

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

~William Butler Yeats

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 11/3—11/10—PTO Fall Apparel Sale ONLINE!
- 11/7— Superintendent's Conference Day— No School
- 11/8—6:00—PTO Meeting
- 11/10—Veterans Day—No School
- 11/14—11/16—Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/15—School Picture Retakes
- 11/22—11/24— Thanksgiving Break

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Allen Road Elementary School

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Gator 'Tales'...

Despite an unseasonably warm fall, mother nature has clearly turned the page to get us back to what we expect outside at this time of year in central New York! I hope you enjoyed the past month and are ready to break out the coats, hats, and clothing for colder weather.

Looking back at October I want to thank our PTO, parents, and staff for putting on a ghoulishly successful Halloween event last week! **Looking ahead**, I would like to take this time to keep you informed and aware of some great things happening across November.

First, November is again our Student Awareness Month, bringing attention this year to two important topics. This year we are extending our McMahon-



Ryan High Five program from K-2nd, to 3rd and 4th grade as well. Additionally, across the November we are joining with the Salvation Army to take part in a food drive. Barrels will be placed in the front foyer for students to drop off food products for those in need before the holidays.

November also includes our Parent/Teacher Conferences. This is a great time to connect

with your child's teacher about their growth and development across the first marking period. Consider some of the 'tips' in this article, and please make sure that you have set up your SchoolTool Parent Portal account so that you can view your child's report card online for the first time this fall.

While I don't always look forward to the colder weather, I DO always look forward to fall ushering in the holiday season. As we move through another busy month, I hope it ends with the opportunity to have some quality family time around the Thanksgiving holiday, as I know we all have a great deal to be thankful for this year!

-Irene

PTO News and Views

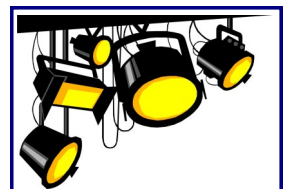
Happy November Allen Road families—hard to believe we are entering the holiday season already! We had a great event last week with our Fall Fun Fest and our very first Trunk or Treat. Thank you Gina Baker and volunteers for doing such a great job that night! We've heard nothing but great feedback from you all!

This month's meeting is November 8th in our school library. Child care will be available, so we hope you come and join us from 6-7:30pm. Our discussion topic this month is School Health and Safety, with Nit Pickers

speaking to parents on how to help prevent the spread of lice these upcoming months. We will also be discussing potential recipients for our 2018 Labor of Love donation.

Winter Wonderland planning is also underway and we are still looking for some great ideas for making our event even greater! Our next planning meeting is scheduled for later this month. If you're interested in helping out, please feel free to reach out to Ashley Kirby, chairperson of the committee, at AREPTO@gmail.com.

Gina Baker and Ashley Kirby
PTO Co-Presidents



spotlight

Check out the great pictures from our Halloween Fun Fest and Trunk or Treating on our

[PTO Facebook page](#)

Make sure to 'Like' the page and then add your own photos from the evening if you have some to share!

Thanks again to all of the parents that came out and decorated your trunks for the evening!

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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

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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*



Important Dates—November

3rd-10th—Apparel Orders: Any questions or concerns, reach out to Brenton Kirby at bk220y@gmail.com

8th—PTO Meeting 6-7:30pm [Minutes from last Meeting](#)– Agenda will be available on our website.

Reminder there is no December meeting

9th-17th—Book Fair: [Volunteer Here!](#)

16th—Winter Wonderland Committee Meeting: Reach out to Ashley Kirby at kirby.family08@gmail.com

Fall Fun Fest

The Fall Family Fest and first ever Halloween Trunk or Treat would like to thank everyone that participated, volunteered, and donated! It was a great night and we could not have done it without the amazing students, their families, and awesome teachers and staff!! A huge shout out to Dunkin Donuts/Wolak, Taylor copies, Stewarts, Wegmans, Meridian Chiropractic, Kinney Drugs, Target, Wal-Mart, Chuck Hafner's, Mickeys Balloons, the Onondaga Sheriff's Dept., and the North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Dept. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to next year's 2nd annual Trunk or Treat!!!

Nit Pickers—Guest Speaker

Nit Pickers will be at our November PTO meeting to speak to parents about safely and effectively removing head lice and nits. Unfortunately, lice happens but we can be aware and educated on how to handle it at home to prevent it spreading. Check out [their website](#) for further information.

Apparel

First, we want to apologize for the delay in deliveries for our start of school year sale. We are still working out the kinks with the new company and online ordering. Anyone who still hasn't received their orders, please call Brenton at 315-254-0567. We are trying our best to make sure these glitches do not happen this time around. Our Fall Apparel Sale starts this week and runs a week. On November 3rd, [this link](#) will take you directly to the online store and you'll be able to place your order.

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

*~Frederick
Douglass*

Allen Road Elementary Book Fair

The Allen Road Elementary book fair will be held on

Monday, November 13th - Friday, November 17th

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am - 11:45 am and 1:00 - 2:45pm

Tuesday and Thursday, 9am - 7pm

Closed from 11:45 - 1:00 Daily

Also, closed Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 - 4:30

Here are some pointers to make your child's shopping experience more enjoyable!

Checks must be made payable to Allen Road Elementary PTO

- Cost of books will range from \$5.00 to \$20.00 hard cover books (with an average range of \$6.00-\$8.00)
- Cost of school supplies & posters will range from \$0.50 to \$5.00
- There will be an 8% sales tax on your purchase.
- Unless a parent sends in a note, students will first be required to purchase at least one book before purchasing posters or school supplies.

The link to the book fair is

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/allenroadelementaryschool>

The class schedule for the Book Fair is the same as their Library day. The times are listed on the next page for each day.

We look forward to seeing you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer, please go to the book fair homepage (see above) and sign up for as many slots as you want.

Schedule

4th Grade 9:30 - 10:10

3rd Grade 10:15 - 10:55

2nd Grade 11:00 - 11:40

Kindergarten 1:00 - 1:40 (Mrs. Jerome's class 11:00 - 11:40)

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From the Health Office...

Hearing & vision screenings. October was a very busy month with hearing and vision screening for the following grades: 2nd, 3rd and 1st grade. If I had any concerns – you were notified. I will be doing Kindergarten in November.

Cold season: The best way to prevent and decrease colds is by good handwashing. Wash your hands often, and the recommended time is 20 seconds! All students had a classroom demonstration!

Playground safety: Please remember to send your child to school with safe footwear. ONLY sneakers and closed-toed shoes are allowed on the playground.

Wellness wakeup call: In November we will be learning about Healthy Easy Foods. The recipe of the month is Protein – rich Stir Fry - check it out on my webpage.

Extra Clothes: The health office is getting very low on extra clothes for borrowing. Please make sure your child has a set of extra clothes in their book bags.

As always- keep sending in updated physicals on your children, and if you have any concerns – feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Werksman RN

218-2303 or awerksma@nscsd.org

Important Reminders...For lunchtime at school...



- Parents or other approved visitors are welcome to come visit and eat lunch with their children.
- To support healthy eating, and keeping a focus on joining your child in the school environment, please refrain from bringing in 'fast food' when visiting. We would encourage either a lunch brought from home or buying one from our kitchen like our students do each day.

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

~Phyllis Diller

NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8	6 7:00—BOE Meeting	7 Superintendent's Conference Day—No School	8 6:00—PTO Meeting	9 MCR Players visiting for 3rd Grade	10 Veterans Day— No School Fall Apparel Sale Ends	11
15	13 Fall Book Fair begins	14	15 Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences	16	17 Fall Book Fair ends	18
22	20 MCR Players visiting for 4th Grade 7:00—BOE Meeting	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Break	24	25
29	27	28	29	30		

Elementary School Menu

November 2017

Menu Subject to Change

North Syracuse School District Is An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Second Choice

Available with All Lunches
Assorted Fruit Cups
Milk Choice

1 Pasta & Meatballs w/ Texas Toast
Seasoned Green Beans
Garden Salad w/ Dressing

2 Ham & Cheese Bagel Melt
Sweet Potato Gems
California Blend Vegetable
Fresh Fruit

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

Monday – Burger or Hummus Meal
Tuesday – Popcorn Chicken
Wednesday – Burger
Thursday – Chicken Patty
Friday – Burger

6 Mini Corn Dogs
Potato Gems
Seasoned Carrot Fries w/ Ranch Dip
100% Juice Cup

7 NO SCHOOL

8 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla
Tossed Salad w/ Dressing
Seasoned Corn

9 Macaroni & Cheese w/ Dinner Roll
Seasoned Green Beans
Steamed Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

10 NO SCHOOL

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
The food service department is hiring substitute food service employees; apply online at the district website

13 Fish Nuggets w/ Dinner Roll
Sweet Potato Fries Baked Beans
100% Juice Cup

14 Soft Beef Taco w/ Lettuce, Cheese and Salsa
Tossed Salad w/ Dressing
Seasoned Corn
Fresh Fruit

15 Hot Turkey w/ Gravy & Biscuit
Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Corn
Turkey Pretzel

16 ½ Day NO LUNCH

17 French Bread Pizza
Garden Salad w/ Dressing
Seasoned Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

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

20 Pizza Crunchers w/ Sauce
Seasoned Carrots
Seasoned Green Beans
100% Juice Cup

21 Turkey & Cheese Panini
Sweet Potato Bites
BBQ Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

22 Thanksgiving Recess
No School

23 Thanksgiving Recess
No School

24 Thanksgiving Recess
No School

What would you wear to a Thanksgiving dinner?
A hat- "vest" A

27 Chicken Ring Things w/ Rip Stick
Sweet Potato Gems Baked Beans
100% Juice Cup

28 White Chicken Chili w/ Corn Bread
Seasoned Carrots
Seasoned Green Beans
Fresh Fruit

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

30 Chicken Fajita w/ Lettuce, Tomato, & Cheese
Black Bean & Corn Salsa
Seasoned Corn
Fresh Fruit

NO SCHOOL