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**Picture Day &
Dress Up Day**
Oct. 23

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<i>Media Ctr.</i>	<i>Press 5</i>
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<i>Allen Info.</i>	<i>Press 7</i>
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Principal's Message

As we begin to enjoy the splendor of fall, it seems impossible that October has arrived. Looking back, the opening of school was outstanding! The children quickly acclimated to their new surroundings that included new teachers, an outstanding new math series, and many improvements to our building.

I would like to extend our appreciation to all of our volunteers who made Back to School Night and the [Book Fair](#) a huge success. Countless hours were dedicated to benefit Allen School and the commitment is recognized. Please accept our heartfelt thanks, on behalf of our entire Allen School Family. Your efforts made everything very special for "our children."

Congratulations to our students, staff, and families on being recognized as a United States National Citizenship Championship Team. [As a 2006 winner of the National Museum of Patriotism's KC3™ Citizenship in Motion competition](#), our school is a positive role model for every school in every community. We are honored to receive this award and our focus on positive qualities; character, integrity, values, and citizenship will continue!

The implementation of new dismissal procedures and the installation of the security system provide increased safety for our entire building. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to refine these procedures. The **Allen School day begins at 9:05 a.m. and ends at 3:20 p.m.** We encourage you to make appointments outside school hours to avoid disrupting your child's instructional time. If early dismissal is necessary, please send in a note that includes your child's name, the date, time your child will be released, the reason for early dismissal, a phone number where you can be contacted at time of dismissal (if necessary), and your signature. Any child who is leaving school early (between 2:45 p.m. and 3:20 p.m.) will be dismissed from the entrance to Allen School closest to the flag.

Our annual [Halloween Parade will take place Tuesday, October 31st](#) at 2:00 p.m. As you begin to plan for this event, please avoid costumes that portray violence and weapons of any kind. We hope to emphasize positive values and not scare small children. For the purpose of clarification, uniforms worn by the U.S. Military, police, and fire fighting personnel are honored and most acceptable. More information about our celebration will follow at a later date.

If your child does not celebrate Halloween, we will make arrangements for him/her to work in the Media Center, if you prefer. Please call the Office for special accommodations.

Be sure to check the Allen School Website for exciting information about



A is for Attendance

Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and in the workplace. This year, make school a priority in your household. Commit to excellence in attendance. Your child's future depends on it!

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the many activities being planned for this year. It promises to be one of the best yet!

I hope to see you at the [Skating Party Thursday night \(October 5th\)](#) at 6:30 p.m. Continue to enjoy the beauty of the fall season with your family!

Christine G. Pukenas
Principal

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October Events

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

- **Oct.4th: First Grade Information Night**
- **Oct. 5th: Skating Party at 6:30pm-8:30pm**
- **Oct. 9-13th: Fire Prevention Week**
- **Oct. 20th: Backwards/Clash Day**
- **Oct. 23rd: Picture Day**
- **Oct. 31st: Halloween and Parties**

[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 October! [Disclaimer](#)

Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practicing Kindergarten Readiness: listening, sitting quietly, and raising our hands • Learning the Alphabet and sounds of letters • Strengthening our fine motor skills: cutting, pasting, tracing, and writing
1st Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct. 4th: First Grade Information Night • Working with Money and addition in Math • "Small Moment" stories in Writer's Workshop • Signs of fall and our 5 senses
2nd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check out the Johnny Appleseed Pictures •
3rd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat Stanley Project & Map Skills • Plants and Animals in Science • Number Grids in Math • Fractured Fairy Tales in Reading • Personal Narratives in Writing

4th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writer's Workshop is in full swing! • Scarecrow buddy walk
5th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Study of Colonial Philadelphia • Veteran's Day Essay Contest

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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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- [***Allen Alligator Day Pictures!***](#)
- *Second Grade:* [***Johnny Appleseed Pictures!***](#)
- [***October's Lunch Menu has been posted!***](#)
- [***Nurse's Page: Fire Prevention Tips and fun sites!***](#)
[***Important letter about the flu for parents!***](#)
- [***Guidance Page: KC3 Awards Ceremony Pictures and Acts of Kindness Calendar, Clifford's Big Idea***](#)
- [***Media Center: Scholastic Book Fair Pictures, sites for book reviews, publishing stories, and writing to authors***](#)

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Learning Links for Kids

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

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- [***Hershey's Trick or Treat.com \(Grades K-5\) The kids love this Halloween site. Print out pumpkin stencils and coloring pages in the Creepy Download Section. Make Monster Music, Play the Halloween Safety Quiz, and go on a historical tour of Halloween at the Hershey Virtual Haunted House in the Freaky Fun Stuff This site really is a treat!***](#)
- [***Dance Mat Typing \(Grades 3-5\) This is a groovy site to help students learn touch typing or to continue practicing touch typing. There are 4 different levels with 3 stages each to give you lots of practice!***](#)
- [***Pick a Pumpkin Interactive Story \(Grade K-1\) This is a great interactive story from Starfall for use with the sound of the "short U"! Read the story or click on the words to have them sounded out. Choose a pumpkin to decorate, then print it out to write a story!***](#)
- [***Fun Interactive Math Halloween Games \(All Grades\) These Halloween Math games will have the kids squealing with fun! There are many to choose and all different levels to play. Kindergarten through Second Grade will love the Spooky Sequences number pattern games, while students***](#)

in grades 3-5 will love the Ghost Blasters! Check them out!

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

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