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TAKS Testing and Simulation

The 4th grade TAKS Writing test will be given on **Wednesday, March 3rd**. Also, **Tuesday, March 9th** will be Math Simulation for grades 3, 4, and 6.

NO visitors, volunteers or lunch visitors allowed at school these day. Thank you for your cooperation!

Anderson Elementary School Parent Survey

The Campus Improvement Team at Anderson Elementary School would appreciate your input and feedback. The following survey is designed for us to gather information from you in order to develop our goals and objectives for the upcoming year. Please complete the survey below and we ask that you only submit **ONE** survey per family. Thank you in advance for helping Anderson continue to be a great place to learn. Deadline for completing the survey is **March 19th**.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RJHKQD8>

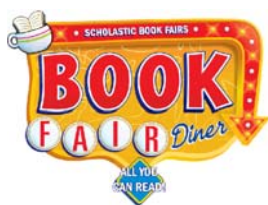
Dismissal Information – PLEASE READ!!!

We are experiencing a large amount of traffic congestion at the back of the school near the playground during dismissal. For the safety of our students, please follow the pick up procedures established by the school by picking students up in the younger car rider or older car rider lines on each side of the building. These lines flow much quicker this year due to the decrease in our student population.

In addition, please allow time for all of our students to be dismissed before using the playground area. Thank you for your cooperation.



“Book Fair Diner” Opens Next Week!!



Next week is our spring book fair! Please join us at the “Book Fair Diner”, where you and your students will find all kinds of fun new titles. You can also donate a book to a teacher’s classroom library.

The Book Fair will be open all week (including VIP Day!) 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 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (new time!)

Watch for a flyer coming home in your Thursday folder. It highlights many of the great books that will be at the fair. Thanks for your support!

Open House and VIP Day

Open House will be held on **Thursday, March 11th** and VIP Day will be on **Friday, March 12th**. Please see the additional e-mail attachments regarding these events and a copy of the lunch release permission slip for Friday the 12th.

PLEASE NOTE: All visitors will be required to enter through the front door (no entry allowed from the gym doors) and all visitors must sign in through RAPTOR (bring drivers license if not already logged into the system).

Dr. Seuss visits the Lunch Room

Hi Students! You all know who Dr. Seuss is right? Well, we are celebrating his birthday on **Tues, March 9th**. We are serving that famous dish - 'Green Eggs and Ham' for breakfast and we will be having several give away items for some lucky students at the register during the breakfast serving time.

PLUS, **March 8th through March 12th** is National School Breakfast Week, so if you have never eaten breakfast at your school, you should come check us out. Hope to see you in the Cafeteria for breakfast real soon!! Thanks again, from your Cafeteria Staff!



SHAMROCKS ARE HERE!!!

We are proud to help support MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) by selling shamrocks. Green and Gold Shamrocks will be on sale for \$1 (green) and \$5 (gold) **March 1st thru 12th**. The money raised helps pay for MDA kids to experience summer camp.

Shooting Stars - February

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

Kindergarten: Madison Garstka, Evan Shriner, Peyton Garbett, Carter Harris, Colin Burke
 1st Grade: Jaedyn Carpenter, Jack Lubow, Elizabeth Castillo, Zoe Courtade, Jenna Lee
 2nd Grade: McKenna Jeffrey, Louis Yang, Tomas Gutierrez, Mellissa Ngwenya
 3rd Grade: Malik Brown, Ganon Greenwalt, Matthew Tao, Leah Nowell, Cody Ho
 4th Grade: Hanna Robinson, Brendan Outen, Alyssa Brown, Rija Abbas, Kyle Williams
 5th Grade: Parker Rexford, Maya Shivers, Kirsten Munson, Elena Tranka
 6th Grade: Adrianna Chukwuma, Kyria Seitz, Ethan Campbell, Kennedy Cherry



Specials Awards – 4th Grading Period

Congratulations to the following students selected for Special's Shooting Stars.

Art

Dylan Rand
 Kylie Simmons
 Diego Ramirez
 Jenna Jones
 Camden Alpert
 Angela Liu
 Rasmiyah Gazi
 Malik Brown
 Byron Cox
 Rija Abbas
 Cameron Brill
 Devin Mason
 Nathan Brown
 Nicole Hatch

Music

Lillian Wilson
 Kevin Campbell
 Shelby Galbraith
 Devin Moss
 Kim Le
 Christopher Firch
 Darcy Williams
 Christopher Bridges
 Loren Hughes
 Garrett Babin
 Arden van Beek
 Caleb Darnell
 Morgan Robicheaux
 Tyler Ratanamongkala

PE

Eden Sanchez
 Drake Madole
 Trinity Baker
 David Sajdak
 Shree Mohapatra
 Koby Lutrell
 Morgan Hargrove
 Braden Crouser
 Jara Bowen
 Michael Miller
 Aubri Babin
 Rasan Alam
 Kennedy Cherry
 Lawrence Fung

Counselor's Comments



Watch DOGS:

The open dates in **March** are the 23rd, 24th, 25th, 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:

March's Core Essential is **Honesty**. **Honesty** means watching what you say and do so others will trust you.

PEER MEDIATION: There will be a meeting this week on **Wednesday, March 3rd** in Room 132.

SAFETY PATROL: **Team A** will be on duty through March 5th. **Team B** starts their duty March 8th.

GUIDANCE LESSONS: I will be in the Kindergarten classrooms this week.



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.

Anderson Box Tops for Education News

Congratulations to Hayden Weber who was the lucky winner of the Strikz Family Fun Pass! Thanks so much to everyone that participated in the February collection contest.

During the month of March one student will have the opportunity to win a pass for 4 games of miniature golf at Adventure Landing! Thanks so much to Adventure Landing for donating this great prize! 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 April to announce the winner.

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, March 26th.**



Thanks for your support! *Sandy Rednour – Box Tops Coordinator*

PTA Event Recap

Thank you to everyone that attended the pizza fundraiser dinner and African Drumming program!!!

The drawing winners were: Carrie Hines – jewelry basket and Kristin White – hotel getaway. Door Prize winners were: Andrew Mansell (Oonk), Brandee Guyton, Josh Pyle (Latos), Esthor Swanstrom (Wollmuth), and Amanda Mansell (Hayden).

We would like to thank Beth Callahan, owner of Beth's Door, for donating the jewelry basket. Anderson PTA can use code PTA15 for an additional 15% off at www.bethsdoor.com. expires 3/30/10

Papa Murphy's coupon cards are on sale in the office for \$3 (an over \$30 value). Proceeds will benefit the PTA.

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.

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**. 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.

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.

UPCOMING ALL-STAR EVENTS

Wednesday, March 3rd	Saturday, March 6th	Tuesday, March 9th	March 8th - 12th
<p>TAKS Writing Test</p> <p>4th Grade</p>	<p>Allen ISD Eagle Run</p> 	<p>TAKS Math Simulation</p> <p>Grades 3, 4, & 6</p>	<p>Book Fair</p> 
Thursday, March 11th	Friday, March 12th	March 15th - 19th	
<p>Open House</p> 	<p>VIP Day</p> 	<p>Spring Break</p> 	

LUNCH MENU

Wednesday, Mar 3	Thursday, Mar 4	Friday, Mar 5	Monday, Mar 8	Tuesday, Mar 9
Pepperoni Pizza Wedge Cheese Pizza Wedge Chef Salad w/ Turkey Iced Cinnamon Biscuit Veggie of the Day Garden Salad Sliced Pears Box of Raisins Red Jell-O	Baked Tostido Combo Hot Dog Yogurt Combo w/ Apple Cinnamon Muffin Steamed Rice Corn & Black Bean Salsa Baby Carrots Strawberries & Bananas Apple Sugar Cookie	Chicken Tenders Fish Nuggets & Cornbread Turkey Sandwich w/ Baked Lays French Fries Cucumber Slices  Green Peas Banana Green Jell-O	Hamburger / Cheeseburger Chicken Sandwich Turkey & Cheese Sub Italian Roast Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Sliced Peaches Texas Red Grapefruit Wedge Fruit of the Day Blue Jell-O Cherry Granola Bar	Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Uncrustable Grilled Cheese Chef Salad w/ Ham French Breadstick Potato Tomato Soup Veggie of the Day Fruit of the Day Texas Red Grapefruit Wedge Vanilla Pudding

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

http://www.allenisd.org/20061069152318433/lib/20061069152318433/March_Peanut_Aware_Elem_Lunch.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.