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**Science Fair/Ice
Cream Social**
Feb. 21

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Principal's Message

The beginning of the second half of the school year is always an exciting time as we reflect on our achievements and look forward to the many things yet to come. Teachers and students continue to work on mastery of the curricular goals. In grades three, four and five, students are preparing for the NJASK assessments. The District Literacy Committee is compiling data and working on plans for the future of our reading/writing programs.

Special activities during the month of February include celebrating Black History Month, 100th Day, and the First Grade Sweetheart Breakfast. We hope to see you at the Fifth Grade Science Fair/Ice Cream Social on February 21st. Plans are underway for a future, special 80th Birthday Celebration at Allen School. Stay tuned for more information to follow.

Warmest thanks are extended to our Home and School volunteers who helped make the "[I Wish It Were Summer Family Night](#)" so special. A huge thank you is extended to our resident DJ, Mr. B! Everyone had a fantastic time!

Thank you to the Home and School Association for their contributions that have helped fund the purchase of [Active Boards for Allen School](#). Most recently, Allen School received a \$4000.00 gift from the H.S.A. and that money immediately went toward the purchase of the boards. After consulting with the staff, it was decided to focus on placing the interactive boards in grade level classrooms, the media center, and the tech lab to maximize their availability to everyone. We anticipate their arrival and installation sometime in April.

I look forward to seeing you at our future activities. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Christine G. Pukenas
Principal

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February Events

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



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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- **Feb. 14th: First Grade Sweetheart Breakfast**
- **Feb. 14th: Valentine's Parties**
- **Feb. 18th: President's Day: No School**
- **Feb. 21st: 5th Grade Science Fair and Ice Cream Social**

Coming Up in March:

- **Dr. Seuss's Birthday/Author Visit (March 3)**
- **Skate Night (March 6)**
- **Ask Testing (March 10-14)**

[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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- **[I Wish It Were Summer Day Pictures!](#)**
- **[Family Fun Night Photos and Video](#)**
- **[February's Lunch Menu has been posted!](#)**
- **[Nurse's Page: All About the Heart!; Cardiovascular movie; fun printable heart activities; interactive site to explore the human heart. \[February's Nutrition Nuggets!\]\(#\)](#)**
- **[Guidance Page: How to be a good friend; Online Friends story; \[February's Firm Fair and Consistent Newsletter!\]\(#\)](#)**
- **[Media Center: Info. on the upcoming Visiting Author Noah](#)**

McCullough. He will be visiting March 3rd!

- **[Art Page](#)**: *Artist of the Month: 2nd Grader Preston S. and Artist in Residence with Mrs. Finch and Ms. Scanlon's 5th Grade Class*
- **[I.M.P.A.C.T.](#)**: *pictures from the Stock Market Game Luncheon on Jan. 18th*

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Learning Links for Kids

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

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- **[Discover Hershey: Making Chocolate Video Tour](#)** (Grades K-5) *The kids will love to take this tasty tour to see how chocolate is made! Learn the main ingredients of chocolate, how the cocoa beans are processed, and so much more!*
- **[Valentine's Coupon Book](#)** (Grades K-5) *Kids looking to give your Valentine something special? Use these pre-printed pages to create a Valentine's Day coupon book for kids, parents, and grandparents!*
- **[Valentine's Day by Jan Brett](#)** (Grade K-5) *Here is another great site by acclaimed children's author, Jan Brett. Print out numerous Valentine coloring pages, place mats, a napkin holder and a Valentine's Day mailbox! So much fun!*
- **[Have a Heart Internet Scavenger Hunt](#)** (Grades 4-5) *February is American Heart Month so what better month to learn about your heart! Print out the activity sheet and use the website provided to learn about the human heart.*

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

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