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Dear Evans Park Families,

As we approach the week that was to be our spring break, I hope this communication finds you and your family well. The ELF Principals thought this might be a good time to connect as an elementary community through some spirited activities, several associated with those *national or international days of*. Our PTAs have agreed to join us in this, assembling a volunteer group to collect the photos you send and create presentations, each of them to be posted on the schools' home pages. We appreciate their time and effort, as always! You'll want to check not only the Evans Park site, but also go to Franklin Avenue and Lincoln Avenue to see the friends you have all over the Pearl River community. Click [here](#) to see what we have in store and check for information from the PTA or me on Sunday or Monday morning about where to send your photos.

As you now know, the K-2 grade levels have shifted their work to See Saw; the teachers are excited by the prospect of what they are able to bring to their students and families using this platform. New this week also was the addition of "office hours" communicated to you weekly. These are guaranteed times for students to be able to have live interactions with their teachers. As you know, the Evans Park teachers have been providing recorded and live learning times and availability to answer questions and concerns throughout the day. They will continue that practice, but appreciate your understanding that their responses may be delayed while they are engaged in other work and family obligations.

The Evans Park school wide poetry study continues, We are hoping to have many, many student poems to read over the next few weeks! Has anyone tried writing a parody? Remember to check [Ms. Bender's website](#), where you will find a wide variety of poetry from which to choose, complete with outlines for writing. Remember also to look at student and staff postings each day on our homepage.

Some questions have arisen relative to socially distant gatherings. I'd like to assure you that the Evans Park staff misses the children as much as they miss us; we miss going to school each day, seeing their smiling faces and having real contact with them. That said, our state and federal officials have warned us that we are in the midst of perhaps the most critical time for staying home and our Superintendent has asked that we stay away from our campuses. For that reason, it is best not to consider events like this right now. Perhaps when the curve seems

to be going in the other direction and we receive word that movement can be safer, we will think about planning something.

As you celebrate holidays this weekend, I hope that you are able to connect virtually with extended family and enjoy those as best you can. I look forward to seeing the Evans Park community on the other end of this. In the meantime, be well.

Peggy Lynch