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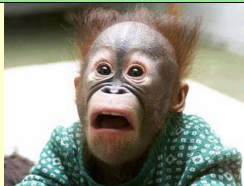
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**Funny Hair/
Hat Day
December 14th**

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**Emergency
Closing Number:
668**

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hr. delay info.](#)**

Principal's Message

With the holiday season upon us, [Ms. Scanlon's class is continuing the Allen School tradition of remembering others as they collect new toys for children who are less fortunate.](#) The toys are being collected in the Allen School entrance until December 18th. Even the smallest donation can help a child have a happier holiday season.

Children will go outside for recess during cold weather days, unless there is snow on the ground or a wind chill factor that makes it unsafe. Students should come to school with appropriate warm clothing; winter jackets, head covers, and gloves or mittens. If we have enough volunteers, the Recess Running Program will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting.

In the spirit of the season and as a result of conversations with our Parent Advisory committee, the Allen School Staff was asked to participate in a survey to consider designating a charitable organization that would be an option in lieu of gift giving. Based on the results, the Allen School Staff has chosen the **Center for Traumatic Grief**. This group is a non-profit organization. More information is available at www.traumaticgrief.org.

I encourage you to enjoy the holiday season with your children. Share family traditions and help them understand the meaning of those values that are important to your family. Often, the simplicity of a celebration spent with family and friends can mean much more than an elaborate event.

Winter break will begin on Monday, December 24th. Friday, December 21st, will be a one session day with dismissal at 1:05 p.m. School will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd.

On behalf of our Allen School family, I would like to wish your family a very happy, healthy holiday season and best wishes for the New Year!

Christine G. Pukenas
Principal



C is for Choices

According to Jim Fay,
author of *Becoming a Love*

and *Logic Parent*, giving
children choices is more
effective than making
demands. He suggests...

-Never give choices if it
might cause problems for
you or anyone else

-Give only two options for
each choice, both equally
okay with you. For

example, "Would you like
peas or carrots?" Or "Do
you want to do homework
now or in 15 minutes?"

-If the child doesn't decide
within 10 seconds, make the
choice for him or her.

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December Events

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

- [***Stockings for Kids Toy Drive: Donating Ends December 12th***](#)
- [***December 14th: Funny Hair/Hat Day***](#)
- [***December 21st : Early Dismissal and Winter Movie***](#)
- [***December 24th to January 1st : Winter Break \(School Reopens Jan. 2nd\)***](#)

[**For more information and a complete list of ALL the 2006-2007 school year's events check out the online Allen School Calendar!**](#)

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All in a Gator's Day

Coming Soon!

Teacher Webpages using [Think.com](#)

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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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- [***December's Lunch Menu has been posted!***](#)
- [***Nurse's Page: Choosing Safe Toys; Parenting Magazine's and Family Fun's Toys of the Year; December's Nutritional Nuggets Newsletter***](#)
- [***Guidance Page: December is Human Rights Month! Decembers' Firm, Fair and Consistent Newsletter!***](#)
- [***Media Center Page: Johnathan Rand visited in November! Check out the video of this author teaching the students how to do a spooky laugh!***](#)
- [***Art Room: December's Artist of the Month \(4th Grader, Emma P.\)***](#)

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Learning Links for Kids

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

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- [***Snowflake Patterns \(Grades K-5\) What a great family***](#)

activity and a wonderful way to help decorate the house for winter! Choose from the 4 snowflake patterns, click on the size of the snowflake and instructions, and create these amazing snowflake patterns!

- **[Read and Build a Snowman](#)** (Grades K-2) *Here is another great site from Starfall. At this interactive site, click on the words to have the story read to you or read and choose the clothes for your snowman. Print out the activity at the end to write about your snowman.*
- **[Grow Your Own Snow Crystals](#)** (Grades 4-5: [Need Parent Supervision and help!](#)) *What a fun activity for the holiday break! Most of the materials you will need are everyday household items and the directions are simple! Watch snow crystals grow right before your eyes!*
- **[Happy New Year in Different Languages](#)** (Grades 3-5) *This New Year, start a new tradition! At this Enchanted Learning site you can learn how to say, "Happy New Years" in many different languages! So, Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun!*

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

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