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***I Wish It Were
Summer Day!
Jan. 13th***

Principal's Message

Happy New Year everyone! 2006 promises to be one of the best at Allen School. To begin, we will be implementing the KC3 Positive Label Program both in school and with our bus drivers during the week of January 9th. A variety of activities are planned for the next few weeks. Please check our web site <http://allenschool.org/GUIDANCE.htm> or the Kameron Institute Web Site, www.kameron.org for additional information.

By now, you should have received information about the Talent Show. Auditions are scheduled for January 18th and the Show will take place on February 2nd and 3rd. We will be trying Piezano's Pizza this month on Friday, January 13th. Our imaginations will also be working as we celebrate the fantasies of summer on "I WISH IT WERE SUMMER DAY" on January 13th.

A new tradition begins at Allen School with our family Country Western Dance Night on January 20th. Grades K-2 will have pizza available beginning at 5:30 p.m. with dancing from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Grades 3-5 will have pizza available beginning at 7:00 p.m. and dancing from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **To facilitate planning, tickets will only be available in school, they will not be sold at the door.** Mark your calendar for the 20th!

Whenever possible, recess will be scheduled outside, even during the cold winter months. Please dress your child appropriately with a winter coat, hat or hood, and gloves or mittens. As a reminder, in case of inclement weather, if a two hour delay is scheduled, Allen School will begin at 11:05 a.m.

As the month ends, the second marking period comes to a close and that marks the mid point of the year. Looking back, great things have happened, but we still have so much to accomplish! We look forward to working with you as we continue to strive for excellence in everything we do at Allen School. We appreciate your support!

Christine G. Pukenas
Principal

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'Tis the Season for Colds and Flu!

http://www.webmd.com/content/pages/5/4068_101.htm

The holiday season may be over but the cold and flu season are just beginning! This time of year you really need to take steps to protect yourself and your family from contracting these illnesses. Read [Mrs. Kondracki's Sickness Guidelines](#) for returning kids to school and follow the tips below to keep your family healthy.

Just a 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.

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Principal

Mrs. Mary Ann Condi
Secretary

Mrs. Mary Kondracki
Nurse

Dr. Deborah Haggett
Guidance

School Phone:
609-654-4203

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Office	Press 2

Nurse	Press 3
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Guidance	Press 4
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Media Ctr.	Press 5
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Absence Line	Press 6
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District Office	609-654-6416
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Emergency Closing Number:
668

[click here for 2 hr. delay info.](#)

Keeping Healthy This Winter

<http://sportsmedicine.about.com/cs/injuryprevention/a/aa010702a.htm>

- ✓ **Wash Hands Frequently.** Almost all physicians agree that the best defense against the cold and flu is washing your hands. That also means cleaning under the fingernails. Try to wash with soap and warm water for at least 10 seconds. Carry with you a quick dry hand sanitizer and have your child bring one to school.
- ✓ **Get the flu shot.** The flu shot is most beneficial to those with a more weakened immune system such as young children. Check with your health provider.
- ✓ **Get plenty of sleep.** Make sure that all family members are getting a proper amount of sleep. During sleep your body's immune system works to protect your body from illness.
- ✓ **Clean your shared spaces.** This time of year it is a good time to frequently clean those items that are used by many people in the house such as the phone, keyboard, toys, and the remote controls.

[For more tips on keeping healthy and a symptoms checklist check out Mrs. Kondracki's Web Page!](#)

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Upcoming Events at Allen School

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

- *I Wish It Were Summer Day—January 13th*
- *Martin Luther King Day—No School January 16th*
- *Talent Show Auditions—January 18th*
- *Country Western Family Dance Night—January 20th*
- *2nd Grade's Winter Festival—January 25th*
- *2nd Marking Period Ends—January 27th*

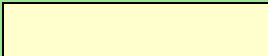
[Check out the 2005-2006 Allen School Calendar for a complete listing of all activities throughout the year!](#)

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All in a Gator's Day!

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

Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check out Gingerbread house pictures! • Computer Classes begin! • Writing stories using inventive spelling
1st Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check out the Pictures from our Winter Writing Celebration! • Winter Habitats for Animals • Subtraction and Place Value in Math • Writer's Workshop: Revising



2nd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second grade welcomes back Mrs. Johnston! • Check out Gingerbread House pictures. • Traveling to the Moon! • Winter Festival Coming Jan. 25th!
3rd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoyed trip to the Franklin Institute • Solar System Unit • Home Project: Dioramas
4th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication Drills. For help at home go to Super Kids for printable worksheets. • 4th Grade Ask Testing Information • Upcoming: Read-A-Thon
5th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December Toy Drive Collection (Picture) • Explorer Month • Preparing for Science Fair

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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 Positive Label Program; Printable Kindness Activity Calendar; Clifford's Big Idea: Be Kind*
- **[January Lunch Menu:](#)** *The lunch menu for January has now been posted!*
- **[Nurse's Page:](#)** *Keeping Healthy; Sickness Guidelines; Stop Fluin' Around game; Germ Detective*
- **[Art Room:](#)** *January's Artist of the Month and Picasso Activities!*

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Fun and Educational Sites for Kids

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

- **[Ten Little Snowmen](#)** *(Grades K-2) This is a great interactive story from one of the best literacy sites for primary grades, [Starfall](#). This story allows children to create a snowman online. The great thing about it is that the children can click on the words and here them being "sounded out." Also, at the end of the story you can print out the snowman and write about it. Starfall is the leader in connecting reading and writing and it makes learning to read and write so much fun!*
- **[Power Football](#)** *(Grades 3-5) Students can practice adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing with*

decimals at this fun site! Choose your level of expertise and successfully answer the question to make a touchdown. Answer incorrectly and you lose a down.

- **[Science Fair Central](#)** (Grade 5) *Fifth graders, it is time to start thinking and planning your Science Fair project! This is just one of many sites to help you pick a project and how to make it really successful! [Click here for more helpful sites!](#)*
- **[Martin Luther King Jr. Electronic Cards from Crayola](#)** (Grades K-5) *The Crayola site is awesome! One thing that you can do is send personalized electronic cards. Choose the style of card and your favorite Crayola color crayon and write a message. Great for kids of all ages!*
- **[Jazz](#)** (All Grades) *This great interactive site from PBS will teach kids all about the great form of music called Jazz. Use the interactive timeline to learn how Jazz became America's music. Read about Jazz greats such as Louis Armstrong and Miles Parker. Listen and watch current Jazz musicians discuss their craft. Become the bandleader by choosing instruments and hear the musical results! Lastly, officially join the Jazz band by completing a few questions and print out your certificate!*

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

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