will be overfilled classes, classes that are not offered due to lack of enrollment and conflicts with college courses.

### IMPORTANT!!! OHIO GRADUATION TEST

Evergreen Local Schools has purchased Study Island to help students prepare to take the OGT (grades 9-12). Use of Study Island is free of charge to all Evergreen students. Students can access this pro-

gram via the website at [www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com). Students will need their Evergreen computer user name and password to log on. Evergreen high school is NOT encouraging or promoting any test review course other than Study Island. Some parents have received phone calls saying that Evergreen is endorsing a test review product that costs money and THIS IS NOT TRUE!

### SOPHOMORES

Students Interested In Attending Four County Career Center — Any sophomore wishing to attend Four County Career Center, for the 10-11 school year, should stop by the guidance office for an application. In order to attend Four County, applications should be turned into the guidance office by **January 26, 2010**. Four County Career Center will be hosting an open house for interested students and parents on January 11, 2010 from 5-7:30 PM.

PLAN Test Results — All sophomores who took the PLAN test will receive their results in January. Students are encouraged to discuss the test results with their parents. The PLAN test is a comprehensive guidance resource that helps tenth graders assess their current academic development, explore career/ training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and post-graduation years.

### JUNIORS

Upcoming ACT Test — It is recommended that Juniors who plan on attending college should take the ACT test on April 10, 2010. The deadline for registration is March 5, 2010. Students may pick up registration materials and study guides in the guidance office. Students may also register at

[WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG](http://WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG)

Students may also use various computer reviews available in the guidance office and school library. Please note that some colleges will require the writing portion of the ACT. Students may want to take the writing portion of the test if they are not sure what college they are planning to attend.

PSAT Test Results — Juniors who took the PSAT test this fall, will receive their test results in January. Students were encouraged to share this test information with their parents.

### SENIORS

College Bound Senior News — Seniors who are planning to attend college should be turning completed applications into the guidance office. We will mail the application with an official transcript, that way all of the student's information arrives at the college at the same time.

Seniors need to pay attention to college application deadlines and give applications to the guidance office at least a week in advance of when they are due. This should be extended to two weeks if a recommendation from the counselor or a teacher is required.

### FINANCIAL AID

It is time to begin thinking about the financial aid process for college bound seniors.

College-bound seniors met with Mrs. Lamour on December 8 to discuss the financial aid process. Each student received a folder of information to take home and share with parents.

The new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms are available in the guidance office. The completed FAFSA form is not to be submitted until after January 1, 2010. It is strongly recommended that families take advantage of filling out the FAFSA form on the web at the following address: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Please make sure to access the FAFSA form at the address list above and not any other web address.

Although the FAFSA forms cannot be submitted until after the first of the year, the US Department of Education suggests families request a Personal Identification Number (PIN) now at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). This will speed up the financial aid application process. The PIN may be used as an electronic signature for FAFSA on the Web, Renewal FAFSA and Corrections on the Web, and to access the National Student Loan Data System.

### CAMPUS CRIME & SECURITY

The OPE Campus Security Statistics Web site is a direct link to re-

ported criminal offenses for over 6000 colleges and universities in the United States. Students thinking of attending college in a large urban city, a small liberal arts college, or a community college can find the school's security statistics listed here. The OPE Campus Security Statistics Web site can be found at [www.ope.ed.gov/security/](http://www.ope.ed.gov/security/).

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Check out the Evergreen High School web page at [www.evergreen.k12.oh.us](http://www.evergreen.k12.oh.us). A current list of scholarship opportunities is listed. This list is updated regularly and the applications can be found in the guidance office. Information regarding 12th graders is also available under the Senior Update heading.

Students and parents should also check out the web sites: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and [www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com) or additional scholarship resources. After inputting information about the student, there is a link between the student's college, major, interests, etc. and scholarships he or she may be eligible to receive. New scholarships are added regularly and it's a great way to discover available scholarship money.

### CONGRATULATIONS

## The Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA) Circa Society Awards



The Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA) Circa Society awards honors to OAEA educators who have shown long term service and professional dedication to OAEA and the field of visual art education in Ohio. The OAEA, founded in 1954, is Ohio's professional organization for 2000 of Ohio's visual art educators. Evergreen Elementary is proud to announce that Ms. Ellen Pryzbylski received a 15 year Circa Recognition Award and was inducted into the Ohio Art Education Association Circa Honor Society during the Circa Reception at the annual OAEA Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.