

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

~William Butler Yeats

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 2/1—6:00—PTO Meeting
- 2/2—Jack Gramlich visiting for 2nd Grade
- 2/9—MGR Players visiting for Kindergarten
- 2/10—6:00—Labor Of Love
- 2/20—2/24—February break

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Allen Road Elementary School

Gator Gazette E*News

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Gator 'Tales'...

February is always the easiest newsletter article to write because each year it is about one of my favorite events at Allen Road—the Labor of Love.

Every school seems to have it's own 'signature events' that are tradition, are exciting, and of which they are proud. Allen Road has the tradition of our Carnival for more than 50 years, our Halloween and Christmas events that are exciting and full of fun. And for me, Labor of Love is the one in which I take the most pride.

This year we will again host catered family dinner, some Valentine's activities for fun, and our auction of staff made pottery pieces. The money raised through the auction will be donated this year to the



McMahon-Ryan Advocacy Center.

I take pride in the fact that while we serve students and provide a great social experience for them at our evening events, this one in particular focuses on giving and caring for others in our own community. Over the years, students bidding on (and parents supporting those bids!) has resulted in more than \$7,000

being donated to organizations including Golisano Children's Hospital, Elmcrest Children's Center, Camp Healing Hearts, The Molly Project, GiGi's Playhouse, and more. Each organization being a part of our local community and showing our students that they can help those in need right in our own back yard.

McMahon-Ryan has given a great deal to our school in providing the 'High Five' program in our classrooms free of charge for three years. I hope you will join me in coming out Friday, February 10th to enjoy a great meal (\$7.00 p/person), and bid on pottery made by our own staff, to raise money for an outstanding organization. I'm proud because we care enough to care for others at Allen Road. Thank you!

-Dave

PTO News and Views

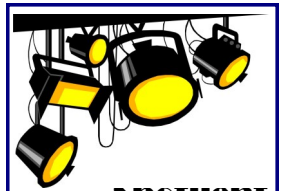
Welcome to February!!

This month we look forward to our 9th annual Labor of Love event on Friday, February 10th from 6-8pm. Come join us for an amazing meal, desserts, crafts, and a photo backdrop. We will also hold our silent pottery auction, which will feature pottery made by our very own Allen Road faculty and staff! All profits from this event will go to McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center. Please read more at <http://www.mcmahonryan.org/> to learn more about how they help our community.

Our PTO meeting for February is this Wednesday, 2/1 at 6pm in our school library. Everyone is welcomed and childcare is available. Come and get a brief overview of the safety protocols that are in place to keep your child safe during emergency situations. Dave Lunden will be there to answer any questions you may have. Please read further in the gazette for a full overview of everything the PTO is doing for your child's school this month and the rest of the school year.

Ashley Kirby and Kim Kennedy

PTO Presidents
arepto@gmail.com



spotlight

In place of a photo link this month, please take a moment to visit our

ARE PTO Facebook

page and like us to stay connected with announcements, pictures of events, and more communication about our Allen Road Community!

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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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David M. Lunden

Building Principal

Kathy See and Robin Floyd

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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*



Labor of Love

We hope to welcome you this month at our Labor of Love dinner event on February 10th at 6pm at our school. Tickets will be \$7 a person. A silent auction will be held also. All profits from the event will be donated this year to McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center. Volunteers are still needed for the night of the event. If you could give an hour of your time, please contact us at arepto@gmail.com

Afterschool Enrichment – 3rd Quarter

This week you should have seen the afterschool enrichment paperwork come home in your child's folder. If you don't see it by Friday, please email Kim at the PTO email and she will be sure to get one to you. Deadline for ASE sign ups is **February 10th**. No late applications will be accepted.

This quarter the following will be offered:

Basketball (k-2: Tuesdays/ 3-4: Mondays)

Karate (Wednesday)

Theater (Thursday)

Bricks 4 Kidz (Wednesday)

Yearbook

Yearbook fliers will be going home soon. Please send in your order form no later than **Friday, March 3rd**. Any questions, please email Courtney at AREPTO@gmail.com

Race for Education Committee

We are starting the planning for Race for Education. We are looking for volunteers for our school fundraiser. If you could help in any way, please email us at arepto@gmail.com. Date will be announced at our February PTO meeting.

Carnival Committee

On top of Race, which is new to our spring event line up, we are jumping feet first in planning our school Carnival which is **June 2nd**. If you can help plan the big event, please reach out to us at arepto@gmail.com.

Thank You
Ashley Kirby and Kim Kennedy
PTO Co-Presidents

*It is easier to
build strong
children than to
repair broken
men.*

*~Frederick
Douglass*

A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT...

We Want to Hear From You!

North Syracuse Central School District

Community Survey

Your Opinion Matters!

www.nscsd.org/NSCSDComsurvey



January 10 - February 28, 2017

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Recently we have experienced an increase in student drop-off and parking issues. You may have seen me more present during morning bus arrivals.

While I understand the rush of everyone's morning schedules—please read over the following points and support us in maintaining the highest level of safety for all of our students, as well as the most efficient way for our busses to complete our morning drop-off.

- At the north entrance (the wide entrance closest to the front doors) there are two 'NO PARKING' signs. Please **refrain from parking in these areas** as it impacts visibility pulling in and out and places cars and students directly in the line of traffic as more than 10 busses pull in every morning.
- Do not use the area at the north entrance to complete a 'U-Turn'.
- When dropping off your child, **accompany them to the front door**. Do NOT send students by themselves across the front grass from the roadside—this puts them in the position of walking in front of and/or between moving busses either entering or backing up.
- We ask that parents park, and/or drop-off students in the south lot—which does have a 'turn around' at the end of the first row so that you can drop your child right at the end of the

From the Health Office...

Well, we are moving fast through the winter months, without too much illness here at Allen Road.

Continue taking good care of yourselves and your children is the key and doing the following enhances it:

Good handwashing

Getting enough rest

Eating healthy

Getting exercise

Making sure you have breakfast

Making sure you and your children have regular check- ups at the Doctors.

Friendly reminders:

Cough drops are not allowed in school without a Doctor's note.

If your child had an accident, surgery or for some reason need to be out of Physical Education – I require a note from the Doctor, ER and a note for being released back into Physical education.

LOST & FOUND: Our lost and found boxes are overflowing, please come and take a look if your child is missing anything. I will bring the contents to the rescue mission at the end of the month.

Wellness; wakeup call: this month we will be learning about: Label reading. Recipe of the month is- Apple raisin spice muffins, look for it on my website!

As always, please notify me if there are any changes in your child's health

Have a wonderful Holiday Season,

Mrs. Werksman RN

218-2303 or awerksma@nscsd.org

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

~Phyllis Diller

Come be a part of the
Allen Road ELV's!



Early Literacy Volunteers

We need volunteers to work with our Kindergarten students. Our instructional focus is based on letter names, sounds, sight words, blending, decoding and reading.

If **A little time makes a big difference!** Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring services for just 15 minutes at a

you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact us at the Main Office and we will get you connected right away! Thank you!

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IMPORTANT PARENT NOTIFICATION

~ BUILDING PROCEDURES ~

Over the first months of the year we have discovered some confusion and/or miscommunication over certain building procedures. Please make sure you are aware of the following expectations when visiting:

- ◆ For classroom parties and celebrations, younger siblings should not attend. While we know this may present some childcare issues, our intent is maintain a focus on the student/classroom being celebrated.
- ◆ When visiting for lunch, please remember that we do not allow 'fast food' to be brought in to the cafeteria, as we try to promote healthy eating habits across the district. Parents may still bring in food from outside the school, but with a healthier focus. Thank you for your support!

FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00—PTO Meeting	2 Jack Gramlich visiting for 2nd Graders	3	4
5	6 7:00—BOE Meeting	7	8	9 MCR Players visiting for Kindergarten	10 6:00—LABOR OF LOVE	11
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19	20	21	22 February Break	23	24	25
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North Syracuse Elementary Menu

Menu Subject to Change

North Syracuse School District is An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

February 2017

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Available with All Lunches

Assorted Fruit Cups
Milk Choice

6 Popcorn Chicken
w/ Dipping Sauce &
Dinner Roll
Baked Beans
Sweet Potato Gems

7 Homemade Mac &
Cheese w/ Roll
Tossed Salad w/
Dressing
Corn
Fresh Fruit

13 Mini Chocolate Chip
Pancakes w/ Sausage
Star Potatoes
100% Fruit/Vegetable
Juice
Fresh Fruit

14 Turkey and Cheese
Melt on Pretzel Bun
Sweet Potato Fries
Green Beans
Valentine's Day
Cookie

20 President's Day
Winter Recess
No
School

21 Winter
Recess
No
School

27 Hot Dog on
Whole Grain Roll

Potato Gems
Green Beans

28 BBQ Rib
Sandwich
BBQ Baked Beans
Sweet Potato Gems
Fresh Fruit

1 Cheese Ravioli
w/ Stuffed
Breadstick
Tossed Salad w/
Dressing
Baby Carrots w/ Dip

8 Pizza Crunchers
w/ Sauce
California Blend
Vegetables
Steamed Green
Beans

15 Pasta & Meatballs
w/ Breadstick
Tossed Salad w/
Dressing
Seasoned Carrots

22 Winter
Recess
No
School

2 Soft Taco
w/ Lettuce, Salsa &
Cheese
Steamed Brown Rice
Refried Beans
Corn
Fresh Fruit

9 Toasted Cheese
Sandwich
Tomato Soup
Baked French Fries
Fresh Fruit
Heart Pretzel

16 Soft Taco
w/ Lettuce, Salsa &
Cheese
Steamed Brown Rice
Refried Beans
Corn
Fresh Fruit

23 Winter
Recess
No
School

3 Stuffed Crust Pizza
Tossed Salad w/
Dressing
Steamed Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

10 Assorted
Homemade Pizza
Tossed Salad w/
Dressing
Steamed Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

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

24 Winter
Recess
No
School

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

Visit our website to print an application and to view menus.
www.nsscd.org

Why can't the teddy bear eat his lunch?

Because he was stuffed!

Breakfast During
School Delays

1 Hour Delay

Breakfast will be served

2 Hour Delay

NO Breakfast served