

"Education is not filling a pail but the lighting of a fire."

~William Butler Yeats

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 3/8—6:00—PTO Meeting
- 3/15— Kindergarten Registration 12:00—3:00 and 4:00—7:00
- 3/16—Half Day
- 3/16—6:00— Literacy Night
- 3/17— Superintendent's Conference Day
- 3/31—PTO Apparel sale begins

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Allen Road Elementary School

Gator Gazette E*News

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Gator 'Tales'...

It is hard to believe we are about to enter the final marking period, but with winter behind and spring ahead you are probably beginning to think about some spring housecleaning. At Allen Road it is the same. With a busy March completed, I have elected to use this month's article for some spring 'schoolcleaning'...

First, a huge thank you to all of you for your support of reading across **PARP** month! We had a great committee and theme, and you helped immensely with tracking minutes, helping with reports, and taking the time to improve their skills by reading every day!

Second, a big congratulations going out to our 3rd and 4th grade students and staff for their incredibly hard work on the state **English/Language Arts tests**. It was amazing to see how hard they



worked to give it their best work! We will tackle math the first week in May.

Third, this week is spring Parent/Teacher Conferences. We hope this is a valuable time to meet with your child's teacher and work together on supporting their learning. Feel free to read these **quick tips** for helpful conferences.

Next, On Wednesday we will hold our April PTO meeting with a special visit at the end (7:00) from

CNS students working with CORE Federal Credit Union to share about student financial success.

Also, while I know it has been an incredibly busy month with papers coming home—please do not forget to **keep those Race For Education labels coming in!** This fundraiser will determine our budget for next year and will hopefully provide funds to put toward our new capital project. The key to its success is everyone providing some names to send flyers to—it is less about how much is donated, and more about how many people we reach—so let's cast as **WIDE RFE** net!

Finally, we are fast approaching the annual budget vote and the district continues to provide **budget information** to keep you informed before you come out to vote on May 16th..

Here's to a clean 'house' and a great April!

-Diane

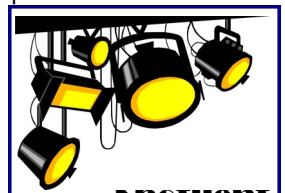
PTO News and Views

Hello ARE Families! As we turn the calendar to April, we begin to plan our annual end-of-year Carnival! New to our spring event line up, we have our 4th annual Race for Education! This is our school's one and only active fundraiser throughout the year. Our goal is to bring in \$25,000. This money will help fund next years school events, along with raising money for a school playground for our children. Labels are in and our wonderful volunteers are here at the school getting our mailers copied and ready to be sent out. Watch Facebook for updates on our goal!

Carnival has been an Allen Road tradition for over 30 years, and is

only possible because of all of the volunteers that help in planning, organizing, and giving their time the day of the event. We are so fortunate at Allen Road to have so many wonderful events for the children, and this one is often stated as "the favorite." For the Carnival on June 2 (5-8), we are in need of 100 hours of volunteer time to pull this event off plus the many hours behind the scene for planning! This year, we are offering one free raffle ticket for every hour that you volunteer during carnival!

Our PTO meeting this month April 5th at 6pm in the school library. Child care is available for the evening. CORE banking will also be there to speak to



spotlight

In case you weren't here, click to visit our

[April Spotlight Link](#)

To see a few pictures of the great fun that was had at Literacy Night this past month! Thank you for coming!!

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NORTH SYRACUSE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The students, residents and staff of the North Syracuse Central School District will work collaboratively to ensure a respectful and diversified learning environment. Our collective focus is to provide educational experiences and opportunities that inspire students to reach their individual potential as productive citizens.



Adopted by the Board of Education, August 11, 2014

Central Office Administration:

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Allen Road Elementary Office Staff:

David M. Lunden

Building Principal

Kathy See and Robin Floyd

Secretaries

218-2300

Fax: 218-2385

Anna Werksman

School Nurse

218-2303

School Hours: 8:30-4:00

Student Hours: 9:00-3:20

A leader is a dealer in hope.

~Napoleon Bonaparte



APOLOGY:

In our March Gazette, we usually include our list of donors for Labor of Love. This year it slipped through the cracks, so here is our list of our gracious donors this year

SyracuseTravelGirl.com

Dave and Kristen Hess (former ARE parents)

The Eagle Tavern

Ritter's Cleaners

Spartansites.com

Taft Road Dunkin Donuts

We are so grateful for all of our donors. Thank you for all you do for us!

Yearbook

Online ordering is still open on LifeTouch's website until May 5th! Please follow this link to place your order: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob>

BOX TOPS

Box Tops are due no later than April 7th. The class with the highest collection will receive a party at the end of the year. Ask family, friends and neighbors. For every current Box Top collected the school receives \$.10. Last year, we collected a total of **24,473 Box Tops** for a total of **\$2447.30**. Let's try to surpass this number for our '16 - '17 school year! For more information on the program, what products include Box Tops, as well as sweepstakes, coupons, and recipes please go to www.boxtops4education.com.

New this year is the Box Tops app. The app helps earn bonus Box Tops for your school. It can be found on Google Play or the Apple app store. It's very easy to use and after a one time set up, it automatically credits the school's account for each valid receipt scanned. Once the spring program is over, continue to collect throughout the rest of the spring into the fall. There will be another collection in the fall for NEXT school year. Help us encourage current and incoming Allen Road '17-'18 kindergarten families to collect as many Box Tops as they can. Thank you and happy collecting!

SPRING APPAREL ORDER:

Order forms were sent out the end of March. All order forms are due April 7th. Please get your order forms in to the school by that date. Any questions regarding apparel, please email Brenton at bk220y@gmail.com

PTO MEETING AGENDAS AND MINUTES

[Click HERE for March's Minutes](#)

[Click HERE for April's Agenda](#)

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*~Frederick
Douglass*



I M P O R T A N T

Announcements

Periodically, parents bring issues to my attention about building procedures or information that they were not aware of and it reminds us that not everyone is aware of some routines that myself and the staff have become accustomed to. Here are some general announcements to keep you informed—and please do not hesitate to ask questions if you are wondering about other topics—thank you!

Did you know...



That the first school day of every month is SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY? This was actually a parent suggestion because it makes it easier than trying to remember specific dates. So every first school day of the month is the day to send your child in with school colors and Allen Road clothing to show their school spirit!

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In an effort to be consistent with our building focus on 'Enjoying our Day the Healthy Way' - we ask parents to NOT bring fast food/unhealthy food into the cafeteria when visiting for lunch. Our hope is that you will bring a lunch from home or purchase our school lunch, with a focus on time spent together instead of what is brought in from other places. Thank you!



Regarding our grouping process...

Parents often have questions about, or wonder what procedure is used to group students into classes for the next school year. The question is an important one as the process begins very soon.

At each elementary school a grouping committee consisting of classroom teachers, special educators, and support staff assist the principals with this process. Beginning in May with initial draft lists, students are grouped taking into consideration primarily the mix of boys and girls and the mixture of academic abilities. Because many new students register throughout the Spring and Summer, the process is not completed until mid August. Once class assignments are finalized, a letter will be mailed to parents indicating their child's room number and teacher. Our overall goal is to create balanced, heterogeneous classrooms at each grade level. This gives each child the optimum chance for a successful school year.

Beginning with spring conferences, staff is asked to **NOT** discuss placement with parents. Individual teachers cannot guarantee the placement of any student and requests for specific teachers will not be honored, but you may wish to share concerns about your child's particular educational needs. Again, these concerns will be considered by the grouping committee, but do not guarantee a specific teacher or classroom.

Please communicate these concerns in writing to Mr. Lunden by **May 15th**. Be concise and limit your comments to the following:

~Your child's specific learning style, strengths, or weaknesses;

~A request to not have a teacher an older sibling had;

~Critical information that your child's teacher may not have access to.

Once placements are made and letters are mailed, it is very difficult to make any changes. If you have a concern, please do not wait until you receive your placement letter in the mail. It is much easier to handle

From the Health Office...

Sometimes it can be difficult for a parent to decide whether to send children to school when they wake up with early symptoms of an illness or complaints that they do not feel well. In general, unless your child is significantly ill, the best place for them to be is in school. However, there are some situations in which it is best to plan on keeping your child home for a day of rest or to arrange for an appointment with your health care provider. The following are a few such situations that warrant watching and possibly conferring with your health care provider:

- ✦ Temperature greater than 100°, or a fever that requires control with medication. A child with fever should not return to school until they are free of fever for **24 hours** without taking fever reducing medication
 - ✦ Vomiting or diarrhea - child should not return to school until the symptoms have resolved for **24 hours** and the child is able to keep down food and liquid
 - ✦ Child is too sleepy or ill to profit from sitting in class all day
 - ✦ Significant cough that makes a child feel uncomfortable or disrupts the class
 - ✦ Sore throat that is severe, accompanied by fever and/or feeling ill, that persists longer than 48 hours
 - ✦ Honey-crusted sores or a rash especially if accompanied by other symptoms or illness
 - ✦ Red or draining eyes –**if student is diagnosed with pink eye (conjunctivitis) they must be on antibiotic drops/ointment for 24 hours before returning to school**
 - ✦ Large amount of discolored nasal discharge, especially if accompanied by facial pain or headache
 - ✦ Severe ear pain or drainage from the ear
 - ✦ Severe headache, especially if accompanied by fever
- Any condition that you think may be serious or contagious to others.

Wellness Wakeup Call: This month we will be learning about healthy breakfast and lunch. Look for a healthy recipe on my website.

As always – you can contact me at any time either by email @:
awerksma@nscsd.org or call 218-2303.

Enjoy your Spring break!!

Mrs. Werksman RN

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.

~Phyllis Diller



Saturday, April 29, 2017
12:00 – 3:00 pm
Cicero-North Syracuse High School

A selection of **Student Artwork** (grades K-12) will be on display.

There will be **Student Performances** by:

- Instrumental** groups
- Choral Music** groups ,
- Orchestra** groups,
- Ensemble** groups and
- Winterguard**

NO ADMISSION CHARGE!!

Please come to celebrate the
N. S. C. S. D. Fine Arts!!!

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Life in the Library...



Spring Into Reading With a Good Book!

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~Phyllis Diller

I wanted to start by thanking all the parents who volunteered to help out at the book fair. I couldn't run the fair without your support. The fair was a success even with the snow days! We added \$445 worth of books to the library and earned approximately \$1200 in cash for library books and materials.

Last month 4th grade started off by finishing their book/movie/app study of "The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore" by comparing which form of media gave them the most information about the story and how the character was feeling about the events. We also read "Finn McCool", a well-known Irish folktale, and made inferences about the salmon of wisdom.

In 3rd grade we read "The Sneetches", by Dr. Seuss, and discussed how everyone should be treated the same no matter how they look. We also started our unit on internet safety by discussing the ways that we communicate online.

In 2nd grade read Dr. Seuss first children's book, "And to Think That I Saw it on Mulberry Street", learned about how he almost didn't become a children's writer except for a chance meeting of an old friend on the street who helped him get his book published. We also read the Irish folktale by Tomie DePaola, "Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potatoe".

In 1st grade read a variety of books by Dr. Seuss looking for themes of his work (rhyming and made up words and animals) We also read a fiction book called "King Puck" based on a real event in Killorglin, Ireland.

Kindergarten watched the original animated version of the "Cat in the Hat" and used prior knowledge of leprechauns to make inferences and predictions in the story "That's What Leprechaun's Do".

All grades are starting a two week makerspace/STEM unit using the magnetic Stick and Stack blocks.

My email is nbenson@nscsd.org.

APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Parent/Teacher Conferences	4 Parent/Teacher Conferences	5 Half Day—Parent/ Teacher Conferences 6:00—PTO Meeting	6 Parent/Teacher Conferences	7 PTO Apparel Sale Ends	8
9	10 7:00—BOE Meeting	11	12	13	14 Good Friday—No School	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
April Vacation						
23	24 7:00—BOE Meeting	25 Merry-Co-Round Players visiting for K-2nd Grade	26	27	28	29
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Elementary School Menu

Menu Subject to Change

N. Syracuse School District Is An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

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Second Choice

Monday – Burger
 Tuesday – Popcorn Chicken
 Wednesday – Burger
 Thursday – Popcorn Chicken
 Friday – Burger

PB & J and Yogurt Meal
 Available daily

Breakfast \$1.70
 Lunch
 Elementary Schools \$2.20
 Middle Schools \$2.45
 High Schools \$2.70
 Milk \$0.65

Free and reduced meal applications may be filled out at any time during the school year.

Visit our website to print an application and to view menus.

www.nscsd.org

Why was the cucumber mad?

It was in a pickle!

MONDAY

3 Popcorn Chicken w/ Dipping Sauce & Dinner Roll
 Baked Beans
 French Fries

10 Turkey & Cheese Panini
 Sweet Potato Fries
 Green Beans

17 Spring Recess
 No School

24 Hoffman's Hot Dog on Whole Grain Roll
 Smile Fries
 Green Beans

TUESDAY

4 *New!* Pretzel Dog
 Coleslaw
 Corn
 Fresh Fruit

11 French Toast Sticks w/ Sausage
 Star Potatoes
 100% Fruit/Vegetable Juice
 Fresh Fruit

18 Spring Recess
 No School

25 BBQ Rib Sandwich
 BBQ Baked Beans
 Baby Carrots w/ Dip
 Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

5 ½ Day
 Grades K-4

12 Soft Chicken Tacos w/ Lettuce, Salsa & Cheese
 Steamed Brown Rice
 Refried Beans
 Corn
 Holiday Cookie

19 Spring Recess
 No School

26 Chicken & Potato Bowl w/ Biscuit
 Mashed Potatoes
 California Blend Vegetable

THURSDAY

6 Cheese Ravioli w/ Stuffed Bread Stick
 Seasoned Carrots
 Green Beans
 Fresh Fruit

13 Nardone's Pizza
 Tossed Salad w/ Dressing
 Steamed Broccoli
 Fresh Fruit

20 Spring Recess
 No School

27 Homemade Mac & Cheese w/ Rip Stick
 Seasoned Carrots
 Celery w/ Dip
 Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

7 Personal Pan Pizza
 Tossed Salad w/ Dressing
 Steamed Broccoli
 Fresh Fruit

14 Good Friday
 No School

21 Spring Recess
 No School

28 Homemade Pizza
 Tossed Salad w/ Dressing
 Steamed Broccoli
 Fresh Fruit

Available with All Lunches

Assorted Fruit Cups
 Milk Choice