

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

~William Butler Yeats

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 10/4—Jack Gramlich visiting for 4th Grade
- 10/6—School Pictures
- 10/9—Columbus Day—No School
- 10/11—6:00—PTO Meeting
- 10/13—3rd Grade Field Trip
- 10/27—6:00—PTO Fall Family Fun Fest

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Allen Road Elementary School

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Gator 'Tales'...

Aside from getting our best summer weather when we were all back inside for the start of school, it has been a great opening month! Thank you for your support at Curriculum Night!

In October we keep moving along academically, socially, and informationally and I would like to quickly make sure you are up to speed in each area. **Academically**, classrooms have established their routines and completed most baseline assessments. These enable them to start grouping students in the classroom by need, and to identify certain students for services they may qualify for. Additionally, most grade level teams are beginning their weekly WIN times (What I Need) which helps [differentiate instruction](#) even more to meet individual needs.



Socially, we look forward to our first fun event of the year on the 27th: our Fall Family Fun Fest! Check out the details on the [PTO's new look website](#). With some new ideas this year, it's a great way to connect outside of school and socialize with other students and families. Additionally, if you didn't sign your child up for the 1st quarter [After School Enrichment Activities](#), make sure to consider this

during the next marking period as we will offer a variety of activities for them to be a part of!

Finally, October we will continue offering information about our building that you may find useful as a parent. November is our Student Awareness Month, so we will discuss student safety at both our October and November meetings with a speaker from [McMahon-Ryan Advocacy Center](#) visiting the evening of the 11th, and a review of safety procedures at the November PTO meeting.

It seems to take no time at all to get back up to full speed each fall, so please let us know if you need anything to help make this 'take-off' more smooth!

-Irene

PTO News and Views

Happy October Allen Road families!! The first month has flown by for the PTO and we are in full swing for the school year! Thank you everyone who stopped afterwards for our Back to School BBQ after curriculum nights! We heard great feedback from families!

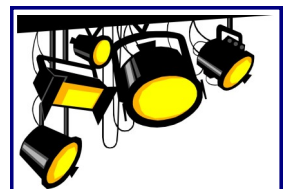
Our PTO meeting this month is October 11th at 6pm in our school library. Child care will be provided. For October and November, Mr. Lunden along with Maureen Foran-Mocete from McMahon-Ryan will be speaking about student safety. Please join us to learn more about what steps are being taken to as-

sure your child is educated about safety and that the school is safe.

Our Box Tops contest runs until October 13th. Be sure to send in your box tops to help your child's classroom win!

New this year with our Fall Fun Fest is the Trunk or Treat on October 27th! Decorate your trunk and hand out treats to the kids for a night of fun. Inside will be fun activities for you and the family.

Gina Baker and Ashley Kirby
PTO Co-Presidents
arepto@gmail.com



spotlight

If you haven't already done so, take a moment as the year begins to:

Follow Mr. Lunden on Twitter for school updates and information at

@AREPrincipal

And don't forget to 'Like' our

[PTO Facebook page](#)

where they share information about events, meetings, and more to keep you up to date and involved!

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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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218-2300

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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*



Thank you for everyone who came to our first meeting of the year! It was great seeing many new and old faces! Can't wait to work along side with each and every one of you! Please take a minute to read over the minutes from September's meeting [here](#). See you this month, October 11th at 6pm.

Mark these important Dates for October:

- October 6th -- School Pictures
- October 11th —PTO meeting at 6pm
- October 13th —Box Top contest due date
- October 27th —Trunk or Treat/Fall Fun Fest

Our meeting dates for the rest of the year are:

- November 8th
- January 10th
- February 7th
- March 14th
- April 11th
- May 9th

All our meetings are held in the school library at 6pm. Child care will be provided by volunteers from the National Honor Society students.

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Please take a minute to look over our committees and consider helping out by joining one! We'd love to have any input/help with anything.

Playground Committee Chair: Aubrey Barone aubreybarone@gmail.com

*In order to raise the funds to replace the wooden section of the playground, this committee is focused on additional fundraisers during the 2017/2018 school year through events such as our adults' only evening, corporate sponsorships and upcoming brick sale. **YOUR opinion counts in developing our new playground—we need your help to build it.** See Aubrey today!*

Fall Fun Festival Committee (Event Date: October 27, 2017) Chair: Gina Baker bakergina830@outlook.com

*This year ARE families are invited to "Trunk-or-Treat" in their Halloween costumes with activities and snacks to follow. **Register your trunks to make this event SPOOKTACULAR!** Contact Gina with ideas or to help for the event.*

Box Tops for Education (Ongoing across the school year) Chair: Melissa Brown lilmommamcb@gmail.com

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

Winter Wonderland Committee (Event Date: December 13) Chair: Ashley Kirby kirby.family08@gmail.com

*This event celebrates the season with the lighting of our Festival of Trees, holiday shops to purchase gifts, play games and sing carols. **Come help us with the shopping and planning to make the most out of this holiday event!** Please contact Ashley to help.*

Labor of Love Committee (Event Date: February 8) Chair: Susan Smith sassysuz1981@yahoo.com

*Labor of Love event encourages our children and community to give back to others through sharing a meal together and raising funds for a non-profit organization near and dear to our hearts. **Please see Susan if you have an organization you'd like ARE to support or if you can help plan this feel good event!***

Literacy Night Committee (Event Date: March 29) Chair: Stacy Orefice stacy.orefice@gmail.com

*March is Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) month and this event celebrates our students' hard work of reading all month long. **See Stacy if you love a good book and would like to work with our teachers in planning this event that makes reading fun!***

Race for Education Committee (Event Date: May 17) Chairs: Gina Baker and Ashley Kirby

*Our school has decided to do only one fundraiser throughout the year to support the operating costs of the programs we offer such as field trips and to help fund capital projects that enrich our students' experiences and education at ARE. **Stay tuned on how YOU can encourage others to support our school and to help execute our main fundraising event.***

Carnival Committee (Event Date: June 8, 2018) Chairs: Gina Baker and Ashley Kirby

*The ARE Carnival is a 50+ year tradition that kicks off summer with games, prizes and food in a night full of fun! **Help us keep the tradition alive with fresh ideas and volunteer some time during this labor intensive event.***

From the Health Office...

Well, September was very busy and flew by. Thank you to everyone who sent in updated physicals and dental certificates on your children- keep them coming!

Hearing & Vision screening: New York State mandates that school nurses screen students for hearing and vision. In the month of October the following grades will be screened: Second and third graders. First graders and Kindergarten will be done later. Fourth graders are not mandated to be screened. If I have any concerns I will notify you.

Seasonal Flu: The Centers for disease Control and prevention recommends children 6 months-18 years get an annual flu vaccine as soon as it is available. Check out the parent's guide for flu symptoms and prevention on my website.

Wellness wakeup Call: This month we will be learning about Allergies. Check out the monthly recipe on my website- Tri-Color Quinoa Corn Salad!

As always-, if you have any concerns- please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Werksman RN

218-2303 or awerksma@nscsd.org



Important Reminders...At dismissal time, please remember to:

- **Bring in identification**
- **NOT to park by the opening at the north end of the building where we have 'No Parking' signs posted.**
- **Remain in the foyer area and not move to the hallway openings for safety and to minimize disruption at dismissal time.**

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

~Phyllis Diller

OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Food Service Appreciation Week 7:00—BOE Meeting		Jack Gramlich visiting for 4th Grade		School Pictures	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Columbus Day— No School		6:00—PTO Meeting		3rd Grade Field Trip to 'The Wild'	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	7:00—BOE Meeting				6:00—PTO Fall Family Fun Fest	
29	30	31				

Elementary School Menu October 2017

Menu Subject to Change

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MONDAY

2 Hot Dog on Whole Grain Roll
Seasoned Carrots
California Blend Vegetable

9 Columbus Day
No School

16 Totally Taco Bites
Cheesy Bean Dip w/ Tostitos Scoops
Seasoned Corn

23 Pizza Crunchers w/ Sauce
Seasoned Carrots
Seasoned Green Beans

30 Popcorn Chicken w/ Dinner Roll
Baked French Fries
Seasoned Carrots
100% Juice Cup

TUESDAY

3 Fish Nugget w/ Dinner Roll
Sweet Potato Bites
Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

10 Garlic Parmesan Chicken w/ Texas Toast
Sweet Potato Gems
Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

17 BBQ Rib Sandwich
BBQ Baked Beans
Sweet Potato Fries
Fresh Fruit

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

31 Beef Nachos w/ Lettuce, Cheese and Salsa
Cheesy Bean Dip
Seasoned Corn
Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

4 Baked Rotini w/ Cheesy Breadstick
Seasoned Green Beans
Garden Salad w/ Dressing

11 Mini Waffles w/ Sausage
Hash Brown Patty
100% Fruit-Vegetable Juice

18 Macaroni & Cheese w/ Dinner Roll
Seasoned Carrot Fries
California Blend Vegetable
100% Juice Cup

25 French Toast Sticks w/ Sausage
Hash Brown Patty
100% Fruit-Vegetable Juice

THURSDAY

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

12 Chicken Taco w/ Lettuce, Tomato, & Cheese
Black Bean & Corn Salsa
Seasoned Corn
Fresh Fruit

19 Chicken Ring Things w/ Rip Stick
Mashed Potatoes
Creamed Spinach
Fresh Fruit

26 Chicken & Potato Bowl w/ Biscuit
BBQ Baked Beans
California Blend Vegetable
Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

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

13 Quesadilla Pizza
Garden Salad w/ Dressing
Seasoned Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

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

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

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

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www.nscsd.org

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