



# ALLEN SCHOOL'S E-NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2006



[CLICK HERE FOR A PRINTER FRIENDLY VERSION](#)

VOLUME 2, NUMBER 7

[PRINCIPAL'S  
MESSAGE](#)

[MARCH EVENTS](#)

[ALL IN A GATOR'S DAY!](#)

[NEW ON WEBSITE](#)

["SEUSSATIONAL"  
LEARNING LINKS](#)



**Skating Party**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup>**

## Principal's Message

March comes in like a lion with a host of activities planned for Allen School. Kicking off the month with Read Across America Day on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, students will have a long list of guests who will join them as they celebrate Pajama Day and a good book. Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

As the formal component of the KC3 Program winds down, we will celebrate the positives at the Allen School Family Skating Party on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information about the night to follow.

The fifth grade classes will coordinate their third service project for the year by sponsoring a supply drive for the Cedar Run Refuge. Students will be bringing home a wish list and more information this week. Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled, by invitation only, during the week of March 13<sup>th</sup>. One session days are planned for March 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> with dismissal at 1:05 p.m. Kindergarten will follow a regular schedule.

The New Jersey ASK (Assessment of Skills and Knowledge) will be administered to third and fourth grade students during the week of March 20<sup>th</sup>. Third and fourth grade will complete the language arts portion of the test on Monday and Tuesday. Math is scheduled on Wednesday. Fourth grade will have an additional day of math testing on Thursday and the science component on Friday. It is important that students have plenty of rest, eat a good breakfast, and arrive at school on time on testing days. The assessments will be administered first thing every morning.

Allen School will be implementing an optional fitness program during recess, two days per week. Students will have the opportunity to run, walk, or jog along a pre-determined course. As miles are completed, students will receive a toe tag for each mile logged and additional special recognition will be given at key mile achievements.

We invite you to join your child for lunch during the month of March. Mrs. Condi will be scheduling parents according to requests throughout the month. We look forward to dining with you!

As a reminder, please be sure to check the Allen School Web Site for additional information about events at Allen School and other wonderful educational resources that you can explore with your child. I encourage you to remain actively involved in your child's experiences and I welcome your feedback or suggestions. Our commitment to maintaining an active partnership between home and school remains

### 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**

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

**Emergency Closing Number: 668**

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

paramount as we work together in the pursuit of excellence for all students. Feel free to e-mail me at [cpukenas@medford.k12.nj.us](mailto:cpukenas@medford.k12.nj.us) with your ideas. United, we make Allen School an even better place to educate our children!

*Christine G. Pukenas*  
Principal

[Back to Top](#)

### Upcoming Events at Allen School

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

- *Skating Party—March 13th*
- *Parent Teacher Conferences—March 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16th*
- *St. Patrick's Day (Green Day) —March 17th*
- *ASK Testing for Grades 3 and 4—March 20-24<sup>th</sup>*
- *3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Gym Night—March 29<sup>th</sup>*
- *Teacher In-Service (No School)—March 31st*

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

[Back to Top](#)

### All in a Gator's Day!

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

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Kindergarten</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Check out the pictures from 100<sup>th</sup> Day!</u></a></li> <li>• Writer's Workshop: Spacing, adding details, stretching words</li> <li>• Science: <a href="#"><u>Weather Study</u></a></li> </ul>   |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Check out pictures from 100<sup>th</sup> day and Sweetheart Breakfast!</u></a></li> <li>• Science: <a href="#"><u>Magnets</u></a> and Push and Pull Machines</li> <li>• Looking the writing's of <a href="#"><u>Angela Johnson, Ezra Jack Keats, and Donald Crews</u></a></li> <li>• Focusing on Retellings in Reading</li> </ul> |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit of Study on Maps</li> <li>• Reading Theme: Families</li> <li>• Math: <a href="#"><u>Double Digit Addition and number problems</u></a></li> </ul>  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Check out the pictures from Pioneer Day!</u></a></li> <li>• Gym Night: March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm</li> <li>• ASK Testing: March 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Test Taking Skills and Prep<br/>**<a href="#"><u>Click here for NJ ASK Test Information and Sample Test Questions</u></a>**</li> </ul>           |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASK Testing: March 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup><br/>**<a href="#"><u>Click here for NJ ASK Test Information and Sample Test Questions</u></a>**</li> </ul>   |

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- [Check out the pictures from the Science Fair!](#)
- Women's History Month reports
- 8 for '08: Is America Ready for a Woman President? Internet Voting Project

[Back to Top](#)

### 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!*
- [\*\*\*March Lunch Menu:\*\*\*](#) *The new lunch menu has now been posted!*
- [\*\*\*Nurse's Page:\*\*\*](#) *March is Nutrition Month! The new food guide pyramid; Tips for keeping your mind and body in shape; Coolfood website; and The Salad Factory*
- [\*\*\*Art Room:\*\*\*](#) *March's Artist of the Month and Georges Seurat Activities*
- [\*\*\*Read Across America Day:\*\*\*](#) *Check out pictures from this school wide event!*

[Back to Top](#)

### Learning Links for Kids

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

- [\*\*\*Seussville\*\*\*](#) *(Grades K-5) On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate the birthday of the beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss. This site is the premier site for everything Seuss! You can read a biography of Dr. Seuss and visit the playground for online and printable games and a story creator!*
- [\*\*\*Seussville University \(Math\)\*\*\*](#) *(Grades K-3) Continuing with the Dr. Seuss theme is Seussville University! This site is geared for the younger students, but it does contain an online counting game and several printable primary math papers!*
- [\*\*\*Seussville University \(Science\)\*\*\*](#) *(Grade K-3) Dr. Seuss spoke about environmental responsibility in his Lorax book. Here you can help save truffula trees by collecting as many seeds as you can and replant the truffula forest. Also, on this site you can play an animal game!*
- [\*\*\*Read Across America \(Literally!\)\*\*\*](#) *(Grades 1-5) March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the birthday of Dr. Seuss but also Read Across America*

***Day! On this day students all across America will be devoting their day to reading! Here is an idea to extend that into your home. Put up a map of the United States and "travel" across the map by reading a book that takes place in each of the states. (A variation is to read a book whose author lives in a particular state, or a book about a particular state.) When a book has been read from a state, pin a picture of a car in that state. When you have "read across America" celebrate your child's success! [Here is another state by state booklist!](#)***

- ***[Grinch Coloring Book](#) (All Grades) Have fun coloring online scenes from Dr. Seuss' most popular book! Choose from 3 different scenes and a variety of colors to create a Dr. Seuss masterpiece!***

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

[Back to Top](#)