



ALLEN SCHOOL'S E-NEWSLETTER

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**Report Cards
April 13th**

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Principal

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Secretary

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School Phone:
609-654-4203

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the end of the 2005-2006 School Year, and what an exciting experience it has been! So many great things have happened at Allen School and the month of April promises to bring many more. With the arrival of spring, countless special events are on the calendar. One new "happening" is the New Jersey Ask Testing for fifth graders. Trips, Kindergarten Bingo, Earth Day Celebrations, a visit from the Memorial School Jazz Band, an author's visit and Spring Break are just a few activities on the list.



The Allen School Fitness Program has students enjoying the beautiful weather, while walking or running around a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile course. It is wonderful to see children so excited about being physically fit. Have you seen your child's collection of toe tags that are a symbol of each mile completed?

We appreciate the assistance of parents who are volunteering to supervise children during this worthwhile activity that occurs on Monday and Wednesday, during recess. If you are available to help supervise between noon and 1:50 p.m., please call Mrs. Condi and we will schedule you to help with the program, dependant on your availability.

To insure the safety of our students in the morning, please refrain from pulling up between buses, when dropping children off. A safer location to drop off would be across the street, on Haines Avenue where Mrs. Gillern can assist them with crossing or in front of the Kindergarten classrooms, in front of where the buses will be unloading. Please refrain from parking in the Allen School driveway when picking up students. With your cooperation, I am confident we can provide the safest environment for our students when they arrive and leave school.

As a reminder, this year the state of New Jersey has scheduled the school budget vote during our spring break (April 18th), a time when a number of families with children take vacation. Please remember to vote! Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. or [absentee ballots](#) are available for you to utilize, if you are planning to be away. If you need any information about the budget, please do not hesitate to call me at 609-654-4203 or e-mail me at cpukenas@medford.k12.nj.us.



ENJOY ALL THE BENEFITS OF SPRING AND WARM WEATHER!

Christine G. Pukenas
Principal

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Upcoming Events at Allen School

April is packed full of great happenings at Allen! [Here are just a few events that are coming up!](#)

- **NJ ASK Testing for 5th Grade—April 4th to April 6th**
- **Class Photo Day and Dress Up Day—April 7th**
- **Kindergarten Bingo —April 7th**
- **Second Grade Earth Day Celebration—April 11th**
- **Report Cards—April 13th**
- **Spring Break—April 14th to April 23rd (School Reopens April 24th)**

[Check out the 2005-2006 Allen School Calendar for a complete listing of all activities throughout the year!](#)

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All in a Gator's Day!

Great Gator Happenings in the classroom! [Disclaimer](#)

Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindergarten Bingo• Oviparous Animals (Egg Layers)• Egg activities• Writer's Workshop continues
1st Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing Non-Fiction Books• Spring Activities with Buddies• Egg and Jelly Bean Math• Circus Week (Clown Day April 26th)
2nd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earth Day Celebration• Writer's Workshop: Revision• Maps and Direction
3rd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check out the pictures from Gym Night!• Special Artist in Residence: Art and Allen History• Social Studies: Government and Medford Community
4th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check out the pictures from the ASK survival Party!• Math: Double Digit Multiplication• Reading: Sarah, Plain and Tall novel unit• Prairie Research Reports
5th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enjoyed the Cedar Run Field Trip!• ASK Testing• DARE Graduation on April 27th

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What's New on Allen's Website?

The Allen School website changes often! Make sure you check it daily!

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- [***The Counselor's Corner:***](#) *KC3 update and survey for parents; Grade Level Class summaries.*
- [***April Lunch Menu:***](#) *The new lunch menu has now been posted!*
- [***Nurse's Page:***](#) *Camp Superkids Asthma Camp; Asthma site with movie, Asthma Kids fun page; Asthma printable coloring page*
- [***Art Room:***](#) *April's Artist of the Month; Henri Rousseau Biography, Interactive Story, and Coloring Page*

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Learning Links for Kids

These are some of our kid's favorite sites and they are educational, too. Shh!!! Don't tell them! [Disclaimer](#).

For more Earth Day activities, [click here](#).

- [***Starfall: Earth Day***](#) (Grades K-2) *On April 22nd we celebrate Earth Day! Use this site to help prepare younger students on the importance of cleaning the earth. This activity will have students sorting through trash to recycle into the correct bins. As you are able to correctly sort the trash, you will see that the environment improves. Print out the writing sheet for a further expansion on this idea.*
- [***Earth Day Math Hunt \(Math\)***](#) (Grades 3-5) *Find out how you can help preserve the environment with these 5 Earth Day themed math problems. Use the hints to help figure out these challenging problems!*
- [***Dumptown Game \(Science\)***](#) (Grade 4-5) *Congratulations, you are now Dumptown's City Manager! Dumptown needs a lot of help to stop the pollution and littering. You will have the option of putting 10 recycling programs to work and watching the changes in Dumptown. But watch out! The people of Dumptown are paying for the programs and you don't want to loose your job for going over budget!*
- [***Earth Day Celebration in the Park***](#) (EVENT: All Ages) *What better way to celebrate Earth Day than by getting outdoors and enjoying Mother Nature. Burlington County has some of the best parks in the area and they are offering some fun events for the whole family just for*

Earth Day. Check out the Burlington County Division of Parks for your local park celebrations!

- ***[Happy Earth Day Printable Activity Book](#) (K-2) The EPA is offering an 11 pg. free printable coloring and activities booklet. It is full of tips and ideas on how to make the Earth a better place.***

[For more fun links and resources click here!](#)

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