



ALLEN SCHOOL'S E-NEWSLETTER

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**Crazy
Hair/Hat Day
Nov. 14th**

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Emergency Closing Number: 668

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Principal's Message

Allen School is still recovering from a very serious, but very exciting case of Phillies' Fever!!! Allen School's October Core Value of Kindness was demonstrated both inside and outside our classrooms, and our month ended with celebrations of both the Phillies winning the World Series and our Halloween Parade and classroom parties!

The month of November will be filled with opportunities at Allen School. Allen School's Core Value of the Month will be Leadership and we will have the opportunity to watch as our great country elects a new President. We will have opportunities to pause and reflect on all we are thankful for. We will have the opportunity to reach out to help others in need, and of course we are excited to have the opportunity to welcome you as parents into the building for our School Visitation Day and Fall Conferences.

Our School Visitation Day is scheduled for November 5th, watch for that special invitation that will be coming from your child or your child's teacher if you have not already received it. Please note, we just do not have the space, and it will be too disruptive to your child's school day, to have younger siblings accompany you to the classroom visitation. We thank you for your understanding.

Allen School is also excited about our upcoming "[Pretzels for Prometheans](#)" fundraiser. Currently we are utilizing eight Promethean Boards and both our staff and students feel they benefit tremendously from this technology. Our goal is to provide a Promethean Activboard in EVERY classroom! In our efforts to reach this goal we are going to begin our fundraising efforts and we will be working in conjunction with the Home and School Association. Our first fundraiser, "Pretzels for Prometheans" will provide pretzels for our first through fifth graders on Fridays as an afternoon treat. For everyone's ease we will offer this on a pre-pay basis, with either a payment in full of \$20.00 for 20 weeks, or in two installments of \$10.00. Pretzels will be delivered directly to classrooms on Friday afternoons. For more information on Promethean Activboards and to understand all the wonderful options this technology provides our students, please visit; <http://www.prometheanworld.com>.

We will also be participating in a school wide food drive during the month of November to assist Family Services of Burlington County. Beginning November 10th and ending the morning of November 21st we will be collecting canned goods and toiletries so watch for suggestions in the upcoming flyer.

- We hope to see you at the Allen School Family Skate Night at Scooters on November 13th.
- Crazy Hair/Hat Day is November 14th



Giving jobs at home teaches responsibility and other valuable lessons.

-Young children follow directions as they sort socks or set a table. Older children take on bigger tasks.

-Don't expect a job to be done right unless you take the time to teach the child to do it right.

-Don't take away from a child's sense of accomplishment by redoing a job. With practice and encouragement, jobs help develop responsibility and a strong work ethic as they set the stage for success in life.

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- Look for the first marking period report card on November 14th!
- 4th grade Art Night is November 20th
- Please also watch for your invitation to fall conferences on November 24th, 25th and 26th. We always enjoy the opportunity to meet together to discuss your child(ren)'s progress and growth.
- Our recess running program will continue at lunchtimes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so please make sure your children dress appropriately.

Please also check the Media Message in our newsletter from Mrs. King. We are looking for board games and other activities the students will enjoy during indoor recess times on rainy days or if it is too cold to go outside for recess. Feel free to send items to school, or drop them off at the office during visitation and/or conference days.

Finally, on behalf of the entire staff of Allen School we wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving surrounded by the people you love.

Mrs. Jane Hower
Principal

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November Events

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

- **Nov. 13th: Family Skate Night**
- **Nov. 10th to Nov. 21st: Food Drive**
- **Nov. 14th: Report Cards, Crazy Hair/Hat Day**
- **Nov. 20th: 4th Grade Art Night**
- **Nov. 24th and 25th: Early Dismissal and Conferences**
- **Nov. 26th: No School & Conferences**
- **Nov. 27th & Nov. 28th: No School: Thanksgiving**

Upcoming December Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming exciting events!

- **Dec. 5th : Funny Sock Day**
- **Dec. 18th: 2nd Grade Gingerbread Houses**
- **Dec. 19th: Kindergarten Gingerbread Houses**
- **Dec. 23rd: Early Dismissal**
- **Dec. 24th to January 4th: Winter Break: School reopens on January 5th**

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

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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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- [***Halloween Pictures!***](#) *Check out the video of pictures*
- [***November's Lunch Menu***](#) *has been posted!*
- [***Principal Page:***](#) *new message from Mrs. Hower*
- [***Media Center: NEW PODCAST!***](#) *Listen to the story, ***A Turkey for Thanksgiving*** by Eve Bunting*
- [***Art Room:***](#) *November's Artist of the Month and ***Uncle Sam Scarecrow****
- [***1st Grade:***](#) *Philly fever picture!*
- [***4th Grade:***](#) *Mock Election pictures and results*

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Learning Links for Kids:

Check out some of Mrs. Schoenberger's favorite new sites. These wonderful resources for parents, teachers and kids! Click on the links below! [Disclaimer](#)

- [***Kerpoof***](#) *(All Grades) Kerpoof is all about having fun, discovering things, and being creative. You can make artwork (even if you aren't good at drawing!), create an animated movie (really! it's easy!), earn Koins which you can trade for fun things in the Kerpoof Store, make a printed card, t-shirt, or mug, tell a story, make a drawing and vote on the movies, stories, and drawings that other people have made.*
- [***Wildlife Filmmaker***](#) *(Grades 3-5) "Make a custom nature film with animal clips, sounds, and more! Than share your masterpiece with friends." SO AWESOME!*
- [***SpellingCity***](#) *(K-5, teachers, and parents) SpellingCity is an online spelling program that makes practicing for spelling tests fun. SpellingCity.com has over 37,000 spelling words and eight spelling games! A REAL person who says each word and sentence! Thousands of free spelling lists. Or save your own! A free forum and [newsletter](#) with more resources!*
- [***MightyBook***](#) *(K-2) This site has it all! Books, music, cartoons, games, and jokes. You have to subscribe to Mightybook to take advantage of more than 500 great stories, song, puzzles, and so much more is a safe secure environment. However, you can sample 50 free books, songs, games and puzzles. Check it out!*

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