



Anderson Elementary '09-'10

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TAKS Testing – Wednesday, March 3rd

The 4th grade TAKS Writing test will be given on **Wednesday, March 3rd**. NO visitors, volunteers or lunch visitors allowed at school that day. Thank you for your cooperation!

Counselor's Comments



Watch DOGS:

In **February**, we have an open date for the **25th**.

The open dates in **March** are the 10th, 23rd, 24th, 29th, 30th, and 31st.

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

Remember to email Michelle Gilbert at 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:

February's Core Essential is **Honor**. **Honor** means letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.

PEER MEDIATION: There will be a meeting this week on **Wednesday, Feb. 24th** in Room 132.

SAFETY PATROL: **Team A** will be on duty from February 8th through March 5th.

GUIDANCE LESSONS: I will be in the fifth grade classrooms this week, and I will be taking the sixth graders into the computer lab to complete their middle school registration choices.

REGISTRATION FOR 6TH GRADE TO 7TH GRADE:

Attention 6th Grade Parents: Curtis Middle School counselors will be having an informational meeting about registration for next school year on **February 23 at 6:30 pm** at Curtis Middle School. They will be discussing the registration process plus any questions you may have about your child attending Curtis Middle School. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

NOTE: I will be collecting the 6th graders registration choice sheets with parent signatures on **Thursday, February 25th**. Please make sure these sheets are returned to school by then. Thank you!

Notes from Nurse Roberts

ATTENTION 6th grade parents:

There are several new immunization requirements, as of last March, for students entering the 7th grade. These immunizations are as follows:

Tdap (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis)*

*If Td was recently received, Tdap should follow in 5 years

Varicella, 2nd dose

Meningococcal

Take note that most 6th graders have not had these immunizations. Spring Break would be a great time to get these done. They must be completed before a student can get their Middle School schedule in August of this next year. Please don't wait because last year there were so many students without their immunizations that the physicians and County Health Departments could not get to all of them right away and students had to miss school.

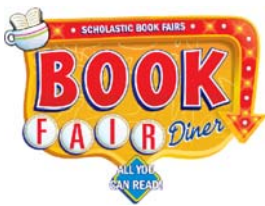
Scheduled **free** immunization clinics offered by CareVan will be available to you on the following dates:

March 31 @ Boyd Elementary, 5:00pm-7:00pm

May 19 @ Bolin Elementary, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Please bring the immunization records to the clinic at Anderson by Monday, May 24, 2010 when student gets shots. Any questions please contact Nurse Roberts.





Coming Soon: All You Can Read at the Book Fair Diner

Mark your calendars – the spring book fair is coming soon! Please join us as we celebrate reading at the “Book Fair Diner” – **Monday, March 8 through Friday, March 12.**

The fair will be open all week from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. You can also visit the Book Fair Diner on Open House night - Thursday, March 11, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Smencils will be on sale in the school office for \$1 each until our supply runs out.

Cash 4 Cans is THIS Friday – February 26th.

Please bring your cans to the main entry doors before school.

Both of these 6th grade projects benefit the George Anderson Scholarship Fund.



Recession Proof Kids

Vaughan Elementary PTA is hosting a Parent Ed Seminar this **Thursday, February 25th**. Brenda Bird will talk about “Raising Recession Proof Kids without Raising the Roof” starting at 6:30 pm in the Vaughan Cafeteria.

Cyber Safety

A Cyber Safety discussion will be presented by The Council of Allen ISD PTA's on **Tuesday, March 9th at 7pm** in the Olson Elementary Cafeteria. Robert Jackson, a local resident and Software Engineer, will be on hand to discuss Internet Safety. Please join us for the free event – childcare is provided.

Please see the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter for more information.

ACO Care & Share Donations

During the month of **February**, we will be collecting **gallon size water jugs**. Just drop your items in the bin by the side entrance near the Kindergarten classrooms.

PE News

Anderson will be participating again in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart. The events will be held during PE on **February 25th and 26th**. All money envelopes are due back **February 26th**. Set your child up with a website for donations, www.americanheart.org/jump, and watch how easy it is to raise money. Many companies will even match your donations, check your company policy. **All donations are tax deductible!**



In the past, we have had open gym for 5th and 6th graders as a way to raise extra money for the American Heart Association; we will be doing this again this year. Open gym costs **\$1.00 per child**. The gym will be available for **5th and 6th graders only** and will **end promptly at 3:30**. **All students that wish to participate must prearrange their own rides.** **Open Gym Dates: February 23rd, 24th and 25th.**

Marathon Club, are you logging in your miles? Let's touch base and have a run together March 4th.



Allen ISD Eagle Run Saturday, March 6, 2010

The Allen Eagle Run is a 5K certified race and a 1- mile family fun run on **Saturday, March 6**. Walkers are welcome in either race. There is even an option to sleep in if you are not a runner/walker or just don't want to get up early.

The Allen Eagle Run benefits teacher and student scholarships through the Foundation for Allen Schools and the Allen Council of PTAs; it also benefits every Allen ISD campus PTAs and PE departments.

Gifted and Talented Program

Gifted and Talented aptitude screening will be offered to students in grades 4, and students **new** to the school district during the 2009-2010 school year in grades 1, 2, 3 and 5 with no current data, **new** Kindergarten students as of January 2010, and interested students in grades 7 through 11 on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at Curtis Middle School at 9:00 a.m. Registration forms are available at www.allenisd.org on the Gifted and Talented page under the Learner Services Department.

Kindergarten Round-Up Sibling Registration

Registration for incoming Kindergarten students who have current siblings at Anderson in grades K-5 will be held from **March 1-12, 2010**. The early registration packets will be available for pick up beginning **February 23, 2010** in the Anderson Elementary office. We will only be accepting completed packets during the window of **March 1-12, 2010** for students in this category.

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

- Original Birth Certificate (Note: Children entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2010 to be eligible to attend school in August).
- Social Security Card
- Original immunization record, with doctor validation, is required to register. **Immunizations must be up-to-date..please see Allen ISD website for more information.**
- Picture ID of parent or legal guardian (example: driver's license)
- Current utility bill
- And one of the following proofs of residency:
 - Settlement Statement
 - Lease Agreement
 - Voter Registration Card
 - Residency Affidavit (pick up in school office)




Registration for all other Kindergarten students will be held on Thursday, March 25, from 3:30 – 5:00 PM. If you have friends and/or neighbors in the Anderson attendance zone that do not have children in school currently, but will have a Kindergarten student next year, please encourage them to register on March 25th. It is very important that all Kindergarten students pre-register for the 2010-2011 school year. Children enrolling in other grades may do so beginning March 26th.

UPCOMING ALL-STAR EVENTS

Tue, Feb 23rd	Feb 25th & 26th	Fri, Feb 26th	Sat, March 6th	March 8th - 12th
<p>6th Grade Parent Meeting</p> <p>6:30 PM Curtis MS Cafeteria</p>	<p>Jump Rope for Heart</p> 	<p>Cash 4 Cans</p> 	<p>Allen ISD Eagle Run</p> 	<p>Book Fair</p> 

LUNCH MENU

Wednesday, Feb 24	Thursday, Feb 25	Friday, Feb 26	Monday, March 1	Tuesday, March 2
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 on a Bun Yogurt Combo Tri-Taters Mixed Vegetables Celery Sticks Cinnamon Apples Banana Red Jell-O	<p>Not Available Check the Allen ISD website</p> 	<p>Not Available Check the Allen ISD website</p>

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

http://www.allenisd.org/20061069152318433/lib/20061069152318433/February_Peanut_Aware.pdf

Cyber Safety

Presented by
The Council of Allen ISD PTAs

- Dangers on the Internet for Children
- Parental Points of Control
- Your Home Network
- Types of Internet Activity
- The Cell Phone
- Your Legal Liability

Being Safe Is Being Smart

Students

The Internet is a powerful tool that should be used wisely.

Parents

Parents must understand potential Internet dangers and prepare their children, just as they prepare them for going to the playground or crossing the street.

Educators

Educators must remind students that people are not always who they claim to be and that Internet information is not always accurate or appropriate.

Robert Jackson, a local Allen resident and Software Engineer with over 20 years experience developing Internet Software Solutions, will discuss Internet Safety.

DATE: Tuesday, March 9, 2010
TIME: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
LOCATION: Olson Elementary Cafeteria

Childcare will be provided in the gym.
This event is free and open to the public.

Contact Tami Alexander at tamibcb@yahoo.com with any questions.