

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

~William Butler Yeats

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 11/2—PTO Meeting—6:00—7:30
- 11/3—11/10—PTO Fall Apparel Sale
- 11/8— Superintendent's Conference Day— No School
- 11/11—Veteran's Day—No School
- 11/15 and 11/17— Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/23—11/25— Thanksgiving Break

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Allen Road Elementary School

Gator Gazette E*News

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Gator 'Tales'...

If you are like me, as the season changes so does our mindset, pace, and focus. You can almost feel the school year 'buckling down' as we leave fall and begin to move into the holiday and winter season! Unfortunately, the pause in fall to enjoy the foliage and crisp mornings is fleeting, as we catch our breath and prepare for a busy end of the year.

Before looking ahead to November I would like to take a moment to thank our PTO and the many, many volunteers who offered their time and energy to make our Fall Family Fun Fest a huge success! From arriving early to set up, to staying well past the event ended to clean, I appreciate your response to our need for volunteers, making it a great night.



November is once again our Student Awareness Month this year, where we focus on raising our students awareness about important causes, needs, and information. In the K-2nd grade classrooms we will again participate in McMahon-Ryan Advocacy Centers 'High Five' program, with a special speaker visiting our PTO meeting Wednesday evening to inform parents as well. Additionally, as a

building wide effort to show caring in our community, we are asking families to be a part of DJ's Gift of Warmth initiative by sending in a new or gently used blanket to donate to the Rescue Mission. DJ is a North Syracuse student who has grown this giving program to the point where it is district wide this year. A flyer was sent home today and boxes will be in the front foyer all month. These are great programs, and great opportunities for you to connect with your child about what they can do to keep themselves safe, and what they can do to give to others in need.

I hope it has been a great first marking period, and we will see you all at conferences later this month!

- Dave



spotlight

November marks the first time to formally sit with your child's teacher and discuss progress, needs, successes, and areas for growth.

Visit our **November Spotlight** for information and tips on how to have a successful conference for both parent and teacher.

PTO News and Views

It's hard to believe another month has already passed us by. It's been a busy start to the school year with our Halloween Fun Festival. We hope the children (and adults) enjoyed themselves at the Fest. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to help, it's always a lot of fun. Thanks to Courtney Gauthier and her committee who put this year's fest together. This fest was done with a lot of hard work, time and effort.

This month's PTO meeting is Wednesday, November 2nd in the library. Allen Road PTO welcomes McMahon-Ryan Child Advocacy

Center as our guest speaker. Please come and help welcome them from 6-6:30 in the library. Afterwards is our regular PTO meeting. Childcare will be provided.

Winter Wonderland Planning Committee is under way. If you'd like to help plan our next event, please reach out to Ashley Kirby at arepto@gmail.com. Our next planning meeting is set for November 10th at 6pm in the conference room at Dunkin Donuts on 7th North St.

~Ashley Kirby & Kim Kennedy,
PTO Presidents

North Syracuse Board of Education:

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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:

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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 Upcoming Dates

November 2nd: PTO Meeting with guest speaker McMahan-Ryan 6-7:30 (Library)

November 3rd - 10th: Apparel Orders

(Look for the order forms this week in your child's back pack)

November 10th: Winter Wonderland Planning Committee Meeting 6pm (Dunkin Donuts)

PTO Meeting

Our next PTO meeting is November 2nd from 6-7:30 in the school Library. Child care is available. McMahan-Ryan Child Advocacy Center will be our guest speaker for the night. Hope to see you there!

Agenda and Minutes:

Please follow these links to access October's minutes and November's agenda!

[October Minutes](#)

[November Agenda](#)

Apparel

This year we are excited to announce, we've expanded our apparel offerings! We now offer several new styles of shirts, hoodies, and jackets! We also offering beanie caps. Just in time for the holidays. You can find a preview of our offered apparel on the next page of the newsletter. Please be sure to submit your order forms no later than November 10th. Any orders submitted after this date can not be guaranteed. If you have any questions or have not received an order form by Friday, November 4th, please reach out to Brenton Kirby at bk220y@gmail.com

We Need Your Help

Allen Road PTO is currently looking for volunteers for our Winter Wonderland Event!! If you have any interest in helping a group plan the event, please reach out to Ashley Kirby, committee chair, at arepto@gmail.com. We will also need volunteers for the night of the event if you're unable to help with the planning piece.

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

*~Frederick
Douglass*

ORDERS DUE NOVEMBER 10th Allen Road Elementary Fall Apparel Order Form

TSHIRTS YOUTH AND ADULT

Boys Washing Machine T-Shirt #7188
Colors: Purple, Blue, Royal Blue, Royal Pink

Girls Washing Machine T-Shirt #7189
Colors: Purple, Blue, Royal Blue, Royal Pink

Boys Washing Machine T-Shirt #7189
Colors: Purple, Blue, Royal Blue, Royal Pink

Girls Washing Machine T-Shirt #7189
Colors: Purple, Blue, Royal Blue, Royal Pink

Cotton V-neck #7189
Colors: Yellow, Blue, Navy

Metal Tervis Mug

PANTS ADULT AND YOUTH

Circuit Pant #5481

Flannel Pants
Colors: Cobalt/Black-Crash or Royal Blue

MENS

Mission Special Shirt #5485

LOGO 1

LOGO 2

HOODIES ADULT AND YOUTH

Striped up Hoodie #6319

Zip Hoodie
Colors: Royal Blue, Grey or Kelly Green

HOODIES ADULT AND YOUTH

Pull Over Hoodie
Colors: Royal Blue, Grey or Kelly Green

JACKETS ADULT AND YOUTH

Four Do Police Jacket
Mens and Youth #7193
Mens and Youth #7193

LOGO 3

Cinch Sack

BEANIE HAT

Beanie color #4620

CONTACT: Brenton Kirby at bk220y@gmail.com with any questions
Make checks payable to Allen Road PTO
There is a \$25 return check fee.

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

October has been an exciting month in the library!

3rd and **4th** graders learned to use the Destiny Online Catalog to look up books. They also learned how to place a hold on a book that is out and how to see what items they have checked out. **2nd** graders have used both PebbleGo and BrainPop Jr. to pursue personal inquiry. **1st** graders read *Crazy Hair Day* by Barney Saltzberg and created a collaborative display about how we can all be bucket fillers. They also used their computer accounts to log into PebbleGo



to learn about an animal of their choice. **Kindergarteners** have enjoyed many books including *Scaredy-Cat Splat* by Rob Scotton, *The Hallo-wiener* by Dav Pilkey and *Froggy's Halloween* by Jonathan London.

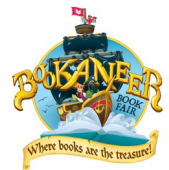
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~Frederick
Douglass

Please help your student be **a good citizen, by returning library books on time.** Overdue notices are 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 so that other students may borrow them. If you believe there has been a mistake, please write a note on the notice or call at 218-2307 to let us know. We want to take care of any errors right away!



Our annual **PTO Fall Scholastic Book Fair** will be held in the library from **November 10th through November 18th.** Students may visit the Book Fair during their regularly scheduled library classes and a **flyer with the schedule** will be sent home on **Monday, Nov. 7th.** **All** students have a chance to enter a free drawing and one student in each grade level will win a prize from the Book Fair! The Book Fair will be open special hours during **Parent Conferences** on Tuesday, Nov. 15 from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM and on Thursday, November 17 from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Please note that Friday, November 11 is Veteran's Day and school will be closed. There will be no Book Fair that day! **Online shopping** is available from Nov. 10 - Nov. 22 by visiting the [Allen Road Library Web Page](#). Online purchases will be delivered to our school **at a later**



From the Health Office...

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

Cold season: The best way to prevent and decrease colds is by good handwashing. Wash your hands often, and the recommended time is 30 seconds!

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 Grains. The recipe of the month is Vegetable fried Rice - 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 child, and if you have any concerns feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Werksman RN

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

Come be a part of the
Allen Road ELV's!



Early Literacy Volunteers

We need volunteers to work with our Kindergarten students. Our instructional focus is based on letter names, sounds, sight words, blending, decoding and reading.

If **A little time makes a big difference!** Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring services for just 15 minutes at a

you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact us at the Main Office and we will get you connected right away! Thank you!

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IMPORTANT PARENT NOTIFICATION

~ BUILDING PROCEDURES ~

Over the first months of the year we have discovered some confusion and/or miscommunication over certain building procedures. Please make sure you are aware of the following expectations when visiting:

- ◆ For classroom parties and celebrations, younger siblings should not attend. While we know this may present some childcare issues, our intent is maintain a focus on the student/classroom being celebrated.
- ◆ When visiting for lunch, please remember that we do not allow 'fast food' to be brought in to the cafeteria, as we try to promote healthy eating habits across the district. Parents may still bring in food from outside the school, but with a healthier focus. Thank you for your support!

NOVEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			6:00—PTO Meeting	PTO Fall Apparel Sale begins		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	7:00—BOE Meeting	Superintendent's Conference Day—No School		PTO Fall Apparel Sale ends	Veteran's Day—No School	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Parent/Teacher Conferences (Book Fair: 4:00—7:00)	School Picture Retakes	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Book Fair: 1:00—7:00)		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Thanksgiving Break			
27	28	29	30			
	7:00—BOE Meeting					

North Syracuse Elementary Menu

Menu Subject to Change

North Syracuse School District is An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

November 2016

Second Choice
 Monday – Burger
 Tuesday – Popcorn Chicken
 Wednesday – Burger
 Thursday – Popcorn Chicken
 Friday – Burger
 PB & J and Yogurt Meal
 Available daily

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

7 Popcorn Chicken w/ Dipping Sauce & Dinner Roll
 Baked Beans
 Sweet Potato Gems

1 Mini Pancakes w/ Sausage
 Star Potatoes
 100% Fruit/Vegetable Juice

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

3 Soft Taco w/ Lettuce, Salsa & Cheese
 Steamed Brown Rice
 Refried Beans
 Corn
 Fresh Fruit

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

7 Popcorn Chicken w/ Dipping Sauce & Dinner Roll
 Baked Beans
 Sweet Potato Gems

8 Superintendents Conference Day
 No School

9 Garlic Parm Chicken w/ Dinner Roll
 Tossed Salad w/ Dressing
 Steamed Corn

10 Homemade Pizza
 Tossed Salad w/ Dressing
 Broccoli Cuts
 Fresh Fruit

11 Veteran's Day
 No School

14 Mini Chicken POP Dogs
 BBQ Baked Beans
 Crinkle Cut Fries

15 Pizza Crunchers w/ Sauce
 Baby Carrots w/ Dip
 Seasoned Corn
 Fresh Fruit

16 Hot Turkey & Gravy
 Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Fresh Fruit
 Turkey Pretzel

17 ½ Day
 No Lunch Served

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

21 Hot Dog on Whole Grain Roll
 Potato Gems
 Green Beans

22 BBQ Rib Sandwich
 BBQ Baked Beans
 Sweet Potato Gems
 Fresh Fruit

23 Thanksgiving Recess
 No School

24 Thanksgiving Recess
 No School

25 Thanksgiving Recess
 No School

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

29 Fish Nuggets w/ Roll
 Green Beans
 Corn
 Fresh Fruit

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

Available with All Lunches
 Assorted Fruit Cups
 Milk Choice

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

What do you get when you cross a snake and a pie?

A Pie-thon!

You may apply for free and reduced meal at any time during the school year