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**Picture Day &
Dress Up Day**
Oct. 20

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Principal's Message

Our school year is off to a terrific start, the students are settling in beautifully and I am having a wonderful time getting to know your children. What an exciting month we have ahead, as we begin to feel our morning air grow crisper and cool and enjoy the beauty of the autumn season!

We extend our gratitude to the entire Allen School community for your support of our Book Fair! We would also like to extend a very special thank you to both our Book Fair Committee chaired by Karin Wetterau and Donna Field, and to the countless parent volunteers. I can feel the children's excitement about their books each morning as they enter the building and I witness them reading their books everywhere, even at their lunch tables and the buses! It is terrific to see students so excited and anxious to read and enjoy their books!

Please continue to check our website and the Thursday packets for all of our activities; Allen School is certainly a busy place! This month brings fire prevention activities, picture day, kindergarten field trips, a First Grade Parent Information Evening, Alligator Day, Halloween, and much more! Please refer to these sources to keep you updated on all of Allen School's exciting information and happenings!

We held the September meeting for our Allen School Parent Advisory Committee. I would like to extend my thanks to both the parents and teachers in attendance. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 23rd; please feel free to contact one of the APAC members if you have ideas to share. Our members include:

- Angela Collom (Village Pointe)
- Deborah Droke (Oakwood)
- Karyn Reilly (Mill Run)
- Sue Schuitema (Bennington Woods)
- Benjamin Tartaglia (Sherwood Forest)
- Carol Minder (Deerbrook)
- Tammy Sharpless (The Village)
- Pam Sloves (Woodridge)
- Bruce Larson (Reserve of South Branch)
- Guy Scott (Birchwood)
- Christine Mann (Meadowood)
- Karen Rees (HSA)

Our recess running program is in full swing, I have already earned my first toe tag! We are always in need of parent volunteers; it is a great way to enjoy spending time with our students and enjoy the fresh air.



A is for Attendance

Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and in the workplace. This year, make school a priority in your household. Commit to excellence in attendance. Your child's future depends on it!

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Contact Jennifer Jones if you have availability on a Tuesday or Thursday to help out, we promise you will enjoy yourself!

October also brings us to our next School core value-- Kindness. Valerie Meslin, our School Counselor, is organizing school wide activities; teachers will be reinforcing this value in and outside their classrooms.

Please mark your calendars for January 14, 2009. This day has been designated as a "Two Hour Delayed Opening" for teacher in-service training. District wide our staff will be involved in professional development for the first two hours of the school day so school for the children will begin two hours later than usual. **There will be NO morning School's Out Program on this date!**

As I travel from classroom to classroom I see your children hard at work. Our teachers are immersed in the district's writing initiatives; the students are actively engaged in learning. I am so proud of everyone's efforts and the Allen School Spirit that echoes through our building!

Mrs. Jane Hower
Principal

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October Events

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

- **Oct.20th: Picture Day**
- **Oct. 31st: Halloween Parties and Parade**

Upcoming November Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming exciting events!

- **Nov. 4,6, and 7: No School**
- **Nov. 5th: School Visitation Day**
- **Nov. 13th: Family Skate Night**
- **Nov. 14th: Report Cards and Crazy Hair/Hat Day**
- **Nov. 20th: 4th Grade Art Night**

[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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- **[Allen Alligator Day Pictures!](#)**
- **[October's Lunch Menu](#) has been posted!**
- **[Principal Page:](#) new message from Mrs. Hower and pictures from September's Principal/Student lunch**

- **[Media Center: NEW PODCAST!](#)** *Listen to the story, [Halloween](#)*
- **[Art Room:](#)** *Check out photos fro the Art Tale students creating the "Uncle Sam" scarecrow for Medford's scarecrow contest!*

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Learning Links for Kids: FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

Mrs. King has collected some wonderful resources for parents, teachers and kids! Click on the links below! [Disclaimer](#)

- **[Parent Resources from the Media Center:](#)** *(All Grades) Find great "webtime" stories, sites on surfing safely on the web, and printable reading bookmarks!*
- **[Student Resources](#)** *(Grades K-5) Fans of Junie B., and the Magic Tree House will be very happy! Also great sites to Scholastic and everyone's favorite, Starfall!*
- **[Reading Lists](#)** *(Grades K-5) find wonderful book recommendations from many valued sources!*
- **[Podcasts](#)** *(All Grades) Listen to Mrs. King read a new story every month!*

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