

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

*~William Butler Yeats*

# Allen Road Elementary School

## Gator Gazette E\*News

### UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 3/14—6:00—  
School Safety Meeting
- 3/19—Square  
One Art orders due
- 3/22—Half Day
- 3/29—6:00—  
Literacy Night
- 3/30—Good  
Friday—No  
School
- 3/30—Spring  
Apparel sale  
begins

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## Gator 'Tales'...

Welcome to March—the unpredictable and blustery month that takes us out of winter and into the final quarter of the year! I hope your week of midwinter vacation provided opportunities to reconnect, recharge, and have some family fun.

This month I am only touching on two topics: Parkland and PARP. First, for PARP I will simply ask you to look over the information on page 5 to become familiar with all of the great things we have planned both in school and out, as we 'Paws' for reading across the month.

Regarding Parkland, unfortunately there is no easy or 'cute' lead in to discussing the horrific situations that have occurred recently in schools. The topic of school safety is personal, emotional, and



currently very raw. Regardless of the miles between here and Florida, we are all impacted, and this month I will do my best to offer you some support, resources, and information on this important, and 'hot' topic.

On Wednesday, March 14th, the PTO meeting will instead be an evening of discussion on student and school safety. I will share information on topics such as what parents do in a crisis, what plans are in place, what

resources we have, how we address our students, pre-awareness, and more. I intend to have staff, administration, and possibly local authorities present to be a part of this dialogue.

The intent is offer enough information to reflect the immense amount we do to maintain your child's safety, WITHOUT sharing information that compromising that safety itself. This is a difficult balance. I would love to see you there, with a mindset of becoming informed, versus discussing the additional agendas that have become a focal point after tragedies such as these.

Thank you for reading this far, for considering being a part of this evening, or for always doing as much as we can to work together for our students.

*-Dave*

## PTO News and Views

Hello March! Hopefully everyone is rested up from winter break and ready for everything that is coming up the rest of the school year. We want to thank all our families and friends for your support in our Labor of Love event this year!! It was a huge success for AccessCNY!! It was such a great night and good time had by all!

A special thank you to Susan Smith, Lacey Leonardi, Nikki Bomasuto, Ritters Dry Cleaning, LIMP LIZARD, Provisions Bakery, our amazing teachers and Mr. Lunden for your "experiences". We

are so grateful for all our donations and all that you do for us!

This month we have our Literacy Night, apparel sale, Square One Art, and Race for Education information coming out. Make sure to check folders and our Facebook page for updates and information for these events. Our PTO meeting this month is March 14th 6:00 in the school Library, focusing on School Safety. Childcare is available.

Gina Baker  
PTO president  
[arepto@gmail.com](mailto:arepto@gmail.com)



Are you ready to 'Paws' for reading this month as we celebrate Parents As Reading Partners during March?

[Click to watch our PARP Kickoff Video](#)

To see and hear more about how we will be 'Reading Cats and Dogs' for PARP!

## North Syracuse Board of Education:

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*Michael Leone*

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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:

**Ms. Annette Speech**

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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*



**Important Dates for March**

March 14th—PTO meeting  
March 1-15th Apparel Sale  
March 19- Square One Art  
March 29-Literacy night

Apparel Sale  
March 1 - 15  
Papa Sports Online sale

**Upcoming Committees**

We have several committees looking for volunteers. If you have any interest in helping on any of them, please reach out to the PTO at [AREPTO@gmail.com](mailto:AREPTO@gmail.com)  
We cant do these events with out the help and support of our parents and teachers.

**THE COMMITTEES ARE:**  
**RACE FOR EDUCATION**  
**PLAYGROUND PLANNING**  
**CARNIVAL**

**Yearbook**

Yearbook fliers will be going home soon. Please send in your order form no later than Friday, March 2nd . Any questions, please email [AREPTO@gmail.com](mailto:AREPTO@gmail.com)

**Box Top for Education**

Box tops are found on numerous consumer products and these \$.10 items can add up quickly to help fund our school programs! **Please send in your Box Tops throughout the year!!**

Thank You  
Gina Baker  
PTO president

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## From the Health Office...

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

March 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-3 PM and 4-7 PM

#### What is required for Kindergarten?

\*Immunization: Dtap 5 or 4 doses if the 4<sup>th</sup> dose was received at 4 years of age or older, Polio 4 or 3 doses if the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was received at 4 years of age or older, MMR 2 doses, Varicella 2 doses, Hepatitis B 3 doses.

\*A physical examination including Body Mass Index and Weight Status category information is required for students entering Kindergarten.

\*A dental certificate is requested for students entering Kindergarten.

WELLNESS WAKEUP CALL: In the month of March we will be learning about: Nutrition Education Messages in easy to digest sound bites! Look for the Alphabet Minestrone recipe on my website.

Gently used clothes: The Health Office is accepting gently used clothes; especially BOY'S sweat pants, and girl's leggings.

As usual, if you have any concerns or updates in your child health, feel free to contact me at any time:

Mrs. Werksman RN

315-218-2303 or [awerksma@nscsd.org](mailto: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*

## PARP NEWS!

Welcome to PARP month where we celebrate and promote reading across the entire month, with a focus on reading outside of school with

Parent As Reading Partners.

A few important things to know as we launch the month of reading fun:

- Our theme is pet related, playing on the phrases 'PAWS to Read', and 'Reading Cats and Dogs'. Everything across the month will be tied into this theme.
- Celebrations of reading and student work will take place in school during March, but the primary purpose of PARP is to have adults outside of school promoting and modeling the importance and fun of reading with our kids. We have designed a month that is based on QUALITY versus QUANTITY this year and hope you will support us by reading and working with your child!
- Please take some time to read the two sheets that came home today which describe our activities, expectations, projects, celebrations, and more. This handout is your key to PARP this month.
- The month will conclude with Literacy Night and the Book Fair on Thursday evening, March 29th with Christie Casciano visiting to read and other fun literacy events.

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### IMPORTANT PARENT NOTIFICATION

*PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES~*

During the school year, your son or daughter may have the opportunity to have his/her photo taken, video image and voice recorded, and/or art and written work published in connection with a school district activity or program. Your child's photo (image) and school work may be published in local newspapers, posted (displayed) on the district's Internet site, or used by the requesting organization (local TV or print media) for their programming, i.e., backup and their news stories.



# Elementary School Menu

Menu Subject to Change  
North Syracuse School District Is An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

# March 2018

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Second Choice

## Available with All Lunches

Assorted Fruit Cups  
Milk Choice

5 BBQ Rib Sandwich  
Seasoned Carrots  
Homemade  
Coleslaw

6 Fish Nugget  
w/ Dinner Roll  
Sweet Potato Bites  
Baked Beans  
100% Juice Cup  
Fresh Fruit

7 Baked Rotini  
w/ Cheesy Breadstick  
Seasoned Green Beans  
Garden Salad w/  
Dressing  
Shamrock Pretzel

8 Hot Turkey  
w/ Gravy & Biscuit  
Mashed Potatoes  
Seasoned Corn  
Fresh Fruit

9 Nardone's  
Pizza  
Garden Salad w/  
Dressing  
Seasoned Broccoli  
Fresh Fruit

12 Chicken Ring Things  
w/ Rip Stick  
Sweet Potato Gems  
Baked Beans

13 Mini Chicken  
Corn Dogs  
Seasoned Carrots  
Potato Gems  
Fresh Fruit

14 NEW!  
French Toast Bites  
w/ Sausage  
Hash Brown Patty  
100% Fruit-Vegetable  
Juice

15 Beef Taco w/ Lettuce,  
Tomato, & Cheese  
Seasoned Corn  
Brown Rice  
Cut Green Beans  
Fresh Fruit

16 Stuffed Crust  
Pizza  
Garden Salad w/  
Dressing  
Seasoned Broccoli  
Fresh Fruit

19 Hot Meatball Sub  
Tossed Salad w/  
Dressing  
Cut Green Beans  
100% Juice Cup

20 Pork Patty w/  
Gravy & Roll  
BBQ Baked Beans  
Mashed Potatoes  
Fresh Fruit

21 Macaroni & Cheese  
w/ Dinner Roll  
Seasoned Carrots  
Sweet Corn  
100% Juice Cup

22 ½ Day  
No  
Lunches Served

23 Personal Pan  
Pizza  
Garden Salad w/  
Dressing  
Seasoned Broccoli  
Fresh Fruit

26 Pizza Crunchers  
w/ Sauce  
Seasoned Carrots  
Seasoned Green Beans

27 Ham and Cheese  
Bagel Melt  
Potato Gems  
Homemade  
Coleslaw  
Fresh Fruit

28 Mini Pancakes  
w/ Sausage  
Hash Brown Patty  
100% Fruit-Vegetable  
Juice

29 Chicken & Potato  
Bowl w/ Biscuit  
Mashed Potatoes  
California Blend  
Vegetable  
Fresh Fruit

30 Good  
Friday  
No  
School

2 Homemade  
Pizza  
Garden Salad w/  
Dressing  
Seasoned Broccoli  
Fresh Fruit

Monday – Burger  
Tuesday – Popcorn Chicken  
Wednesday – Hot Dog  
Thursday – Chicken Patty  
Friday – Burger

PB & J and Yogurt Meal  
also available

Breakfast \$1.75  
Lunch  
Elementary Schools \$2.25  
Middle Schools \$2.50  
High Schools \$2.75  
Milk \$0.65

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

[www.nscsd.org](http://www.nscsd.org)

The food service department  
is looking for food service  
substitute workers. We  
have positions open, apply  
on the district website or  
call 315-218-2175