

"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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MARCH, 2017

### Gator 'Tales'...

Welcome to March campers! If you are anything like me, you may have felt the weather over vacation was a mixed blessing! It was purely enjoyable to find myself wearing shorts in February for consecutive days—but on the other hand, it made me even more concerned about how we would pay for it in March!

So if the winter DOES double back—and the cold and snow return, here is a way to stay warm and push through until spring—it's PARP MONTH!

Each March we join the NYS PTA's PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS program to promote reading with family members both for learning and enjoyment. We have a number of fun and exciting events



planned to celebrate student reading across the month in the building, but all based on the involvement of parents each day at home.

Our slogan this year is 'The S'more you read, the S'more you know!' with an obvious camping theme. Our students will enjoy a building wide kickoff video this Friday (no space aliens this year I'm afraid), and our biggest hope

is that you will find time to read with your child—or have any adult read with your child for 15 minutes a day during March.

Look for a flyer to come home Friday afternoon outlining all we are doing this month. It will also share how we will take part in 'Flashlight Fridays', 'PARP Fun Week', our 'Marshmallow Book Reviews,' and Literacy Night on March 16th featuring an exhibit of all our students writing and a performance by the fantastic Hill Brothers!

Research is overwhelmingly clear on this point—that adults reading with students at home has a significant impact on student learning and success. While we know it is actually important every day, please join us in making this month a special one by reading together each day at

*-I Jane*

### PTO News and Views

Welcome to March Allen Road families!! We hope you all had a great winter break enjoying the beautiful weather.

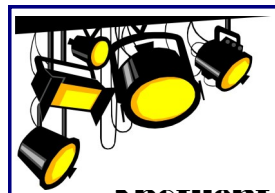
We've had an amazing year so far with all our events, including our last one, Labor of Love. Thank you everyone who came out that night to help support McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center.

This month kicks off our 3rd quarter of After-School Enrichment. Kids are getting started with basketball, drama, karate and Bricks For Kids. Also this month, we have Literacy Night and the start of our next apparel orders. Look for more information to come home with your child.

Looking at what we have coming up the rest of the school year, Race For Education and Carnival are our big events. You'll be seeing more info this month about Race coming home with your student. We are excited to announce that the PTO voted on our next school project. Unanimously, we chose a new playground. We can't wait to If you're interested in sitting on any of our committees, please reach out to us.

Our PTO meeting this month is March 8th at 6pm in the school library. Childcare is available.

Kim Kennedy and Ashley Kirby  
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!

## North Syracuse Board of Education:

**Michael Shusda—President**

*Michael Mirizio —Vice-President*

*Paul Farfaglia*

*George Harrington*

*Elizabeth Kasch*

*Michael Leone*

*Scot McClintock*

*Jacqueline Owens*

*Mary Scanlon*

### **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**

**Superintendent of Schools**

*Donald F.X. Keegan*

*Associate Superintendent for Business Services*

*Jason Nephew*

*Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources*

*Daniel Bowles*

*Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning*

*Dawn Wilczynski*

*Assistant Superintendent for Instruction*

*Valerie DiFlorio*

*Executive Director for Diverse Learning  
and Student Support*

*Donna Marie Norton*

*Executive Director for Data and Accountability*

## 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 8th--PTO meeting
- March 16th--Literacy Night
- March 31st--Apparel Sale Starts

### Box Tops

Spring Box Tops contest is on! Collect them from your neighbors, friends, family, the mailman! Classroom with the most Box Tops will win an Ice cream party, sponsored by the PTO! Send in your Box Tops by April 7th to help your child's class win! Late Box Tops will not count for the contest so be sure to get them in!

### Apparel Sale

Then new styles that were introduced during the fall apparel sales seemed to be well received by our students and staff! We will be bringing them back for our spring sale which started the end of this month. Anything further you'd like to see from your Allen Road sales, please email our Apparel Coordinator, Brenton Kirby at [bk220y@gmail.com](mailto:bk220y@gmail.com).

### 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)

The committees are:

- Race for Education
- Carnival
- Playground Planning

### Race For Education

Our fourth annual Race for Education is for the first time, this spring. Our Race Day is Tuesday, May 23rd. Our students will be able to enjoy the nice spring weather while raising funds for our school! As usual, profits from the Race help fund our school's events, field trips for every grade level and more! We also will be saving funds to replace the old part of the playground as a capital project.

Thank You  
Ashley Kirby and Kim Kennedy  
PTO Co-Presidents

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build strong  
children than to  
repair broken  
men.*

*~Frederick  
Douglass*



## A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT...

**Educating Our Future!**  
**How Equitable Funding Promotes School Success**

**Thursday, March 9**  
 An important community event for North Syracuse AND Liverpool School District families!

New York State's highest court ruled that schools must receive enough State Aid to provide a sound basic public education. For the past 10 years, New York has ignored the court ruling, depriving North Syracuse and Liverpool students of almost \$300 million! Our students will lose more than \$12 million in aid this year alone. Please attend this event to find out how inequitable funding is undermining your child's future and what you can do to ensure that we get our fair share of school aid.

March 9 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • North Syracuse Junior High School

 Liverpool Schools Find out more:  
[nscsd.org](http://nscsd.org) or [liverpool.k12.ny.us](http://liverpool.k12.ny.us) 

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~Frederick Douglass

### 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...

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

March 15<sup>th</sup> from 12-3PM 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: Energy from Foods. Enjoy a recipe for African Stew, it's on my website.

Gently used clothes: The Health Office is accepting gently used clothes; especially, sweat pants, leggings.

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

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

Mrs. Werksman R.N

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

*~Phyllis Diller*



## Book Fair is Coming!

Before I get to Book Fair though, I want to start by introducing myself. My name is Mrs. Benson. I've been teaching in library for 14 ½ years, the last 10 ½ at Cicero Elementary. I am so glad that I switched to Allen Road. The students and staff here are amazing and the library is beautiful. I love teaching at the elementary level because I get to introduce children to so many authors and illustrators through read alouds and recommendations. I incorporate a variety of skills from different library and technology standards as well as the ELA curriculum.

This last month we have been busy working on various skills across grade levels. In forth grade we have learned about autobiographies and memoirs. We have started a big unit on critical thinking across various forms of media around the book, academy award winning short film and app, "Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore". In third grade we have started talking about author's purpose and spent time learning about the different literary genres. In second grade we have read and compared two books by Michael Garland and learned how to search the library catalogue and put holds on books that are out. First grade has been reviewing the parts of a book and general library rules and procedures. We have read a few books and used inferencing skills to analyze the characters feelings using clues in the story and illustrations. We have also started learning about organization of the everybody section by using the spine labels. In kindergarten we have also been reviewing the parts of a book and general library rules and procedures. We have started learning about literary elements like character, main character and sequencing.

The book fair starts March 10<sup>th</sup> and goes until March 16<sup>th</sup>. I will be sending home a book fair flier and a letter with some general tips for shopping and the class schedule. The fair website is <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/allenroadelementaryschool>.

**Volunteers are needed** and you can sign up on the website for 1 hour slots. If you can volunteer for more than an hour just click on the slots that you can be available and sign up. I have started with the minimum number of people needed but if you can help out during a slot that has been taken just email me with the dates and times and I can put you in. Thank you!

My email is [nbenson@nscsd.org](mailto:nbenson@nscsd.org).

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~Phyllis Diller

# MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	7:00—BOE Meeting		6:00—PTO Meeting	Jack Gramlich visiting for 2nd Graders		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Kindergarten Registration (9:30-3:00/4-7:00)	Half Day 6:00—Literacy Night	Superintendent's Conference Day—No School	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	7:00—BOE Meeting					
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		3rd/4th Grade NYS ELA Tests	3rd/4th Grade NYS ELA Tests	3rd/4th Grade NYS ELA Tests	PTO Spring Apparel Sale begins	

# Elementary School Menu

# March 2017

Menu Subject to Change

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

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 Fries

13 Hot Dog on Bun  
French Fries  
BBQ Baked Beans

20 Pizza Crunchers  
w/ Sauce  
California Blend  
Vegetable  
Carrots

27 BBQ Rib  
Sandwich  
Sweet Potato Fries  
Green Beans

7 Fish Nuggets w/  
Dinner Roll  
Baby Carrots w/ Dip  
Corn  
Fresh Fruit

14 Mini Turkey Corn  
Dogs  
Potato Nuggets  
Steamed Green  
Beans  
Fresh Fruit

21 Beef Nachos  
w/ Salsa & Cheese  
Steamed Brown Rice  
Refried Beans  
Sweet Corn  
Fresh Fruit

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

1 Homemade  
Mac & Cheese  
w/ Dinner Roll  
Carrots  
Celery w/ Dip

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

15 Homemade  
Chili Macaroni  
w/Breadstick  
Tossed Salad w/  
Dressing  
Seasoned Corn  
Shamrock Cookie

22 Pasta & Meatballs  
w/ Breadstick  
Tossed Salad w/  
Dressing  
Green Beans

29 Homemade  
Mac & Cheese  
w/ Dinner Roll  
Tossed Salad w/  
Dressing  
Steamed Carrots

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

9 Hot Turkey & Gravy  
w/ Dinner Roll  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Fresh Fruit

16 ½ Day  
Breakfast Only

23 Ham & Cheese  
w/ Pretzel Roll  
Sweet Potato Gems  
Coleslaw  
Fresh Fruit

30 Soft Taco  
w/ Lettuce, Salsa & Cheese  
Refried Beans  
Corn  
Fresh Fruit  
WG Triple Chocolate  
Cookie

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

10 Nardone's French  
Bread Pizza  
Tossed Salad w/  
Dressing  
Steamed Broccoli  
Fresh Fruit

17 Superintendent's  
Conference Day  
Schools Closed

24 Assorted Pizzas  
Tossed Salad w/  
Dressing  
Steamed Broccoli  
Fresh Fruit

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

## 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.nysed.org](http://www.nysed.org)

Why did the cabbage  
win the race?

Because it was  
ahead!