



ALLEN SCHOOL'S E-NEWSLETTER

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**Science Fair and
Ice Cream Social
Feb. 23rd**

Reminder:



Please send students to school with winter jackets, hats, and gloves/mittens. Children will be going outside for recess during the cold weather days unless there is snow on the ground or an unsafe wind chill condition.

Contact Information:

Mrs. Christine Pukenas
Principal

Mrs. Mary Ann Condi
Secretary

Mrs. Mary Kondracki
Nurse

Dr. Deborah Haggett
Guidance

Principal's Message

The beginning of the second half of the school year is always an exciting time, anticipating the many things we still need to achieve and reflecting on all the accomplishments to date. Our students are working hard to master curricular expectations. In grades three, four and five, students are preparing for the NJASK assessments. The KC3 Positive Label program continues with students, drivers, crossing guards, and staff focusing on encouraging positive interactions. Check out [Dr. Haggett's web page](#) for more information on the KC3 program!

We have many special activities planned for February. A record number of acts are planned for the Talent Show on Thursday and Friday, February 2nd and 3rd. We will also be celebrating Riviera Pizza Day on Friday, February 10th. Other special events for the month include Groundhog Day, Black History Month celebrations, the First Grade Sweetheart Breakfast, Valentines Day parties, 100th Day Celebration, Kindergarten Conferences, the 5th Grade Science Fair and the Ice Cream Social, Art in Action, visits to Medford Leas, and an assembly featuring Chinese Dancers. Please join us as Allen School hosts the next H.S.A. Meeting on February 21st at 9:30 AM.

Warmest thanks are extended to our Home and School Representatives and the many volunteers who helped make the Country Western Night a huge success. Thank you to our resident DJ, Mr. B! Everyone had a fantastic time and [don't forget to check out the pictures from that fun night!](#)

Allen School welcomes Ms. Katie Tietze who is student teaching with Ms. Sheila McGinn in Fourth Grade and Ms. Ann Arnot who has joined our staff, working as an assistant in Kindergarten.

As always, I encourage you to stay actively involved in your child's education. Communication between home and school is our cornerstone. Working together, we can continue to achieve beyond any expectations. Enjoy the many special events planned for February. On behalf of everyone at Allen School, Happy Valentines Day!

Christine G. Pukenas
Principal

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Upcoming Events at Allen School

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

School Phone: 609-654-4203	
If you know your party's ext.	Press 1
Office	Press 2
Nurse	Press 3
Guidance	Press 4
Media Ctr.	Press 5
Absence Line	Press 6
Allen Info.	Press 7
District Office	609-654-6416

Emergency Closing Number: 668

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- *Talent Show—February 2nd and 3rd*
- *Report Cards—February 3rd*
- *1st Grade Sweetheart Breakfast—February 14th*
- *President's Day (No School) —February 20th*
- *Science Fair and Ice Cream Social—February 23rd*

[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 Olympics • Science: Movement/Sink or Float Experiment • Friendship Writer's Workshop Theme
1st Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision in Writer's Workshop • Eric Carle Author Study • Strategies for Subtraction
2nd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check out pictures from Winter Festival • 100th Day Celebration • Biography Book Reports • Learning Cursive Writing
3rd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pioneers in Social Studies with a Pioneer Day as a culminating activity • Reading theme: What's Cooking • Practicing Subtraction facts and typing skills
4th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's History Month Newspaper • Working on details and story endings in Writer's Workshop • Mrs. McGinn has animals in her classroom!
5th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese cuisine for Chinese New Year and literature series, <i>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i> • Science Fair • Spanish Speaking Countries WebQuest in Computer Lab

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What's New on Allen's Website?

The Allen School website changes often! Make sure you check it daily! [Disclaimer](#)

- [The Counselor's Corner:](#) *KC3 Update, Photos of Casey shirts and "positively" awesome decorated doors!*
- [February Lunch Menu:](#) *The new lunch menu has now*

been posted!

- [**Nurse's Page:**](#) *February is Dental Health Month! Mouth Power game site, Email the Tooth Fairy, Learn about cavities and going to the dentist!*
- [**Computer Lab:**](#) *Check out the cool Monsters from the Monster Exchange Computer Club!*
- [**Art Room:**](#) *February's Artist of the Month and Georges Seurat Activities*

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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](#)

- [**Valentines' Day Shape Poems**](#) (Grades K-5) *This is a great interactive site for students of all ages from Read, Write, Think. Begin by typing your name and choosing from various shapes. Next, the site will prompt you to brainstorm words or phrases that come to mind when you look at the shape. Then, write the poem inside the shape. Finally, preview your poem, edit if needed, and print the full sized poem to share with friends and family!*
- [**Change Maker Game**](#) (Grades 2-5) *President's Day is a great time to learn about money! In this game, figure out how many of each bill or coin you expect to get back when you pay for something. Answer correctly and the amount of change is added to your piggy bank. Answer incorrectly and the correct amount of change is subtracted from the piggy bank! The more you add to your piggy bank the harder the questions!*
- [**Electric Heart from Nova**](#) (Grade 4-5) *This is the premier site to learn all about the heart. At this site students will learn how the heart works along with some really amazing heart facts. In addition students will discover cutting edge science and read about the pioneering heart surgeon, O.H. Frazier. However, the coolest thing is that the kids can become a virtual heart transplant surgeon!*
- [**Presidential Hangman**](#) (Grades 3-5) *This is a great site that will test your knowledge of Presidents, First Ladies, and famous presidential quotes!*
- [**U.S. Olympic Team Base Camp**](#) (All Grades) *Get into the spirit of the 2006 Winter Olympics at this fun site! There are many printable activities to do and read. Learn great facts about the Olympic Games and about the competing countries. Play really fun games, and watch cartoons that promote the Olympic ideals. Lastly, meet the members of the U.S. Olympic team.*

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

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