



Anderson Elementary '09-'10

## All-Star Gazer

Teaming up for Success



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### Treasure Island Anderson PTA Special Program

**Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Anderson Cafeteria**



Word of Mouth Productions presents Treasure Island in an interactive one-act play based on the book by Robert Louis Stephenson and adapted by Steve & Kathy Hotchner. Join the crew of Captain Smellet's ship for adventure on the high seas! Meet Long John silver, Red the Pirate Queen and Crazy old Ben Bulba.

We will have a raffle for 5 large pirate themed coloring books. Look for the sign-up table on Thursday night for your chance to enter the drawing. Also, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will be selling refreshments

**Please join us for this exciting new program that the kids are sure to love!**

### TAKS Simulation Information

The following TAKS Simulation dates are coming up: **February 2** – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math, **February 3** – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading, and **February 4** – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science.

Please remember to NOT schedule vacation / doctor appointments on these days and also no visitors, volunteers or lunch visitors are allowed on these days.

### Counselor's Comments



#### Watch DOGS:

We still have open dates for January: **Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>.**

In February we have the following open dates: **Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Let's get those dates filled! Here's the link to the calendar:

[http://www.allenisd.org/2007207291528280/icalsw/calendar.asp?Cal=em&calendar\\_ID=10572](http://www.allenisd.org/2007207291528280/icalsw/calendar.asp?Cal=em&calendar_ID=10572)

Remember to email Michelle Gilbert (sub for Mrs. McWilliams during maternity leave) at [michelle\\_gilbert@allenisd.org](mailto:michelle_gilbert@allenisd.org) with the open date you want, complete your background check through Allen ISD, and order a t-shirt! We look forward to having you join the Watch DOGS pack!

#### CORE ESSENTIALS:

January's Core Essential is **Self - Discipline**. **Self-Discipline** means doing what you need to do so you can grow.

#### PEER MEDIATION:

There is no meeting this week.

#### SAFETY PATROL:

Team **B** started their rotation on January 11th.

#### GUIDANCE LESSONS:

I will be in second and third grade rooms this week.

#### AIM FOR SUCCESS:

Attention 6th Grade Parents: **PTA is once again providing our 6th grade students the opportunity to attend the AIM for Success program.** The program will be held at school during school hours on **Friday, January 29th**. This 45 minute - 1 hour program encourages students to remain abstinent until marriage by giving them information about the hazards of sexual activity. **We invite all 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents to attend the Parent Preview night at Reed Elementary on Tuesday, January 19th from 6:30 - 7:30.** Someone from the AIM for Success organization will be there to provide all of the information they will be sharing with your student and answer any questions you may have. Please remember this is a *Parent Preview*. We ask that you leave your student at home. For more information about AIM for Success, check out their website: [www.aimforsuccess.org](http://www.aimforsuccess.org). Thanks!

### Gifted & Talented

Allen ISD will hold a meeting for parents of students in grades 1 through 11 interested in learning more about the identification process for the Gifted and Talented Program on **Tuesday, January 26, 2010** at Curtis Middle School beginning at 6:30 p.m. CogAT aptitude screening registration forms will be available at the parent meeting.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship Fundraising Events

**Cash for Cans:** Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 7:30 – 8:00 am

Please drop your cans to be recycled at the main entry drop off area.

**George Anderson Crazy Hat Day:** Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

Bring \$1 and a hat to wear and support our George Anderson Scholarship Fund.

**Val-O-Grams:** Be looking for Val-O-Grams to go on SALE beginning Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> thru February 11<sup>th</sup>. Val-O-Grams will be delivered on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

All proceeds from these events will benefit the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship fund. Scholarships are awarded to AHS Seniors that attended Anderson Elementary.



### Library News

The Read to Succeed - Six Hour Reading Program forms went home in the Thursday folder last week. This exciting program designed by **Weekly Reader** and **Six Flags** encourages children in grades K-6 to read for fun. Students can read books, magazines, comic books or newspapers to fulfill the six hours of reading. Your child can read silently, aloud or with an adult. You can even read to your child or your child can read to you. Any reading done for homework or a class assignment does not count according to the guidelines set forth in the program. Students should keep track of their reading on the Read to Succeed form. Each student who completes 6 hours of recreational reading and turns in their Student Reading Log (signed by a parent/guardian) to their teacher by February 24, 2010 will receive a free Six Flags ticket.

Allen ISD has made it possible for all Allen students including Anderson students to have **free** access to four major **research databases**. These 4 databases (Gale, Grolier, EBSCO, WorldBook) can be used for research or for just personal exploration. In order to access these databases, students will need to go to the Anderson Library Website and click "Research Databases" on the left side. Students will then need to enter the username and password for each (listed below).

<b>Gale:</b>	<u>Username:</u> tlc109013541	<u>Password:</u> lonestar
<b>Grolier:</b>	<u>Username:</u> aisd	<u>Password:</u> online
<b>WorldBook:</b>	<u>Username:</u> allenhome	<u>Password:</u> eagles
<b>EBSCO:</b>	<u>Username:</u> anderson	<u>Password:</u> stars

Please encourage your child to use these databases so that we may continue to keep them. Permission has been granted by the each database representative for us to include this information in our school's newsletter. Please do not share this information with students outside of our school district because Allen ISD pays for this access. Feel free to call the library if you have any questions (972-396-6924) or email Judy McMahan (Librarian) at [judy\\_mcmahan@allenisd.org](mailto:judy_mcmahan@allenisd.org).

### AHS Cheerleading – Cheer Chick Clinic 2009 – 2010

Spend a day with the AHS cheerleaders learning jumps, motions, cheers, and dance!

Perform at an AHS Varsity Basketball game!

**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 12pm**

Curtis Middle School Gym



**SEE THE FLYER AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER!!!**



### Allen ISD Day with the Allen Americans Hockey Team

**Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm**

Allen Events Center

Allen Americans Hockey Team vs. the Sundogs



Special ticket prices; part of every ticket sold goes to support Allen ISD teachers and students through the Foundation For Allen Schools.

For more info contact Foundation office at 972-727-0362 or Allen Americans at 972-912-1000.

### ACO Care & Share Donations

Thank you for all the shampoo donations you brought for ACO during the month of December. Great job!

In the month of January, we are collecting **bathroom tissue**. Just drop your items in the bin by the side entrance near the Kindergarten classrooms.

All your donations help families here in Allen.

Cheryl Danielson, [rclcrd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rclcrd@sbcglobal.net)





## Box Tops for Education – January Collection Contest

This month two students will have the opportunity to win a Webkinz! Each student that brings 10 Box Tops will have their name submitted in a drawing for this prize. **Multiple Box Tops can be submitted – if you turn in 50 then your name will be submitted in the drawing 5 times.** The drawing will be held the first week in February to announce the winner.

Be sure to ask family members, friends, coworkers, neighbors or anyone else you know to help collect Box Tops!

Box Tops can be submitted in a plastic baggie with student name, grade and teacher written on the front. Please be sure to turn in your Box Tops to your teacher by **Friday, January 29th.**

Thanks for your support!

Sandy Redhour – Box Tops Coordinator

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## Attention: SCIENTISTS



It is that time of the year to begin planning for the Science Fair. If you are interested in doing a project, see your teacher for details. Science Fair will take place on **Friday, January 29, 2010.**

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## Scrapping to Support Our Community Allen Early Childhood PTA Scrapbook Retreat

**Saturday, January 23rd, 8am – 4 pm**

Curtis Middle School Cafeteria

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## Notes from Nurse Roberts

### HEAD LICE

#### FACTS:

- Head lice crawl from child to child through head to head contact.
- Lice cannot hop, jump or fly.
- **ANY** child can get head lice.
- Lice can live up to 30 days on a person's head and lay from 50 to 150 eggs. If the louse falls off a person, it dies within 2 days.

#### WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Lice are small brown, tan to grayish-white insects, about the size of a sesame seed.
- The nits or egg sacks are opaque, white oblong-shaped sacks which are firmly attached to the hair shaft. These nits cannot be brushed out. They can only be manually removed with a nit comb or pulled out by hand.
- Suspect lice if your child scratches and/or complains of an itchy head. Itching is the first sign of head lice.
- Check the hair and scalp very carefully especially behind the ears and near the neckline. The best method is to use a magnifying glass under a bright light.

#### HOW TO TREAT IF INFECTED:

- Wash your child's hair with a product formulated to kill lice.
- Have your child sit under a bright light and remove all nits with a metal comb that is designed to remove nits. Remove remaining nits with your fingernails. **Failure to do this important step always results in reoccurrence.**
- Nits are not killed by lice shampoos, so it will be necessary to wash the hair with the lice product a second time in 7 to 10 days to kill any newly hatched lice.
- Launder all clothing and bedding. Laundry water should be at least 130 degrees Fahrenheit to kill the lice. Dry on highest heat setting.
- Vacuum all carpets, upholstery and mattresses in the house. Throw away the vacuum bag.
- Sealing clothing, stuffed toys, pillows, blankets or other small soft items, for two weeks in tightly closed plastic bags will kill both lice and nits. Dry cleaning will also kill lice.
- Soak combs, brushes and other washable items for one hour in one of the approved lice shampoos; or, soak them for 5 to 10 minutes in a pan of 130 degree hot water.

#### PROACTIVE MEASURES

- Teach your whole family about how lice is spread and treated.
- Teach your children not to share combs, brushes, hats, hair accessories, jackets and other personal items with other children.
- **Check your child frequently for signs of lice or nits.**

## State of Texas 2008-09 School Report Card

The State of Texas 2008-09 School Report Card is now available in the Family Access account under the "Portfolio" link. This is a report required by the Texas Legislature and prepared by the Texas Education Agency. It is to be provided to the parent or guardian of every child enrolled in the public schools. The report provides information concerning student performance as well as information concerning expenditures, average class size, and student/teacher ratios.

The information contained in the School Report Card is required by state law and is briefly described in the "2008-09 School Report Card Definitions." The report for our school may or may not have all the information described, because the information presented depends on whether the school is an elementary, middle, or high school.

State law requires that the information be provided for the state, the district, the school, and a group of schools similar to our school. Where possible, the information must be reported by ethnicity and socio-economic status of the students and must include at least two years of results.

The School Report Cards and Definitions can be found on the internet at:

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/src/2009/campus.srch.html>

A more complete report about George Anderson Elementary Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report can be accessed online at:

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/aeis/2009/index.html>

### UPCOMING ALL-STAR EVENTS

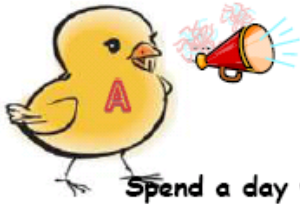
<b>Thursday, Jan 14th</b>	<b>Monday, Jan 18th</b>	<b>Wednesday, Jan 20th</b>	<b>Thursday, Jan 21st</b>
Day of Discovery Reading  PTA Meeting and Treasure Island 7:00 PM	NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day	Yogurtville Night	Chick-Fil-A Night
<b>Friday, Jan 29th</b>	<b>Tuesday, Feb 2nd</b>	<b>Wednesday, Feb 3rd</b>	<b>Thursday, Feb 4th</b>
Crazy Hat Day -- \$1  Cash for Cans 7:30 - 8:00 am	TAKS Simulation  5th Grade Math	TAKS Simulation  3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Reading	TAKS Simulation  5th Grade Science

### LUNCH MENU

<b>Wednesday, Jan 13</b>	<b>Thursday, Jan 14</b>	<b>Friday, Jan 15</b>	<b>Monday, Jan 18</b>	<b>Tuesday, Jan 19</b>
Pepperoni Pizza Wedge Cheese Pizza Wedge Chicken Caesar Salad Banana Cake Broccoli Bites Baby Carrots Banana Fruit Medley Green Jell-O	Soft Taco Turkey & Gravy w/ Potatoes Yogurt Combo Homestyle Biscuit Garden Salad Border Beans Pineapple Tidbits Grapes Sugar Cookie	Chicken Tenders Fish Nuggets & Corn Bread Ham & Cheese on Wheat Macaroni Cheese Cucumber & Tomato Salad Zucchini Coins Cinnamon Apples Orange Smiles Blue Jell-O	NO SCHOOL  	Hamburger / Cheeseburger Pizza Stick w/ Marinara Sauce Chicken Tortilla Soup Blueberry Muffin Green Peas Glazed Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Apple Blue Jell-O

Entire January Lunch Menu can be viewed by clicking on the link below:

[http://www.allenisd.org/20061069152318433/lib/20061069152318433/January\\_Peanut\\_Free.pdf](http://www.allenisd.org/20061069152318433/lib/20061069152318433/January_Peanut_Free.pdf)



# AHS *Cheerleading* presents



## Cheer Chick Clinic 2009-2010

Spend a day with the AHS cheerleaders learning jumps, motions, cheers, and dance!  
Perform at an AHS Varsity Basketball game!

**For:** K-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls; please wear comfortable tennis shoes, socks, shorts, and a t-shirt.

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 16, 9a-12p. Pictures begin at 8:30 am. Parents are invited to return to CMS at 11:30 for performances.  
\*\*Cheerleaders who attend the clinic get to perform at an AHS Home Varsity Basketball game Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010. Please arrive at the AHS gym at 7:00 in your Cheer Chick t-shirt ready to perform for halftime.  
(In case of bad weather/game cancellation, performance date will be Tuesday, Feb 8 at AHS gym. At 7pm).

**Where:** Curtis Middle School Gym

**Cost:** \$30 (Cost includes: clinic, t-shirt (given out at clinic), a light snack, and a picture with Varsity Cheer Captain and Tuffy the Eagle.)



**Please pre-register by detaching form and mailing check to address below.**



Please detach and mail the registration form to Jodi DeHondt: 601 Granbury Drive, Allen, TX 75013. Make checks payable to Allen Cheer Booster Club.

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address (required): \_\_\_\_\_

T Shirt Size (circle one)                      YS                      YM                      YL                      AS                      AM                      AL

(If registering late, t-shirt will be sent at a later date and not available on day of clinic.)

I hereby release Allen Independent School District and its employees of any liability for all injuries and pre-existing injuries that occur during cheerleading. If, in the judgment of any representative of the school, the above participant should need immediate care and treatment as the result of any injury or sickness, I do hereby request, authorize, and consent to such care and treatment as may be given said participant by any physician, athletic trainer, nurse, or school representative. I do hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless the school representative or doctor from any claim by any person on account of such care and treatment of said participant.

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline to register via mail is January 9. On-site registration begins at 8am Jan. 16. Late registration does not ensure t-shirt availability the day of camp.

The AECPTA Annual Fundraiser

# Scrapbooking Retreat

Makes a  
great  
Christmas  
Present!

*Scrapping to Support Our Community:  
Portion of Proceeds to Benefit the Allen Public Library*

**Saturday, January 23, 2010**

**8 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Curtis Middle School Cafeteria**

**Reserve your space at [scrapbooking@aecpta.com](mailto:scrapbooking@aecpta.com)**

## **\$30 Registration Fee includes:**

8 hours of uninterrupted time and the  
space to work on your project!

Jason's Deli lunch!

Snacks/Drinks!

Access to on-site scrapbook and stamp  
vendors for those last-minute supplies!

## **Earn Tickets for Great Door Prizes!**

All Paid Registrations: 1 Ticket

Register by December 24<sup>th</sup>: 2 Tickets

Every Snack You Bring To Share: 1 Ticket

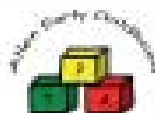
Every \$25 of Product Purchased from a Vendor: 1 Ticket

Join the AECPTA at the event: 5 Tickets

Volunteer at the event: 2 Tickets

Bring a Book to Donate to the Library: 1 ticket

### **AECPTA Scrapbooking Retreat Reservation Form**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Order (Please Circle Preference): Turkey or Ham or Veggie

Please mail completed reservation form and \$30 check made payable to "AECPTA" to:  
Amy Guthrie, 1207 Greenway Drive, Allen, TX 75013

Registration Fees are non-refundable.