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**Talent Show
Auditions!**
April 18th

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know your
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6416**

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Principal's Message

With spring break but a memory, we have so much to accomplish in the next few months. NJASK testing is finished for third and fourth graders and fifth grade is scheduled for May. Despite challenging weather conditions, the Recess Runners are accumulating mile after mile with incentive awards being given at designated milestones. Thank you parent volunteers for your support of this program. If any of you are interested in helping with the running program during lunch times on Tuesday and/or Thursday, please contact Ms. Susan Troy at ext. 6272.

Special activities planned for April include field trips at various grade levels, Kindergarten Bingo, the Variety Show Try-outs, the Arbor Day Celebration, and Earth Day activities.

The three mobile computer labs are fully functional with a wireless printer attached to each cart. Teachers are utilizing them on a daily basis. Eighth Promethean Active Boards are scheduled for installation during the week of April 7th. We extend our appreciation to the Medford H.S.A., the Medford Education Foundation, and the Board of Education for their continued support of our technology initiatives at Allen School.

Plan on visiting your child's class on April 15th, when events are being planned. More information about the day will be coming directly from you child's teacher.

As a reminder, this year the state of New Jersey has scheduled the school budget vote on April 15th. Please remember to vote! Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. or absentee ballots are available for you to utilize, if you are planning to be away. If you need any information about the budget, please do not hesitate to call me at 609-654-4203 or e-mail me at cpukenas@medford.k12.nj.us.

As we welcome spring, take time to enjoy the warm weather!

Christine G. Pukenas
Principal

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is for Grace

Grace means giving children what they need, not what they deserve. It means accepting kids as they are, and understanding their feelings and obstacles. It also means that we provide the unconditional support our children need to make positive changes. Grace, however, must be balanced with accountability or we risk enabling children to excuse unacceptable behavior or failure to achieve reasonable goals. If we balance grace with accountability, we let children know that we expect them to grow and learn.

April Events

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

- ***April 9: Dessert and Dialogue with Dr. D***
- ***April 15: 2nd Grade's Earth Day Celebration; School Board Budget Election***
- ***April 18: Report Cards and Talent Show Auditions***
- ***April 25: Arbor Day Celebration at Allen School***

Coming Up in May:

- ***Choral Concert (May 1)***
- ***NJASK for Grade 5 (Week of May 5)***
- ***Art Show (May 15)***
- ***Talent Show (May 8 & 9)***
- ***Field Day (May 23)***
- ***5th Grade Parent/Student Dance (May 28)***

[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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- **[April's Lunch Menu](#) has been posted!**
- **[Nurse's Page: Be a Fit Kid! Play the Mission Nutrition](#)**

game; *My Pyramid Blast Off Game*; [April's Nutritional Nuggets Newsletter](#)

- [Media Center](#): *Results of the Read Across New Jersey Contest!*
- [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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April is Poetry Month!

- [Poetry Idea Engine](#) (Grades1-5) *"Get your poetry juices flowing with the Poetry Idea Engine. Created with GoCyberCamp, this activity will allow you to write haikus, free verse, limericks, and more!" by Scholastic*
- [Magnetic Poetry Board](#) (All Grades) *"In this student interactive, from a ReadWriteThink lesson, students move "magnetic" words in order to create original poems. They can add to the preselected words by creating their own magnets."*
- [Instant Poetry Forms](#) (Grades1-5) *"Choose your poetry form from the list of links on the left hand side. Then just add words to make the poem your own."*
- [Giggle Poetry: Poetry Class](#) (Grades 3-5) *"Learn everything you need to know to become a "Giggle Poet!" The easy-to-follow instructions on this page will have you up and writing funny poems in no time at all"*

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

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