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**Toy Drive**  
December 7-11

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## Principal's Message

November was another exciting month at the Milton H. Allen School; each day here is filled with the excitement of student learning! Our Allen School students were so proud of their report cards and our teachers are so pleased with their efforts! We were fortunate to have so many parents join us on our school visitation days during American Education Week. Parents enjoyed math games, writing celebrations, a variety of activities which provided our students with an opportunity to show their parents how hard they are working and what great things they are learning in school!

We enjoyed meeting with our parents during conference week and discussing student progress. We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Allen School Hospitality Committee for organizing dinner for our teachers on our conference evening. Our thanks to all of our parents who prepared food, it is such a busy time for everyone, please know your efforts were appreciated and certainly enjoyed by all!

[Crazy Hair Day](#), 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Night, the Motivational Media Assembly, [Principal Luncheons](#), Veteran's Day celebrations, Art in Action, a fifth grade field trip to the Constitution Center, a Yankee World Series Win, and many wonderful Thanksgiving activities all combined together to make another wonderful, and busy, month at Allen School!

Our thanks to all of the families who contributed to the Allen School Food Drive and to Mrs. Demski's class for their leadership in coordinating our school's efforts. The Family Services Food Pantry of Burlington County came to Allen School to personally express their appreciation of the students' efforts; we were all very touched by the continued generosity of our Allen School Families.

In December we would like to continue our efforts to help others in need with our annual **B101 Holiday Stocking Toy Drive**. Mrs. Scanlon's class will be taking leadership over this project which works together with the Salvation Army for the children of the Delaware Valley.

We will keep you updated on information as we receive it from the county health office regarding the H1N1 vaccinations. Remember to also mark your calendars for **January 19<sup>th</sup>**, a two hour delayed opening for students, and **March 5<sup>th</sup>**, a full day Teacher In-Service Day when students will be off from school.



**E** is for EMPATHY.

Empathy is a person's ability to identify and feel others' concerns. Parents can help to develop this important virtue in many ways.

- Let your child know how pleased you feel when he or she behaves in a kind way.
- Point out positive differences made when children do kind acts, no matter how small.
- When reading with your child, ask how people in the books feel in their situations.
- Help your child identify how someone feels and then identify a way to help.

Source: *Building Moral Intelligence* by Michelle Borba

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I am looking forward to the month of December with your children and all the joy and excitement they will share! On behalf of the entire Allen School staff I would like to extend our best wishes to all of our families for a happy holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year!

*Mrs. Jane Hower*  
*Principal*

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## December School Events

Our calendar is full of so many great happenings at Allen! Here are just a few that are coming up!

### MONTHLY CORE VALUE: COMPASSION/CARING

- *December 4th : Funny Sock Day*
- *December 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>: Toy Drive*
- *December 10<sup>th</sup>: Homework Holiday*
- *December 18<sup>th</sup>: Kindergarten Gingerbread Houses*
- *December 23<sup>rd</sup>: Early Dismissal*
- *December 24<sup>th</sup>- January 3<sup>rd</sup>: Winter Break*

## Upcoming January Events

- *January 4<sup>th</sup>: Classes Resume*
- *January 13<sup>th</sup>: Homework Holiday*
- *January 18<sup>th</sup>: No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
- *January 19<sup>th</sup>: 2 hr. Delayed Opening*
- *January 22<sup>nd</sup>: Summer Day*

**Mark your calendars for these upcoming exciting events!**  
**[Check out the Allen School Calendar for a complete listing of all activities throughout the year!](#)**

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

- [Crazy Hair/Hat Pictures Montage](#)
- [December's Lunch Menu](#) is now posted
- [Principal Page](#): December's Message and Pictures of November's Lunch Honoring "Accepting and Fair" Students
- [Guidance Page](#): December is Compassion/Caring Month! "Be Fair" Coloring Page

- [\*\*Nurse's Page:\*\* Flu vs. Cold; Flu Information; what to do if your child is sick; Find the Germs Game; Henry the Hand video](#)
- [\*\*Media Center Page:\*\* I geek Campaign; \*\*Britannica Online links\*\*](#)
- [\*\*1<sup>st</sup> Grade:\*\* Snack Survey Results](#)
- [\*\*4<sup>th</sup> Grade:\*\* Voicethreads, please share your comments](#)

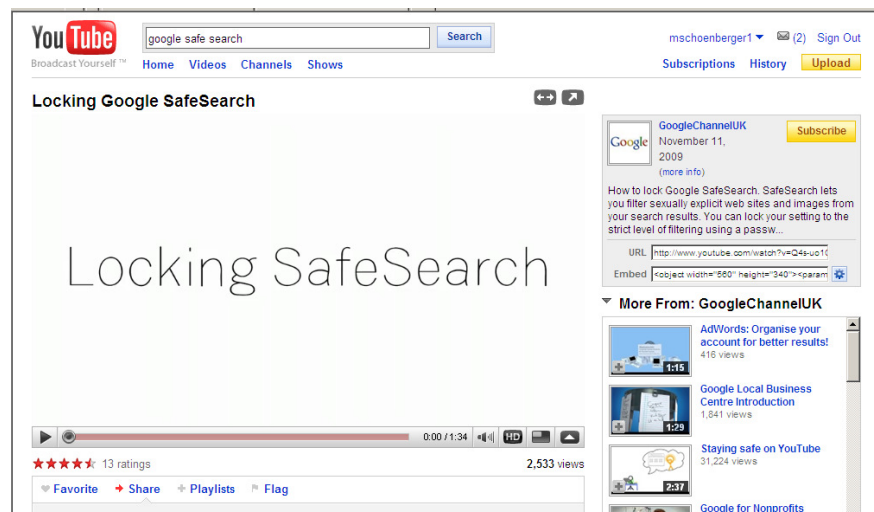
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## Learning Link for Kids

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

## Making Google Searching Safer!

Google has developed [SafeSearch](#), a feature that allows you to filter websites and images in your search results. Recently, Google has released a new feature of Safe Search which will allow you to lock in the strictest setting of filtering. To learn more about Safe Search and how to lock the filtering check out the video below or click on the hyperlink.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4s-uo1CoUw>

## Kid Friendly Search Engines

- [\*\*KidsClick!\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Yahooligans\*\*](#)
- [\*\*AskKids\*\*](#)
- [\*\*AOL@School Students \(Gr. 3+\)\*\*](#)
- [\*\*AOL@School Jr. \(Gr. K-2\)\*\*](#)

## Filter and Blocking Software

- [\*\*NetNanny\*\*](#)
- [\*\*CyberPatrol\*\*](#)
- [\*\*CYBERSitter\*\*](#)
- [\*\*SafeEyes\*\*](#)

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