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**Report Cards
November 16th**

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Principal's Message

November brings the beauty of fall and many activities at Allen School. We begin the month by inviting parents/guardians to visit us on November 7th as we begin our celebration of American Education Week. Information about specific times and activities will be coming directly from your child's teacher. School will closed on Election Day, November 6th, for Teachers' Convention, November 8th and 9th, and the Thanksgiving Holiday, November 22nd and 23rd.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday and Tuesday, November 19th and 20th, from 2:00 p.m. until 3:20 p.m. and on Wednesday, November 21st, conferences will be held during the day. School will be closed for students on Wednesday, November 21st. Conference times will be sent to you directly from your child's teacher.

Children will continue to 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. We are attempting to continue the Recess Running Program throughout most of the winter months, if we have enough parent volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please notify Ms. Susan Troy in the Main Office.

Congratulations to our book fair volunteers for the overwhelming success of the event. Allen School sold approximately \$17,000 worth of materials. The profit from the sales will certainly benefit all the children. We extend our heartfelt thanks for all your hard work!

In the spirit of the approaching 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 could 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 (www.traumaticgrief.org).

Continue to look for informational news updates or flyers to arrive electronically on Thursdays with the latest happenings in our school.

On behalf of our staff, I encourage you to enjoy the beauty of this fall season. In anticipation of Thanksgiving and the holidays, we share our



B is for Bedtime

Awwwww, Mom! Already?
Sound familiar? On average, children need 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night. Sleep is important for many reasons. Lack of sleep can cause kids to be hypersensitive, impatient, or cranky. It is more difficult for children to concentrate and learn when they are tired. (Some doctors even believe that during sleep the brain "files away" what is learned during the day.) Encouraging quiet activities such as reading-just prior to bedtime offers a transition that helps children relax. *Sweet dreams!*

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gratitude with you and continue our hope for world peace and tolerance.

Christine G. Pukenas
Principal

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November Events

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

- **November 6th, 8th, and 9th : No School**
- **November 7th: Visit Our Schools Day**
- **November 15th: 4th Grade Art Night**
- **Nov. 16th: Report Cards, and Favorite Team/Sports Day**
- **November 19th, 20th, and 21st: Parent/Teacher Conferences and Early Dismissal (No school on the 21st)**
- **November 22nd and 23rd: Thanksgiving Break, No School**

[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

Here are just some of the things your children will be working on in November! [Disclaimer](#)

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! [Disclaimer](#)

- [**Halloween Pictures!**](#)
- [**November's Lunch Menu** has been posted!](#)
- [**Nurse's Page:** November is National Diabetes Month. Watch a very informative movie on diabetes and read Chandler's Diabetes Story. Healthy Foods games from the American Diabetes Association. \[**November's Nutritional Nuggets Newsletter.**\]\(#\)](#)
- [**Guidance Page:** Pinwheels for Peace project information and pictures. \[**November's Firm, Fair, and Consistent**\]\(#\)](#)

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- **[Media Center](#)**: November's visiting Author, Jonathan Rand for grades 1-5. Read and write book reviews, publish your work, and write to your favorite author.
- **[Art Room](#)**: Student Artist of the Month: 5th Grader Max B. Also, 4th Grade Art Night Nov. 15th! Info. on the Art Program and how to preserve your child's artwork.

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Learning Links for Kids

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

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Internet Safety

- **[Ikeepsafe.org](#)** (Grades K-5) This is a great site for kids and parents on the importance of Internet Safety. The kids love to read and watch the movie about Faux Paw the Techno Cat and his adventures in the Internet. There are also games and printable pages for the kids as well. For parents there are great resources on how to keep your kids safe online.
- **[Disney's Surf Swell Island](#)** (Grades 1-5) The kids love this game that teaches internet safety. This quiz driven adventure game has the kids complete different areas of the island and claim the jewels after completing the internet safety quizzes in each section.
- **[Netsmartz](#)** (Grade 1-5) This is another great site for kids and parents! The kids can watch music videos, play games and so much more while learning about internet safety. This is a great resource for parents to learn about Internet safety, computers, and the Web. Parents can even "Ask an Expert" for advice. Parents can also watch videos to help teach their kids about internet awareness.
- **[Safekids.com](#)** (PARENTS) This is a great resource for your family! Get guidelines for internet usage, kid's rules and a family contract for online safety, and even subscribe to their newsletter! You and the kids can take the online safety quiz to test your internet awareness!

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

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