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Spring Break!
March 21-28

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that March is here. With its arrival comes the anticipation of the Read Across New Jersey results. Allen School was up to the challenge as students read over 23,000 books, surpassing their previous total. It is truly remarkable that students have such an interest in reading. Congratulations students and thank you parents and volunteers for your dedication to countless hours of tabulation. We appreciate Ms. Wright's efforts in coordinating such a huge endeavor. What better way to celebrate a job well done than to recognize Dr. Seuss on his birthday? Wearing pajamas to school, having an inspirational assembly by [Noah McCullough, student author](#), enjoying a good book while lounging in a sleeping bag, and eating ice cream are just a few of the special "happenings" in honor of Dr. Seuss and reading.

Third and fourth grade students are preparing for NJASK (New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge) that will be administered during the week of March 10th. It is important that students come to school well rested, eat a good breakfast, and arrive on time during the testing. The tests are administered first thing in the morning and our goal is for 100 % attendance!

The recess running program continues, weather permitting! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Susan Troy. Hopefully, we will be logging a record number of miles. If you would like to join the children as a "guest runner", please let us know.

Fifth grade classes are coordinating their service project for the the Cedar Run Refuge by sponsoring a supply drive for the animals. Check the wish list for donation ideas and please consider supporting this worthwhile cause.

We invite you to join your child for lunch during the month of March. Mrs. Troy will be scheduling parents, according to requests, throughout the month. We look forward to dining with you!

As a reminder, please be sure to check the Allen School Web Site for additional information about special events and other wonderful educational resources that you can explore with your child. We appreciate your support of our endeavors and welcome your ideas. Feel free to e-mail me at anytime,



F is for Failure

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln weathered many failures before he became president? When a child experiences failure—on a test, the ballfield, or anywhere else...

-acknowledge the child's feelings of frustration and disappointment. Those are natural feelings.

-don't try to minimize the situation because it *does* matter to your child.

-Help your child evaluate the cause for failure and use what he or she has learned to create a new strategy and try, try again!

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Christine G. Pukenas

Principal

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March Events

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

- **March 3rd: Dr Seuss's Birthday(Read Across America Day)**
- **March 6th : Skating Party**
- **Week of March 10th : ASK Testing for Grades 3-4**
- **March 21st to March 28th : Spring Recess**

Coming Up in April:

- **Report Cards (April 18)**
- **Band Concert (April 23)**
- **Arbor Day at Allen School (April 25)**

[For more information and a complete list of ALL the school year's events check out the online Allen School Calendar!](#)

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All in a Gator's Day

Here are just some of the things your children will be working on!

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Coming Soon!

Teacher Webpages using [Think.com](#)

Teachers are attending workshops providing them with training on the creation of their own class webpages. This is a wonderful and exciting endeavor being undertaken by the teachers and they can't wait to share their hard work with you as soon as the class webpages are completed.

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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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- **[Read Across America Day Pictures!](#)**
- **[March's Lunch Menu](#) has been posted!**

- [**Nurse's Page**](#): *March is National Nutrition Month! Play the Mission Nutrition game; My Pyramid Blast Off Game; Be a fit kid link; [**March's Nutritional Nuggets Newsletter**](#)*
- [**Media Center**](#): *Pictures from the Author Visit and Channel 6 News Piece*
- [**Art Page**](#): *Artist of the Month: 4th Grader Danny; Wassily Kandinsky link; and Artist in Residence with Mrs. Finch and Ms. Scanlon's 5th Grade Class*

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Learning Links for Kids

Here are some great sites for kids that are fun and educational!

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DOODLE 4 GOOGLE CONTEST INFORMATION FOR GRADES 3-5

- [**Doodle 4 Google Contest Information**](#) (Grades 3-5) *Students in Grades 3-5 will be participating in this contest sponsored by Google. The work will be undertaken in the computer and art classes.*
- [**Google's Original Doodler**](#) (Grades 3-5) *Dennis Hwang is Google's original doodler! Read this interview with Dennis and get some great tips for your own doodle.*
- [**Google Templates**](#) (Grade 3-5) *Need extra copies of the Google Templates? Print them out here!*
- [**Google Judging and Prizes**](#) (Grades 3-5) *Click here for information on the judging and prizes for the Doodle 4 Google Contest.*

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

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