

"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...

- 5/1—5/3—NYS 3rd and 4th Grade Math Testing
- 5/9—6:00—PTO Meeting
- 5/15—6:30—Spring Chorus Concert @ RRMS
- 5/17—RACE FOR EDUCATION!
- 5/18—Half Day
- 5/24—Pre-K Transition Night
- 5/28—Memorial Day—No School

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Gator 'Tales'...

Welcome back! After a dreadful April, it seems as though we may have finally truly turned the corner and will see some nicer spring weather! As we get ready to enter the final stretch of the year including field trips, concerts, our PTO Carnival, and much more, I hope that the vacation week gave you all a chance to break away from the routine, rest, relax, and recharge for our final dash to the finish line!

Part of getting to the finish line is reaching our goals for the building and PTO around Race For Education. Many of you may have already viewed the [RFE video](#) I shared via email yesterday, but for those who haven't, I would just like to revisit the information one more time, as it is critical to our



success.

Race For Education's success is based almost entirely on volume of flyers we send out. Personally, I like this part of RFE best, because it means we are raising money in ways OTHER than digging deeper into your pockets—it spreads a much wider net for fundraising.

The trick is to get enough labels back to send out enough

flyers, to get the average number of donations back in. Our goal, in order to raise enough money for both operational costs and for our playground capital project, is 2,500 LABELS. Right now we are just over 500, and need your help in giving us additional addresses on the label sheets sent home Monday, to send out more flyers.

It's not exciting, and may seem almost bothersome, but historically it is the least intrusive and most effective way to raise a large amount of money to provide our students at every grade level with all of the great things they receive across the year. Thank you for taking just a little bit of time out of your schedule to support me in providing labels, for supporting out *-1 Dave* PTO, and mostly

PTO News and Views

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed their vacation and are ready for all our exciting events coming up! We have been working hard on our Race for Education fundraiser - thank you to all those that donated stamps!

So far we have sent out about 600 labels but are well under our goal of 2500 labels. We hope you were able to view the brief video from Mr. Lunden. Examples of this fundraisers importance can be seen across this month with two visits from Jack Gramlich and three

grade level field trips! Race For Education not only raises money for capital projects such as our playground, but it also finances the wonderful activities we provide students all year!

The last PTO meeting for this year is May 9th at 6pm in the library. We will be voting in new board members and finalizing details for our Carnival. We would really love to see you there! Have a great month of May.

Gina Baker
PTO president



In the Spotlight

May is an important month for our district as it includes our annual budget vote.

Visit our [district page](#)

To find out more details about what is included in our annual budget, when the vote takes place, and where you would go to place your vote.

North Syracuse Board of Education:

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Michael Mirizio —Vice-President

Paul Farfaglia

George Harrington

Michael Leone

Erin McDonald

Jacqueline Owens

Mary Scanlon

Patrick Svoboda

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

May 9th: PTO meeting at 6pm in the school library

May 17th: Race for Education

June 8th: Carnival 5-8pm

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Our last quarter of After School Enrichment starts the beginning of May. We are always looking for new and exciting ideas for next year. Please reach out to the PTO if you have an idea that you'd like to see available to the students next year.

Race For Education

Our Race Day is Thursday, May 17th! 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.

All students participate by going outside with their grade level peers during their 40 minute specials class that day—and we complete the hour of exercise by going out to the track as a whole building at the end of the day for 20 more minutes.

The end of day 20 minute whole school portion is open to parents, and we encourage you to come out to cheer us on, as well as to give us a chance to thank you for your work behind the scenes providing addresses and labels that lead to donations. See you on the 17th!

Box Tops

Thank you all that collected and submitted boxtops for all school. Keep collecting now throughout the summer!! There will be a fall contest!! Don't forget to download the Boxtop app for bonus boxtops for all school!!

Thank You
Gina Baker
PTO president

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*~Frederick
Douglass*

From the Health Office...

Seasonal Allergies: “Achoo! “ It’s your son’s third sneezing fit of the morning, and as you hand him another tissue you wonder if these cold-like symptoms – the sneezing, congestion, and runny nose – have something to do with the recent weather change. If he gets similar symptoms at the same time every year, you’re likely right; seasonal allergies are at work. Even kids who have never had seasonal allergies in the past can develop. Seasonal allergies can start at almost any age, though they usually develop by the time someone is 10 years old and reach their peak in the early twenties.

Signs and Symptoms: Allergy symptoms which usually come on suddenly and last as long as a person is exposed to the allergen can include: **sneezing, itchy nose/throat, nasal congestion, runny nose, coughing.** These symptoms often come with **itchy, watery, and /or red eyes, which is called allergic conjunctivitis.**

Diagnosis: Seasonal allergies are fairly easy to identify, talk with your Doctor and he will be able to make a diagnosis. They might also do a skin test or blood test to identify the allergen.

Treatment: There are many ways to treat seasonal allergies, depending on how severe the symptoms are. The most important part of treatment is knowing what allergens are at work. Some kids can get relief by reducing or eliminating exposure to allergens that bother them. If certain seasons cause symptoms, keep the windows closed, use air conditioning if possible, and stay indoors when pollen/mold/weed counts are high. It’s also a good idea to wash their hands or shower and change clothing after playing outside.

If reducing exposure isn’t possible or effective, medicines can help ease allergy symptoms. These may include decongestants, antihistamines, and nasal spray steroids. If symptoms can’t be managed with medicines, the Doctor may recommend taking your child to an allergist and be evaluated for allergy shots, which can help desensitize kids to specific allergens.

From: www.kidshealth.org

Wellness Wakeup call: This month we will learn about: Media literacy and Food politics .Look for a “Happy Burger” recipe on my website.

Happy Spring!

Mrs. Werksman RN
315-218-2303 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

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 e-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 **June 1st**.

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.

Requests for specific teachers will not be accepted and will be returned to parents. Once placements are made and letters are e-mailed, it is very difficult to make any changes. If you have a concern, please do not wait until you receive your placement letter via e-mail. It is much easier to handle special cases early in the process.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions and have a great spring!

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MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!	3RD/4TH GRADE NYS MATH TESTING			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jack Gramlich visiting for 1st Grade	7:00—BOE Meeting	Teacher Appreciation Day!	School Nurse Appreciation Day! 6:00—FTO Meeting	Transportation Appreciation Day!		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Teaching Assitant Appreciation Day! 4th Grade Field Trip 6:30—Spring Chorus Concert @ RRMS		RACE FOR EDUCATION DAY	Half Day	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Teacher Aide Appreciation Day!		6:00—Pre-K Transition Night		
27	28	29	30	31		
	MEMORIAL DAY—No School	Jack Gramlich visiting for 3rd Grade	1st Grade Field Trip	Kindergarten Field Trip		

Elementary School Menu

Menu Subject to Change

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May 2018

MONDAY

Available with All Branches

Assorted Fruit Cups
Milk Choice

7 Hot Meatball Sub

Baby Carrots w/ Dip
California Blend Vegetable

14 Pizza Crunchers w/ Sauce

Seasoned Carrots
Cut Green Beans
100% Juice Cup

21 Tangerine Chicken w/ Rice

Stir Fried Veggies
Seasoned Carrots
100% Juice Cup

28 Memorial Day
No School

TUESDAY

1 Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Tomato Soup w/Crackers
Seasoned Green Beans
Fresh Fruit

8 BBQ Rib Sandwich

BBQ Baked Beans
Sweet Potato Fries
Fresh Fruit

15 Turkey & Provolone Panini

Tossed Salad w/ Dressing
French Fries
Fresh Fruit

24 Homemade Sloppy Joe w/ Scoops
BBQ Baked Beans
Seasoned Corn
Fresh Fruit
C. Chip Cookie

29 Mini Waffles w/ Sauce

Hash Brown Patties
100% Fruit-Vegetable Juice
Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

2 Egg Mc Muffin w/ Sausage

Hash Brown Patty
100% Fruit-Vegetable Juice

9 Macaroni & Cheese w/ Dinner Roll

Tossed Salad w/ Dressing
Seasoned Carrots

16 French Toast Bites w/ Sausage

Hash Brown Patties
100% Fruit-Vegetable Juice

23 Pasta & Meat Sauce w/ Texas Toast

Garden Salad w/ Dressing
Cut Green Beans

30 Macaroni & Cheese w/ Dinner Roll

Seasoned Green Beans
Brown Sugar Carrots

THURSDAY

3 Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Beef Taco w/ Lettuce, Tomato, & Cheese
Refried Beans
Seasoned Corn
Fresh Fruit
Apple Filled Churro

10 Garlic Parmesan Chicken w/ Texas Toast

Mashed Potatoes
Cut Green Beans
Fresh Fruit

17 ~~Mardone's~~ Pizza

Garden Salad w/ Dressing
Seasoned Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

24 Mini Corn Dogs

Baby Carrots w/ Dip
Homemade Coleslaw
Fresh Fruit

31 Soft Beef Taco w/ Lettuce, Tomato and Cheese

Refried Beans
Steamed Brown Rice
Seasoned Corn
Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

4 Homemade Pizza

Garden Salad w/ Dressing
Seasoned Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

11 Personal Pan Pizza

Garden Salad w/ Dressing
Seasoned Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

18 ½ Day NO LUNCH

25 Stuffed Crust Pizza

Garden Salad w/ Dressing
Seasoned Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

Cheesecake

Second Choice

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

What do mice like to eat for their birthdays?