



# ALLEN SCHOOL'S E-NEWSLETTER

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**Science Fair &  
Ice Cream Social**  
**Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**

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## Principal's Message

We hardly noticed the cold winter temperatures outside, we were warmed by the "flurry" of fun January activities and the energy students are putting into their learning! We all enjoyed our annual, "Wish It Were Summer Day" and the "Wish It Were Summer Family Fun Night" under the direction of Mr. Bruchansky. The Allen Alligator made his appearance as we debuted our new Allen School Dance! It was a wonderful opportunity for our entire Allen School community to come together, a good time was certainly had by all! Many thanks to our parent volunteers and of course our much loved Mr. B!

Among our many January activities we saw our students enjoy the Art Goes to School program, our second Homework Holiday Night, a very successful two hour staff in-service, the first grade CAP program, DARE, which is now known as the STRONG program, begin for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, a new President take office, a SNOW DAY, and the second marking period come to a close, marking the mid-point of this school year! Make sure you continue to check our web site to keep updated on all that is happening at Allen School. While visiting our web site please take the opportunity to share your feelings about our monthly Homework Holiday Nights, feel free to post what your family enjoys doing together on these homework free evenings!

We hope our Allen School families will join us in supporting the Medford Education Foundation's Dine Out for Education Evening on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Medford Township school staff will be seen all across Medford at a variety of local restaurants that evening. Many Allen School staff members will be enjoying dinner close to home at Ted's On Main Street!

February brings the excitement of Valentine's Day and parties that will be held on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. We all look forward to the First Grade Sweetheart Breakfast! We have exciting news for first grade parents, friends and family members unable to attend the breakfast! This year we will have a second command performance at the Board of Education Meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm at Medford Memorial School. Mark your calendars and get your video cameras ready, you will not want to miss this opportunity to see our wonderful first graders perform!

School is not in session for students on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>; that is our Parent/Teacher Conference Day. Due to limited availability, conferences on this day will be by invitation only.

We hope to see everyone at the annual Science Fair & Ice Cream Social on February 19<sup>th</sup>. In addition to enjoying an ice cream treat our students and parents will be able to visit the Fifth Grade Science Fair in our gymnasium. Our fifth grade students have been hard at work, so please come out and show your support of their fine efforts and hard work!

Allen School would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Home and School Association for their very generous gift to our school. The



### *U is for Unique*

It sounds cliché, but it is true—your child is unique, unlike anyone else!

-Oprah once mentioned that parents should “light up” when their child walks into a room. How special is that?

-Let your child know what you appreciate about him. Point out his or her special accomplishments and talents.

-Nurture your child’s special interests by providing related experiences and books.

-Spend time with others who share your appreciation of your child’s uniqueness.

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money will be used to purchase an additional Promethean Board as we continue to pursue our goal to provide a Promethean Board in every classroom. We are eagerly awaiting the installation of Promethean Boards on the third floor the first week in February! As you have the opportunity to see all they can do and the value they will have in delivering instruction to our students you will understand why our staff is so excited! They are the technology of the future and will truly enhance your child’s educational experience.

This mid-point in our school year provides us with the opportunity to reflect on all we have accomplished, it also gives us the opportunity to look with great anticipation to what is yet to come. The Allen School students have been hard at work, learning and growing. As a staff we share our students’ sense of excitement as we move forward into the second half of the school year, ready to meet challenges and embrace all the wonderful things yet to come.

*Mrs. Jane Hower*

*Principal*

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## February Events

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

### MONTHLY CORE VALUE: RESPONSIBILITY

- *Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>: Favorite Sports Day*
- *Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>: Author Visit: Michael Dooling (Gr. 2-5)*
- *Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>: Sweetheart Breakfast*
- *Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>: Homework Holiday Night*
- *Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>: No School: Conferences*
- *Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>: No School: President’s Day*
- *Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair and Ice Cream Social*

## Upcoming March 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!](#)

- *March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Read Across America Day and Pajama Day*
- *March 4<sup>th</sup>: Author Visit: Brandon Mull (Gr. 4-5)*
- *March 5<sup>th</sup>: Family Skate Night*
- *March 24<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Gym Night*
- *March 26<sup>th</sup>: Kindergarten Bingo Night*

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## What's New on Allen's Website?

The Allen School website changes often! Make sure you check it daily!

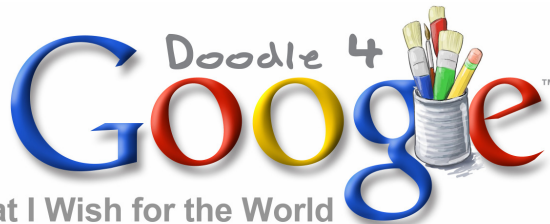
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- [Summer Day Video!](#) Check out the video of pictures
- [February's Lunch Menu](#) has been posted!
- [Principal Page:](#) new message from Mrs. Hower; Homework Holiday Voicethread
- [Guidance Page:](#) February's Character Education theme is Responsibility and pictures of the Allen School Peace Quilt
- [Media Center:](#) NEW PODCAST! New Photos and Videos!
- [Art Room:](#) February's Artist of the Month and link to Art Goes to School website for art activities
- [1<sup>st</sup> Grade:](#) Spanish PhotoStories
- [3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:](#) Marble Party in Miss March's Room 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](#)



What I Wish for the World

The very popular contest is back! This competition allows students to play around with the Google homepage logo and see what new designs they come up with. This year's intriguing theme is "What I Wish for the World."

Students in grades 3-5 will be introduced to this competition this month. Only 6 doodles (2 per grade level) can be entered into the competition. The doodles must be entered by March 16<sup>th</sup>!

More information will follow, but check out the site for complete information:

<http://www.google.com/doodle4google/index.html>

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

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