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Chorus Concert
April 30

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Principal's Message

April now brings us into the fourth marking period, and when people say that time flies when you are having fun, that is certainly true at Allen School!

I would like to thank Mrs. King for coordinating all of our wonderful [Read Across America activities](#), and yes, even those [stinky socks! \(check out the video\)](#) It was a lot of fun and wonderful to see our students' love of reading. I would also like to thank Mr. Bruchansky for our Third Grade Gym Night and our kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Zagorski and Mrs. Brownlee for Kindergarten Bingo Night. The entire Allen School staff truly appreciates our parents' continued support of all of our activities!

I would like to publicly thank the parents and teachers who served as members of the Allen School Parent Advisory Committee this year. I appreciate their time and their continued support!

We will celebrate the Opening Day of Baseball season on April 3rd, so wear your jersey to support your favorite team. Report cards will be going home that day as well.

Our Recess Running program continues, our students' collection of toe tags is growing! We are always looking for parent volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursday between 11:30 and 1:30. Please call the Main Office if you are interested and we will schedule you to help out!

We are very excited to announce that we have recently ordered two Promethean Boards that will be installed soon. Your support of the Pretzels for Prometheans, the Box Tops for Education and a check from Target combined together to give us the funds we needed to purchase two boards. We are thrilled and hope to continue until we have a board in each classroom. Please keep those box tops coming!

Spring break begins April 10th and I know when we return our calendar is filled! We would be getting ready for New Jersey ASK testing in May, the Chorus Concert April 30th, the Art Show, and yes, the Variety Show! Ms. Oliva, Mrs. Gontowicz, and Mr. Bruchansky will be organizing this year's Show. More details will follow after the break.

As always if you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. Take time to enjoy the nicer weather and time together as a family over the Spring Break!

Mrs. Jane Hower
Principal

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April Events

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



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Children are naturally curious about many things. Providing opportunities to explore their interests is a great way to help them learn.

-Encourage children to seek answers to their own questions.

-Buy books that capitalize on their interests and help them learn more. (Even better, visit the library)

-Support hobbies by providing supplies and complimenting their efforts. Better yet, join in the fun!

-Visit museums and other places of interests.

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MONTHLY CORE VALUE: ACCEPTANCE/FAIRNESS

- *April 3: Report Cards and Baseball Opening Spirit Day*
- *April 10-17th: Spring Break (School Reopens April 20th)*
- *April 21: 2nd Grade Earth Day Celebration*
- *April 23: 5th Parent Orientation at Haines*
- *April 30: Chorus Concert (7:30 pm)*

Upcoming May 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!](#)

- *May 1: Flashback Day*
- *May 4-8: NJ ASK Testing for 3 and 4th Grade*
- *May 11-14: NJ ASK Testing for 5th Grade*
- *May 20: Kindergarten Round Up*
- *May 21: Band Concert*
- *May 22: Field Day*
- *May 25: No School: Memorial Day*
- *May 28: 5th Grade Parent/Student Dance*

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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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- [St. Patrick's Day Pictures!](#) *Check out the video of pictures*
- [April's Lunch Menu](#) *has been posted!*
- [Principal Page:](#) *new message from Mrs. Hower;*
- [Guidance Page:](#) *April's Character Education theme is Acceptance and Fairness*
- [Nurse's Page:](#) *Sick Child Policy and Guidelines; What is Puke? Strep Throat Test Video*
- [Media Center:](#) *NEW PODCAST! New Photos and Videos!*
- [Art Room:](#) *April's Artist of the Month Voicethread!*
- [2nd Grade:](#) *Dinosaur PowerPoints*
- [Gym:](#) *Third Grade Gym Night pictures*

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Learning Links for Kids:

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

These are great Environmental Websites for Earth Day!

- **[Eeko World](#): (Grades K-4):** *"EekoWorld (Environmental Education for Kids Online) features an engaging and interactive format that invites children to explore, experiment, and collaborate as they learn about conservation and the environment."*
- **[Happy Earth Day Activity Book](#) (K-3) PRINTABLE:** *"One of our most popular publications for young children, this is an 11-page coloring book full of tips for making the Earth a better place. Download a [printable copy](#) and feel free to make as many copies as you'd like"*
- **[The Story of Stuff](#) (Grade 5+):** *'From its extraction through sale, use and disposal, all the stuff in our lives affects communities at home and abroad, yet most of this is hidden from view. The Story of Stuff is a 20-minute, fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. The Story of Stuff exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world. It'll teach you something, it'll make you laugh, and it just may change the way you look at all the stuff in your life forever.'*
- **[New Zealand Eco Kids](#)(Grade 3-5):** *This is a cool site packed full of interactive games, comics, movies and activities, designed to get kids excited about protecting the environment. PARENT PERMISSION and SUPERVISION NEEDED: KIDS WILL BE ASKED FOR AN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR PRIZE NOTIFICATIONS.*

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

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