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Class Pictures
October 27

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Principal's Message

The excitement at Allen School began when the Scholastic Book Fair truck appeared, and grew and grew each day. Students visited the Book Fair with their classes and had opportunities to shop with parents, grandparents and special friends during the Family Pizza Evening and our Grandparent Afternoon. It was wonderful to observe our students' love of books and to see the students actively reading and sharing books everywhere! We appreciate the efforts of all of the volunteers and our Allen School families for their time and terrific support of this much loved event. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Allen School Book Fair Chairs; Karin Wetterau and Donna Field, their leadership, energy, organization and commitment provided an exciting week which directly benefited our children and the Allen School Media Center.

The fall is a busy time of year at Allen School. Second graders enjoyed a kick off to fall with their [annual Johnny Appleseed Day](#). Kindergarteners will be pumpkin picking and Allen School students will be enjoying their scarecrow walking tours downtown with their classroom "buddies". Fire Prevention Week will be observed with a special puppet show and a visit by the fire truck. The month of October will wrap up with our Halloween parade and parties. Please continue to check [our website](#) and Thursday packets for all of our school activities and events, including the First Grade Curriculum Evening on October 8th and Class Picture Day on October 27th.

[Principal Luncheons](#) will continue each month for our third, fourth and fifth graders. Students are selected each month by their classroom teachers to participate. Students are nominated because they demonstrate the Allen School Core value of the month and are positive leaders and role models in their classrooms.

Our recess running program is in full swing. Think about volunteering, it is a great way to enjoy spending time with our students; you will enjoy the fresh air, our students' smiling faces and their excitement as they earn their toe tags!

We held the first meeting of our Allen School Parent Advisory Committee. Please feel free to contact one of the APAC members if you have concerns or ideas you would like to share. Our members include:

Melanie Bilbow (Himmelein Road)
Liz Bilecki (Birchwood)
Deborah Droke (Oakwood)
Allison Eckel (Woodlake)



R is for RESPECT.

If children are to show respect for others, they need to understand what it is to be respected. Author Michelle Borba emphasizes these parent practices that nurture respect:

- Treat your child as the most important person in the world.
- Encourage children to have high -- but achievable -- expectations of themselves.
- Give love with no strings attached.
- Listen attentively and respectfully.
- Enjoy being together.
- Tell kids often *why* you love them.

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Beth Friedman (Reserve)
Melissa Goldstein (Village Pointe)
Michelle Kearns (The Village)
Christine Mann (Meadow Wood)
Christine Masters (Deer Brook)
Carol Minder (Deer Brook)
Sue Minshall (Sherwood)
Mary Rankin (Woodridge)
Claire Rich (Sherwood)
Sue Schuitema (Bennington Woods)
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Teachers: Jennifer Condon
Kathy Gigantiello
Terri Hamilton
Lynn Johnston
Amy King
Melissa Rienzi

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming teacher in-service days;

November 3rd, full day Teacher In-Service Day, students off
January 19th, two hour delayed opening. Allen students report @ 11:00am

March 5th, full day Teacher In-Service Day, students off

Conference Days are:

November 23rd and **November 24th**, Conference Days, ½ day student sessions

November 25th, Full Day Teacher Conferences, students off
February 10th, Conference Day, ½ day student session

As I travel from classroom to classroom I see your children actively engaged in learning, our school year is off to a terrific start!

Mrs. Jane Hower
Principal

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October 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: RESPONSIBILITY

- **October 5-9: Fire Prevention Week**
- **October 8: First Grade Curriculum Night**
- **October 9: Alligator Day**
- **October 15: Homework Holiday Night**
- **October 19-23: Anti-Violence and Anti- Vandalism Week**
- **October 27: Class Pictures**
- **October 30: Halloween Parade and Party**

Upcoming November Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming exciting events!

- **November 3: Election Day: Teacher In-service: No School**
- **November 4: School Visitation Day**
- **November 5 & 6: NJEA Convention: No School**
- **November 12: Homework Holiday Night**
- **November 16-20: Food Drive**
- **November 19: 4th Grade Art Night**
- **November 20: Crazy Hair/Hat Day**
- **November 23 and 24th: Conferences/Early Dismissal**
- **November 25th: Conferences/No School**
- **November 26 & 27: Thanksgiving Break**

[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?

- **[Back to School Video](#)**
- **[October's Lunch Menu](#) is now posted**
- **[Principal Page](#): October's Message and Pictures of September's Lunch Honoring "Respectful" Students**
- **[Guidance Page](#): October is Responsibility Month! Responsibility Coloring Page and Online Story**
- **[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](#): Book Fair photos; [Britannica Online links](#)**
- **[2nd Grade](#): Johnny Appleseed Pictures**
- **[Computer Lab](#): 2nd Grade's Internet Safety Pledge PhotoStories! Listen and hear the students promising to stay safe on the web!**

Learning Links for Kids

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

Internet Safety Sites

- **[Netsmartz Kids:](#)** *This is one of the premier internet safety sites that features lots of fun activities for kids to learn about staying safe on the web! This is the home of Clicky and his famous raps and videos.*
- **[Faux Paw:](#)** *One of the kids' favorite site! Watch the video, play games, and print pictures all while learning about internet safety!*
- **[Privacy Playground: 1st Adventure of 3 CyberPigs:](#)** *"In this game, designed for ages 8-10, the CyberPigs play on their favorite Web site and encounter marketing ploys, spam and a close encounter with a not-too-friendly wolf. The purpose of the game is to teach kids how to spot online marketing strategies, protect their personal information and avoid online predators."*
- **[Shrink the Cyberbully:](#)** *Your mission is to "shrink the bully down to size by the choosing cyber-smart response to her message"*

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