



Anderson Elementary '09-'10

## All-Star Gazer

Teaming up for Success



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### Shooting Stars for December

Congratulations to our Shooting Stars for December. They were chosen by their teachers for exhibiting all the traits from our All-Star Creed and for showing "Compassion" which was our Core Essential for the month of December.

**Kindergarten:** Jacob Strahan, Kala Hernandez, Kevin Campbell, Kylie Simmons, Cole Alexander and Eden Sanchez who was chosen in November but was sick so she celebrated with the December Shooting Stars.

**First Grade:** Trinity Baker, Nicholas Hogan, Esther Swanstrom, Jenna Jones, Tristan Campbell

**Second Grade:** Carson Loos, Ellie Hogan, Tres Stout, Meredith Mansell

**Third Grade:** Michael Martin, Kenzie Decker, Conrad Pham, Hannah Johnson, Helen Guo

**Fourth Grade:** Richard Yang, Tatiana Oney, Gonzalo Garcia, Gina Hernandez, Mbinui Ghogomu

**Fifth Grade:** Marcie Sedgley, Zoe Garman, Carley Roessler, Bethany Spann

**Sixth Grade:** Nandita Srivatsa, Alison Bachellor, Tyler Ratanamongkala, Prakriti Srivastava



### UIL Competition

UIL competition was held on January 9th at the Allen High School. Students competed in a variety of categories. Thanks to Laura Rush for coordinating our UIL events this year! Congratulations to all of those who participated!

**Art 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Matthew Rassamni, Mia Troyer

**Art 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 6<sup>th</sup> Place:** Lyndsey Moss, Kyria Seitz, Lawrence Fung

**Creative Writing 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Angela Liu - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Music Memory 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Nick Gonzales, Christopher Bridges, Melissa Tryon, Sydney McDaniel

**Music Memory 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Gabriel Salomone, Darci Williams, Maya Pillutla, Sonja Zimmerman, Ginny Strehle

**Perfect Papers for Music Memory:** Christopher Bridges, Darci Williams, Ginny Strehle, Sonja Zimmerman

**Oral Reading 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Kennedy Martinez – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Payton Esparza – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

**Ready Writing 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Madelyn Gross, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Spelling 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Taekyoo Won – 6<sup>th</sup> Place

**Storytelling 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Stefani Staley – 5<sup>th</sup> Place

**Thanks to all UIL participants:** Matthew Rassamni, Mia Troyer, Lyndsey Moss, Kyria Seitz, Lawrence Fung, Angela Liu, Mellissa Ngwenya, Ryan Suber, Nick Gonzales, Christopher Bridges, Melissa Tryon, Sydney McDaniel, Gabriel Salomone, Darci Williams, Ginny Strehle, Maya Pillutla, Sonja Zimmerman, Vennela Gajjala, Maya Shivers, Victoria Catlett, Thomas Campbell, Prakriti Srivastava, Sheela Sharma, Austin Szymanowicz, Kylie West, Za'Tayzia Thompson, Emma Pennell, Kennedy Martinez, Payton Esparza, Beau Lytle, Gina Ortiz-Sanchez, Madelyn Gross, Haley Cook, Alyssa Kaufman, Michaela Rouse, Tyler Ratanamongkala, Leah Nowell, Matthew Tao, Adrianna Hinson, Taekyoo Won, Layne White, Jenny Campbell, Rasaan Alam, Nandita Srivatsa, Kyle Dugger, Shahzeb Sultan, Braden West, Cade West, Kelsey Dugger, Stefani Staley, Zach Laherty, and Juliana Drawert



**Special thanks to all the coaches** who dedicated their time to our students in helping to prepare for the events: Heather Taylor, Becky Welch, Ben Martinez, Marcy Martinez, Brandee Guyton, Deb Williams, Cheryl Goodwin, Justin Preston, and Laura Rush.

### 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.



### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls – Curtis Cheerleader Info

Please see the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter for important information and dates regarding Cheerleading Parent Meetings and Tryouts.



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## Counselor's Comments



### Watch DOGS:

We still have open dates for January: **Jan 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>, 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 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:** Meeting this week on **Wednesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 in Room 132.

**SAFETY PATROL:** **Team B** will be on duty through February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**GUIDANCE LESSONS:** I will be in fourth 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 29<sup>th</sup>**. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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).

Students will be receiving a permission slip in their Thursday folder this week. This permission slip **MUST** be signed and returned for your child to participate in this program. Students whose parents do not want them to attend or who do not have a signed permission slip will be placed with one of the sixth grade classes not attending that particular session.

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## 2010 Black History Month Annual Celebration

"In appreciation for paving the way to Success"

Presented by: Lowery Freshman Center Student Council

Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Lowery Auditorium

Tickets: \$5 for adults and \$3 for students with school ID



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## Mother – Son Dance



The eighth annual Mother/Son Sweetheart Dance will be held on **Saturday, February 6 from 7 - 9 p.m.** in the Allen High School cafeteria. The annual dance is sponsored by Allen ISD Community Education and includes DJ music, refreshments and surprises. The evening is open to preschool through sixth grade boys and their mothers. Allen ISD sponsors the Mother/Son dance as a follow-up to the popular Father-Daughter Ball. For additional information contact Sandra Lovesey at 972-727-0502.

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## 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 \$1 and 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.

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## 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.

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## Treasure Island Program Recap



Word of Mouth Productions presented Treasure Island in an interactive one-act play last Thursday to approximately 80 kids and 130 adults. Students enjoyed this very interactive program as some were chosen to go up on stage and actors also came out into the audience.

Becky McCants, Director, introduced the play with a brief summary of the book author, stage adaptation author, and explanation of props and costumes. The program ended with cast introductions and questions from the student audience. 6<sup>th</sup> Graders sold popcorn, candy, and bottled water to benefit the George Anderson Scholarship Fund. The winners of the large pirate coloring books were: Caroline Hudson (Platz), Ethaan Shivers (Mass), Kioko Jahn (Mayberry), Sidnee Guyton (Mayberry), and Vineel Reddy Gajjala (Mass).

**THANK YOU** to Deb Williams for taking pictures and to Mason Norris for managing the table for the drawing sign-up.

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## 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).

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## 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)



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## 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 Rednour – Box Tops Coordinator

## Scott Murray, Empowers Ford Middle School

**Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

Ford Middle School PTA is sponsoring a character enrichment program addressing essential principles for growing into a positive role model. Parents too, will get their fair share of empowerment as Scott Murray, former NBC5 Sportscaster and Author, speaks about the life lessons he learned through sports legends, adopted from his book "Whatever It Takes."

This inspiring and exciting event is free and open to the public so join in on the fun, Thursday evening, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Ford Middle School's Choir room and meet Scott Murray personally during the post-event book-signing session. Kids are welcome to cheer on the Mustang girl's basketball game that evening (tickets are \$5).

For more information contact Angel Carlton, Ford PTA President, at 972-727-0590 or [angelcarlton@mac.com](mailto:angelcarlton@mac.com).



## Scrapping to Support Our Community

**Allen Early Childhood PTA Scrapbook Retreat**

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

Curtis Middle School Cafeteria

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

### UPCOMING ALL-STAR EVENTS

Wednesday, Jan 20th	Thursday, Jan 21st	Friday, Jan 29th
Yogurtville Night	Chick-Fil-A Night	Cash for Cans  Crazy Hat Day -- \$1 7:30 - 8:00 am
Tuesday, Feb 2nd	Wednesday, Feb 3rd	Thursday, Feb 4th
TAKS Simulation  5th Grade Math	TAKS Simulation  3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Reading	TAKS Simulation  5th Grade Science

### LUNCH MENU

Wednesday, Jan 20	Thursday, Jan 21	Friday, Jan 22	Monday, Jan 25	Tuesday, Jan 26
Pepperoni Pizza Wedge Cheese Pizza Wedge Chef Salad w/ Chicken Salad Multi-Grain Garlic Toast Broccoli Bites Garden Medley Sliced Peaches Apple Cherry Crisp Green Jell-O	Tyson Crisпитos Chicken Enchiladas Deli Combo Spanish Rice Refried Beans Garden Salad Pears & Cherries Orange Smiles Ice Cream Cup	Chicken Tenders Sloppy Joe's Yogurt Combo w/ Muffin Tri Taters Mixed Vegetables Celery Sticks Cinnamon Apples Banana Red Jell-O	Hamburger / Cheeseburger Turkey Pot Pie Chef Special Goldfish Graham Flame Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Rosy Applesauce Orange Smiles Blue Jell-O	Oriental Rice & Egg Roll Honey Lime Turkey Fajita Chef Salad w/ Egg Homemade Cornbread Kyoto Edamame Blend Cucumber & Tomato Salad Pineapple Tidbits Apple Half Chocolate Pudding



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)



# MANDATORY

## District Cheerleading Meeting & Tryout Information



- Who:** Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of students wanting to tryout for cheerleader for the 2010 – 2011 school year
- What:** Informative meeting explaining guidelines for cheerleading tryouts
- Date:** Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- Location:** Allen High School Cafeteria
- Time:** 6:30 PM

### Cougar Cheer

#### Important Information:

- February 11, 2010:** Parent Meeting for ALL 2010 – 2011 AISD candidate parents  
**6:30 PM** Candidate attendance is optional; however candidates are **strongly** encouraged to attend. If for any reason a parent is unable to attend, the sponsor **must** be contacted **prior** to the meeting.
- February 26, 2010:** ALL Cheerleader forms are due, **signed** to CMS Secretary  
**4:00 PM** by 4:00 PM. Forms will be distributed at the 2-11-10 meeting. **NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- March 3 & 4, 2010:** Cheerleader tryout clinic for all candidates in the **Lowery South Gym**  
**4:00 – 6:00 PM**
- Enter the gym from street along side of the tennis courts
  - Eat a snack before coming
  - Bring \$2.00 cash if you would like a copy of the 2010 – 2011 tryout music on CD
- March 5, 2010:** Review and practice – **Lowery South Gym**  
**4:00 – 6:00 PM**
- March 8, 2010:** **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tryouts**  
**3:45 – ???**
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade candidates report to **Curtis Cafeteria** by 3:45 PM
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade candidates report to **Curtis Cafeteria** by 4:15 PM
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade judging begins at 4:00 PM
  - Candidates must remain until all judging is completed
- April 10, 2010:** Uniform and camp clothes fittings – payment due in full  
**8:00 AM**

**Cougar Cheer Sponsors: Lindsay Somerlott and Beth Beardshaw**

[Lindsay\\_Somerlott@allenisd.org](mailto:Lindsay_Somerlott@allenisd.org)

[Beth\\_Beardshaw@allenisd.org](mailto:Beth_Beardshaw@allenisd.org)

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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

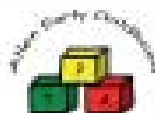
Every \$25 of Product Purchased from a Vendor: 1 Ticket

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.