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**3rd Grade Gym
Night
March 24th**

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**Emergency
Closing Number:
668**

Principal's Message

As February comes to a close we are able to reflect back on the wonderful events at Allen School that have warmed our hearts! On behalf of the entire Allen School Staff we offer congratulations to our fifth graders [for an outstanding Science Fair](#). The feedback has been outstanding; we were all impressed with not only the content of the projects but the poise our fifth graders showed as they presented their projects to others, well done!!

Our first grade Sweetheart Breakfast was a delight, it was wonderful to be able to enjoy an encore performance at the Board of Education Meeting. We loved sharing our First Graders; they fill our hearts with joy each and every day!

Other highlights of February included a visit by Michael Dooling, a famous author and illustrator, and additional Promethean Boards installed on our third floor. Our fifth grade parents have meet and are hard at work on all those special end of the year activities for our fifth graders.

March now roars in with the celebration of Read Across America Week. We have activities planned for each day to promote the love of reading. Guest readers, student performers from our own Memorial School, an author visit, and special dress-up days all add together to make a very special celebration so be sure to watch for information coming from Mrs. King, our Media Specialist.

We hope to see everyone at the Allen School Family Movie Night. The closing of Scooters Skate Center could not stop us in wanting to provide a fun Allen School Family Evening so we regrouped and are looking forward to a fun evening together. Wear your P.J.'s, bring a blanket to spread out on, your favorite stuffed animal and BYOT! (Bring Your Own Treat) for a viewing of High School Musical 3!

Our monthly Homework Holiday Evening is planned for March 12th; make sure you check the Allen School website for an opportunity to share your family's special time together.

March is also Take Your Child to Lunch Month, please remember we can not allow food to be brought in from the outside, we ask you to [make your reservation and order lunch from our food service](#), you will be pleasantly surprised!

Watch for upcoming information on the 3rd Grade Gym Night on March 24th and Kindergarten Bingo on March 26th. Additionally, our fifth graders will be involved in a service project for Cedar Run Refuge. They will be sponsoring a drive for the animals, a list of ideas for donations will be sent home in the near future and we hope you will consider supporting this worthy case.

Remember our recess running program will continue, weather permitting. As the weather turns nicer please also be cautious of the

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More than ever, we need to reassure our children that they are safe and secure. We can do that in many ways:

- Limit exposure to TV, adult conversations
- Give children only the information that they need to know.
- Help them understand that images on TV are far away events, not impending threats.
- Avoid overreacting
- Watch for children's unspoken reactions
- Listen to what our children have to say and reassure them that their feelings are normal.

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footwear your children wear to school, especially if they are climbing flights of stairs. The footwear should be secure to their feet to prevent accidents; we thank you for your understanding in our efforts to keep your children safe.

The end of March will also bring us to the end of our third marking period and hopefully the end of cold weather as we welcome spring! As always if you have questions, concerns, or ideas to share, please do not hesitate to contact me at ext. 6270 or by e-mail at jhower@medford.k12.nj.us.

Mrs. Jane Hower
Principal

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March Events

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

MONTHLY CORE VALUE: COOPERATION

- ***Whole Month of March: Invite a parent to lunch! [Click here for the forms!](#)***
- ***March 12th: Homework Holiday Night! [Record your thoughts/comments on this event here!](#)***
- ***March 24th: 3rd Grade Gym Night***
- ***March 26th: Kindergarten Bingo Night***
- ***March 27th: 3rd Marking Period Ends***

Upcoming April Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming exciting events!

[For more information and a complete list of ALL the 2008-2009 school year's events check out the online Allen School Calendar!](#)

- ***April 3rd: Report Cards and Rainbow Day!***
- ***April 10th-17th: Spring Break (School Reopens on the 20th)***
- ***April 21st: 2nd Grade Earth Day Celebration***
- ***April 30th: Chorus Concert***

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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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- **[Valentine's Day Video!](#) Check out the video of pictures**
- **[March's Lunch Menu](#) has been posted!**
- **[Principal Page:](#) new message from Mrs. Hower; Homework Holiday Voicethread**

- **[Guidance Page:](#)** *March's Character Education theme is Cooperation and pictures of the Allen School Peace Quilt*
- **[Media Center:](#)** *NEW PODCAST! New Photos and Videos!*
- **[Art Room:](#)** *March's Artist of the Month and link to Art Goes to School website for art activities*
- **[5th Grade:](#)** *Science Fair Pictures*
- **[4th Grade:](#)** *African American Photostories*

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Learning Links for Kids:

Check out some of Mrs. Schoenberger's favorite new sites. Click on the links below! [Disclaimer](#)

In the spirit of Dr. Seuss, these are suggested reading sites that have e-books!

- **[Lookybook:](#)** *"Picture books are for looking at. Lookybook allows you to look at picture books in their entirety—from cover to cover, at your own pace. We know that nothing will replace the magic of reading a book with your child at bedtime, but we aim to replace the overwhelming and frustrating process of finding the right books for parents and their kids."*
- **[Mightybook:](#)** *This site has several free animated books, songs, cartoons, and games for ages 2 to 8. For the complete collection you will need to subscribe for a low price.*
- **[Big Universe:](#)** *"Big Universe® is an award-winning web community devoted to beautiful children's picture books, online. READ hundreds of fiction and nonfiction children's books from today's best publishers. CREATE & publish animated e-books with the help of an easy-to-use Author Tool. SHARE safely with other Big Universe members to learn what books they have read, created or recommend.*
- **[Storyline Online:](#)** *This is an online streaming video site featuring famous actors reading children's books aloud! Activities and lesson plans follow the stories.*

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