



ALLEN SCHOOL'S E-NEWSLETTER

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**I Wish It Were
Summer Day!**
Jan. 19th

Remember:
**Check your Email
Every Thursday**
for
**Important School
Notices and
Reminders!**

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Principal's Message

Happy New Year! As the celebrations of the holiday season become fond memories, many of us begin to implement New Year's resolutions. At Allen School, we will continue to strive for excellence, supporting the concept of developing a life-long love of learning in all our children. The end of January marks the mid point of the year and although we have achieved many goals, there is still so much to do.

Feedback on the implementation of the Everyday Math Program has been excellent and the children are enjoying Writer's Workshop, modeling the use of strategies that good writers use to enhance their skills. We will continue to work on the KC3 positive strategies throughout the month.

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, school will be closed on Monday, January 15h.

Mark your calendars for Family Fun Night that will take place on January 19th. The theme for the evening will link to our "I Wish Were Summer Day" celebration. Plan to wear your shorts, t-shirts, and sneakers, as we dance the night away under the direction of our own Mr. Bruchansky. This promises to be a fun-filled night for all! More information will be forthcoming soon.

As a reminder, children will continue to go outside for recess during the winter months, weather permitting. Please dress them warmly with winter jackets, hats, scarves, and gloves or mittens. The recess running program will resume in March.

If inclement weather necessitates a two hour delay, Allen School will begin at 11:05 a.m. Check the School Web Site for additional information about a delayed opening.

2006 has been a terrific year for all of us at Allen School. We enjoy your children every day and we are grateful for your continued support. We appreciate your involvement in your child's education. Our hope is for an even better year in 2007. May it be a year of happiness, good health and prosperity for everyone!

Christine G. Pukenas
Principal

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**Emergency
Closing Number:
668**

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hr. delay info.](#)



D is for Determination

Children need to hear their parents say that making an effort, working hard, and planning ahead are important. We need to encourage children to set reasonable expectations, and celebrate with them when they make progress toward their goals. Children need to learn that sometimes they must sacrifice to achieve a long-term goal. Struggling with learning tasks from time to time is part of a student's "job." In the end, the feeling of accomplishment they get will lead to bigger and better accomplishments in the future!

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January Events

This year is packed full of great happenings at Allen! Here a just a few of the exciting events happening in January:

- *January 15th: No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
- *January 19th: Family Night*
- *January 19th: I Wish It Were Summer Day*
- *January 24th: 2nd Grade Winter Festival*
- *January 30th: 2nd Marking Period Ends*

[For more information and a complete list of ALL the 2006-2007 school year's events check out the online Allen School Calendar!](#)

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All in a Gator's Day

Here are just some of the things your children will be working on in October! [Disclaimer](#)

Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on Snow Activities: Pattern Blocks and Snowmen; write, read, & share small winter booklets; and read non-fiction books on penguins. • Math guideposts for children are counting forward 0-70, counting backward 15-0, skip counting 2's, 5's, & 10's, counting with a calculator, identifying a dime & a nickel, and number addition stories. • Kindergarten will receive their first report card in January! • Kindergarten will start attending computer class weekly!
1st Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be working with Calendars, measurement and place value in Math. • We will be revising our writing with colored pens! We will look closely at spelling patterns and high frequency words. • We will look at Light and Sound in science. We will participate in many experiments.
2nd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Celebration where parents will be invited to help with all winter-themed centers. • Going where no second grader has gone before...space, the moon, and planets. • Using authors as mentors in our writing workshop.
3rd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning New Reading Theme: Disasters • Science: The Solar System

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artist in Residence Program: Designing and creating clay tiles to add to the mural
4th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to receive information and the C.U.. Later Alligator back from schools in Burlington County • 4th Graders will be busy in January writing persuasive stories and working on their mystery unit (Super Sleuths) in reading. • 4th Grade continues to pilot History Alive. • Math: Multiplication and decimals.
5th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brrrr... 5th Graders in Allen School will be too busy in January to even notice the chilly weather: • We'll be making our New Year's Resolutions, learning about Martin Luther King's dream and sharing a few of our own dreams. • Practicing our long division, and beginning our Science Fair projects which will be on display next month

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What's New on Allen's Website?

- The Allen School website changes often! Make sure you check it daily! [Disclaimer](#)
- [***Media Center's Page: Info. on the NJEA/RADIO DISNEY Reading Contest***](#)
- [***Nurse's Page: January's Nutritional Nuggets; Nutritional Nuggets Newsletter Archives***](#)
- [***Guidance Page: January's Firm, Fair, and Consistent Newsletter***](#)

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Learning Links for Kids

Here are some great sites for kids that are fun and educational!

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- [***I Have a Dream Fill in \(Grades 4-5\) Listen to the famous "I Have A Dream" speech and then try this activity to fill in the blanks to the speech.***](#)
- [***Count Along To 100 \(Grades K-1\) What a great way to practice counting up to 100. Count along with the speaker and then fill in the missing numbers!***](#)
- [***Villainy, Inc \(Grades 4-5\) This is an awesome interactive site! Listen and watch the story of Dr. Villainy in your choice of two missions. Use your math skills to destroy his plans to take over the world! Really Cool!***](#)

- **[Brain Quest](#)** (*Grades 1-5*) Give your brain a challenge! Try the *Brain Quest Challenge Scoreboard* (based on the *Brain Quest Cards*). Answer as many questions as you can in 2 minutes!

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

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