



ALLEN SCHOOL'S E-NEWSLETTER

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**I Wish It Were
Summer Day!**
Jan. 18th

Remember:
Check your Email
Every Thursday
for
Important School
Notices and
Reminders!

Contact

Information:

Mrs. Christine Pukenas
Principal

Mrs. Susan Troy
Secretary

Mrs. Mary Kondracki
Nurse

Dr. Deborah Haggett
Guidance

School Phone:
609-654-4203

If you know your party's ext.	Press 1
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Office	Press 2
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Nurse	Press 3
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Guidance	Press 4
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Media Ctr.	Press 5
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Principal's Message

As we ring in the New Year at Allen School, we look forward to great things for our children. The wireless network should be fully accessible throughout the building. We will begin using the mobile lab that was donated from the Medford Education Foundation. Three mobile carts were purchased and one has been placed on each floor. Currently, the carts each hold ten laptop computers that can be utilized in the classrooms. A committee of teachers made recommendations on future technology purchases and as a result, we will be adding two laptop computers to each cart. This will enable each classroom to have two students working together on one laptop doing computer projects and activities in their classrooms. The purchase of active boards and LCD projectors is in the research/planning stages. The goal is to have some active boards installed by spring.

We look forward to a great Family Fun Night that will take place on January 18th. The theme for the evening will link to our "I Wish Were Summer Day" celebration. Plan to wear your shorts, t-shirts, and sneakers and come prepared to dance under the direction of our own Mr. Bruchansky, our DJ for the evening.

As a reminder, school will be closed on Monday, January 21st as honor Martin Luther King, Jr.

Please note that the children will continue to go outside for recess during the winter months, weather permitting. They should dress warmly with winter jackets, hats, scarves, and gloves or mittens. The recess running program will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting.

If inclement weather necessitates a two hour delay, Allen School will begin at 11:05 a.m. [Check the School Web Site for additional information about a delayed opening.](#)

The Lost and Found is growing! Please check for your child's lost articles anytime you visit school. The **Lost and Found Cart** is located in the hallway **outside the Media Center.**

We are off to a great year in 2008 and we truly appreciate of all your support!

Christine G. Pukenas
Principal

Allen Info.	Press 7
District Office	609-654-6416

Emergency Closing Number: 668

[click here for 2 hr. delay info.](#)



D is for Determination

Children need to hear their parents say that making an effort, working hard, and planning ahead are important. We need to encourage children to set reasonable expectations, and celebrate with them when they make progress toward their goals. Children need to learn that sometimes they must sacrifice to achieve a long-term goal. Struggling with learning tasks from time to time is part of a student's "job." In the end, the feeling of accomplishment they get will lead to bigger and better accomplishments in the future!

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January Events

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

- **January 18th: I Wish it Were Summer Day**
- **January 18th: Family Fun Night**
- **January 21st : Martin Luther King's Birthday: No School**
- **January 24th : Second Grade's Winter Festival**
- **January 25^h: 2nd Marking Period Ends**

[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](#)

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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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- [**Crazy Hair/Hat Day Pictures!**](#)
- [**January's Lunch Menu** has been posted!](#)
- [**Nurse's Page: January's Nutritional Nuggets; National Eye Care Month!; Eye Games; Eye Gunk; Info about resources for vision tests and glasses for families in need.**](#)
- [**Guidance Page: January's Firm, Fair, and Consistent Newsletter; Setting Goals; New Year's Resolution's printable paper**](#)
- [**Art Page: January's Artist of the Month: 3rd Grader Jessie M.**](#)
- [**Media Center: Child Author and future Presidential Hopeful, Noah McCullough, to Visit Allen School on March 3rd!**](#)

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Learning Links for Kids

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

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- [**I Have a Dream Fill in**](#) (Grades 4-5) [**Listen to the famous "I Have A Dream" speech**](#) and then try this activity to fill in the blanks to the speech.
- [**Count Along To 100**](#) (Grades K-1) What a great way to practice counting up to 100. Count along with the speaker and then fill in the missing numbers!
- [**Villainy, Inc**](#) (Grades 4-5) This is an awesome interactive site! Listen and watch the story of Dr. Villainy in your choice of two missions. Use your math skills to destroy his plans to take over the world! Really Cool!
- [**Brain Quest**](#) (Grades 1-5) Give your brain a challenge! Try the Brain Quest Challenge Scoreboard (based on the Brain Quest Cards). Answer as many questions as you can in 2 minutes!

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

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