

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

~William Butler Yeats

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 10/5—6:00—PTO Meeting
- 10/7—School Pictures
- 10/10—Columbus Day—No School
- 10/13—Kindergarten Field Trip
- 10/14—3rd Grade Field Trip
- 10/28—6:00—PTO Fall Family Fun Fest

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# Allen Road Elementary School

## Gator Gazette E\*News

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## Gator 'Tales'...

Once again, we are off to a great start and are already moving at a fast and furious pace. With classrooms forming into tight knit, bucket filling, learning communities we have completed baseline assessments such as Fountas and Pinnell and Aimsweb which offer classroom teachers and grade level teams information about both Math and Reading. At the same time, our Kindergarten and 3rd graders have their field trips this month, while 1st and 2nd graders enjoy performances by the Merry-Go-Round Players. All in all a busy, exciting, and engaging month.

In the midst of all this activity, as your child's principal, I can't help but to want to keep you informed on some of the less exciting, but equally important information about Allen Road. I



would like to briefly share about safety and security so that you are aware of our practices, programs, and purposes.

First, please know that we maintain one point of entry at all times, the front door into the Main Office. In order to keep every child equally safe, please make sure to always have identification with you when picking your student(s) up. Second, we have already started

fire drills, but will be increasing the number of Lockdown drills we do this year to four total. We will always send home notification after one has occurred so that you can talk with your child about how it went and what they learned. Finally, this year we will again invite the McMahon-Ryan Advocacy Center into our classrooms to educate our students on safety and self-advocacy. Please consider attending out November PTO meeting for an overview of this program which has become an important part of keeping our students safe and strong. Please let me know of any questions in this area, and thank you for a great opening <sup>this</sup> year! Have a great

-Diane

## PTO News and Views

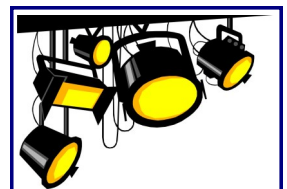
We hope everyone is having a wonderful start to the new school year! Thank you to everyone who stopped by the PTO table at Curriculum Nights last month! I know we can make this year the best year yet for our students here at Allen Road. Here's a highlight of our upcoming month but be sure to read our PTO 411 further in the newsletter for details.

Our PTO meeting this month is October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Library. Babysitting is available. October starts our first quarter After School Enrichment! If you weren't able to sign up for this quarter,

please watch for our second quarter programs later next month. Our veteran families may have noticed, no Race for Education labels came home last month. Our one and only fundraiser has been moved to the spring. We look forward to racing you then!

We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Fun Fest October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Volunteers are still needed. Please email us at [arepto@gmail.com](mailto:arepto@gmail.com) to sign up!

~Ashley Kirby & Kim Kennedy,  
PTO Presidents



### spotlight

Each month we will spotlight something interesting happening in our building beginning in October with our first electronic newsletter.

This fall we welcome a number of new staff members to Allen Road.

Visit our **October Spotlight** next month to see and learn more.

## North Syracuse Board of Education:

**Michael Shusda—President**

*Michael Mirizio —Vice-President*

*Paul Farfaglia*

*George Harrington*

*Elizabeth Kasch*

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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**

**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*

THANK YOU to ALL Allen Road families!

Last year through caring club we had a collection for Seal Team 2 who were deployed overseas. We were able to send a HUGE care package to them! In appreciation they made Allen Road School a plaque that will hang in the front office. Acknowledging our caring and efforts

Thank you Allen Road families for always being supportive and for filling buckets of others around the world!

-Friends from Caring Club.



### The Library Information Link by Ms. Kathy Spitzer, School Librarian



We're off to a great start in the library! Students in all grades have learned about teamwork, how to carefully treat our books, our library and other resources. **4th** graders created photographs demonstrating our library expectations. These will be posted in the hall near the computer lab along with our TEAM pictures. The **3rd** graders created some great posters that will be laminated and used throughout the library. **2nd** graders wrote post its to respond to one of two questions: How can you remember to bring your books to the library when they are due? What is a special place to keep your library books so that you will know where they are? **1st** graders read *Maybe a Bear Ate It* and *A Perfectly Messed-Up Story in which books are not handled properly*. Then we discussed proper book care. Finally, **Kindergarteners** learned about teamwork and how to be a team by watching the *Peppa Pig Pancake* episode.

All students learned that being a good citizen of our library means returning our books on time so that someone else can read them. To that end, overdue notices will be printed and distributed each Tuesday afternoon. If your child owes a book or books, look for the notice in their take home folder. Please send in overdue books right away. If you believe, there has been a mistake, please write a note on the notice or call to let us know. We want to take care of any errors right away!



Finally, all students will be using our **fantastic online resources** during library and in class. These resources range from online encyclopedias, dictionaries, videos, maps, magazines, ebooks, and other specialized resources and students are not limited to using them just in school. Students can access these from home, too! The advantage of these resources over Google and the web is that the resources are **grade level appropriate** and offer many features such as read aloud, pronunciation, dictionaries, and translation. These resources are not free but are paid for by the North Syracuse Central School District and the OCM BOCES School Library System for our students and staff. Links to these resources are maintained on a **password protected** web page. Your child will bring home a blue handout with the information about how to access these resources by using the Allen Road Elementary Library web page located at: <http://www.nscsd.org/webpages/kspitzer>. If you do not have a computer at home, consider visiting the NOPL Library, located at 100 Trolley Barn Lane, North Syracuse, NY.

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build strong  
children than to  
repair broken  
men.*

~Frederick  
Douglass

**PTO Meetings**

Thank you to everyone who attended our September meeting!! It was great seeing old and new faces! If you were unable to attend, you can [click here](#) for minutes from the meeting.



Our meeting this month is October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The speaker this month is Core Federal Credit Union. They will be speaking about a program they want to bring to our students here at Allen Road. For the rest of our agenda for the meeting, please [click here](#). The goal for future meetings is to have a speaker talk about things that are of interest to the parents. We are always looking for suggestions. Please email us at [arepto@gmail.com](mailto:arepto@gmail.com) with your ideas.

Below are our remaining meetings. As a reminder, all meetings start at 6pm in the library. National Honor Society students are arranged for volunteering to babysit while you attend the meeting.

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>November 2nd</i>          | <i>March 8th</i>       |
| <i>December – No meeting</i> | <i>April 5th</i>       |
| <i>January 4th</i>           | <i>May 3rd</i>         |
| <i>February 1st</i>          | <i>June—No Meeting</i> |

**Afterschool Enrichment**

Our first quarter is underway. Thank you to everyone who signed up! Next quarter we will have Basketball, Carnival Crew, and Caring Club. Watch your child’s folder for further information later next month.

We are also looking for parents for special talents to teach our students. If you know someone who has a talent that our kids would love to learn, please email Kim at [arepto@gmail.com](mailto:arepto@gmail.com)

**Daycare Provider List**

Allen Road PTO is collecting a list of day care providers within our district to have available for our Allen Road families. If you or someone you know is a childcare provider within the Allen Road community, please send us an email at [arepto@gmail.com](mailto:arepto@gmail.com)

**Halloween Fall Fun Fest**

Our annual Halloween Fall Fun Fest is set for Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Come enjoy music, dances, games, contest, food and more! Look for a flyer to come home later this month with more information. Parents MUST attend with their children—we do not allow students to be dropped off for this event. Join us for a “Fang”-tastic evening!

**Mark your calendars now!**

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

*~Frederick Douglass*



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS TO START THE YEAR...

**Dress to Learn...***Please remember, the dress policy at Allen Road Elementary includes **NO** hats, short shorts, bare midriiffs, backless or spaghetti strap tops. Safe shoes for school, physical education, and recess time are also extremely important. Unsafe footwear may result in limiting your child's ability to participate in PE class or on the playground. Thank you for putting safety first!*

**Safe and secure...***In order to keep our children safe, we require that all visitors sign in and wear a visitor's pass while in the building. Please be **SURE** to have picture ID when picking up a student from the office.*

**Off and On...***There has been confusion in the past regarding electronic games and cell phones. While there are situations such as the YMCA or on buses where these are allowed for specific reasons and with specific rules, once school hours begin, they must be turned off and put away. If brought out during the school day they will be confiscated by the classroom teacher and given to Mr. Lunden.*

### 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 Vegetables. Check out the monthly recipe on my website- Colorful Hawaiian veggie Stir-Fry

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

**Mrs. Werksman RN**

**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*

# OCTOBER 2016

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

# North Syracuse Elementary Schools Menu

# October 2016

Menu Subject to Change

North Syracuse School District Is An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

## Second Choice

Monday – Burger

### MONDAY

3 Turkey & Cheese Pretzel Melt  
Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

5 Pasta & Meatballs w/ Breadstick  
Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Carrots

### THURSDAY

6 Soft Taco w/ Lettuce, Salsa & Cheese  
Steamed Brown Rice Refried Beans

### FRIDAY

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

Tuesday – Popcorn Chicken

Wednesday – Burger

Thursday – Popcorn Chicken  
Friday – Burger

PB & J and Yogurt Meal  
Available daily

### MONDAY

10 Columbus Day  
No School

### TUESDAY

11 BBQ Rib Sandwich  
BBQ Baked Beans Potato Gems Fresh Fruit

### WEDNESDAY

12 Chicken & Potato Bowl w/ Biscuit  
Tossed Salad w/ Dressing California Blend Vegetable

### THURSDAY

13 Homemade Mac & Cheese w/ Dinner Roll  
Carrots Celery w/ Dip Fresh Fruit

### FRIDAY

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

Tuesday – Popcorn Chicken

Wednesday – Burger

Thursday – Popcorn Chicken  
Friday – Burger

PB & J and Yogurt Meal  
Available daily

### MONDAY

17 Popcorn Chicken w/ Dipping Sauce & Dinner Roll  
Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries

### TUESDAY

18 Fish Nuggets w/ Roll  
Baby Carrots w/ Dip Corn Fresh Fruit

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

20 Hot Turkey & Gravy w/ Dinner Roll  
Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fresh Fruit  
Fall Leaf Cookie

### FRIDAY

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

Tuesday – Popcorn Chicken

Wednesday – Burger

Thursday – Popcorn Chicken  
Friday – Burger

PB & J and Yogurt Meal  
Available daily

### MONDAY

24 Pizza Dippers w/ Sauce  
California Blend Vegetable Steamed Carrots

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

28 Homemade Pizzas  
Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit

Tuesday – Popcorn Chicken

Wednesday – Burger

Thursday – Popcorn Chicken  
Friday – Burger

PB & J and Yogurt Meal  
Available daily

### MONDAY

31 BBQ Rib Sandwich  
Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans  
Happy Halloween Pumpkin Pretzel

### TUESDAY

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

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Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Green Beans

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

What do ghosts like for dessert?  
I scream!

### Available with All Lunches

Assorted Fruit Cups  
Milk Choice