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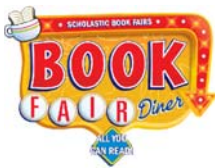
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Anderson Elementary School Parent Survey

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>



All You Can Read at the Book Fair Diner

Have you visited the Book Fair Diner yet? It's not too late!

The Book Fair will be open the rest of this week from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room, including VIP Day! You can also shop the Book Fair on Open House night, Thursday, March 11th, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Open House and VIP Day

Open House will be held on **Thursday, March 11th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm (come and go)** and VIP Day will be on **Friday, March 12th starting at 8:30 am (registration starts at 8:00 am)**. 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).

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.

ACO Care & Share Donations

In the month of March, we are collecting **diapers**. Just drop your items in the bin by the side entrance near the Kindergarten classrooms. Thanks for helping those in need here in Allen! Cheryl Danielson, rlcrd@sbcglobal.net

Allen Council of PTA's

The Allen Council of PTAs nominating committee is currently seeking individuals interested in serving on the Council Board for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested in a position, know someone who is or would like more information, please contact a committee member. The committee members are Susan Jackson, susanmjackson@yahoo.com, Julie Nogaj, julienogaj@yahoo.com and Sheena Payne, spayne8405@yahoo.com

March is National Nutrition Month

New breakfast menu will be offered at elementary & middle schools.

Resources: School Nutrition Association website contains "Tools for Kids"

<http://docs.schoolnutrition.org/meetingsandevents/nsbw2010/>

American Dietetic Association website contains "Interactive Quiz" (Are you eating right?)

<http://www.eatright.org/NNM/>

Education World contains many classroom activities

http://www.educationworld.com/a_special/nutrition.shtml

Counselor's Comments



Watch DOGS:

The open dates in **March** are the 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th.

The open dates in **April** are the 5th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 23rd, and 26th.

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 is necessary if children are to learn to trust and be trusted. It requires an accurate reporting of the facts and telling others what they need to hear. Here are some important principles to remember when trying to build to help your child being honest at home:

Model the truth. Children don't have to be taught to lie, but they do have to learn how to tell the truth. As a parent, you are in a key position to demonstrate honest behavior and conversation.

Understand a child's attitudes. One of two attitudes can usually be found at the root of dishonesty—selfishness and fear. Selfishness is a way to manipulate the circumstances to get something you want or to make others believe something that elevates your importance. Fear is an attempt to avoid the consequences of wrong behavior by denying or shifting the responsibility.

Provide consistent correction. Although you should remember that dishonest behavior is a natural tendency, deceptive mannerisms and words can become the normal response if they go unchecked. Encourage children to respond truthfully.

Explain the consequences. One difficulty in dealing with dishonest behavior is that there often is not an immediate negative consequence. Some children sometimes get what they want by dishonest means. It appears that stealing, cheating or lying costs them only if they are caught. Children naturally think it costs to be honest and it pays to be dishonest. We must convince them that just the opposite is true.

CATCH YOUR CHILD BEING HONEST

Core Essentials believes that a key way to help your child internalize the character values being taught is to "catch" them demonstrating the value. Here are a few suggestions on how you can catch your child, and let him or her know you see them being honest.

- He turns in items he finds, either at the pool or in a store or at the park.
- She answers questions truthfully.

Help your child make the connection between his or her honesty, and your ability to trust him or her with different tasks or responsibilities.

These are just a few ways you can catch your child showing honesty. The Core Essentials Program believes it takes an INWARD attitude to influence OUTWARD behavior. The Program is based on aligning the home and school to teach character.

If you do catch your child being honest, we would love to hear about it. Tell us what your child did in a note sent into the school, or an e-mail sent directly to his or her teacher.

PEER MEDIATION: There will be a meeting this week on **Wednesday, March 10th** in Room 132.

SAFETY PATROL: **Team B** is on duty.

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

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



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.**

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.

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.

UPCOMING ALL-STAR EVENTS

March 8th - 12th	Thur, March 11th	Fri, March 12th	Sun, March 14th	March 15th - 19th
Book Fair 	Open House 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm 	VIP Day 8:00 registration 8:30 program starts 	Daylight Saving 	Spring Break 

LUNCH MENU

Wednesday, Mar 10	Thursday, Mar 11	Friday, Mar 12	Monday, Mar 22	Tuesday, Mar 23
Pepperoni Pizza Wedge Cheese Pizza Wedge Chef Special Fresh Baked Roll Whole Kernel Corn Veggie of the Day Sliced Pears Texas Grapefruit Wedge Fruit of the Day Green Jell-O	Chicken Quesadilla Mini Ribs on a Bun Deli Combo Steamed Rice Ranch Style Beans Veggie of the Day Cinnamon Apples Texas Grapefruit Wedge Fruit of the Day Carnival Cookie	Chicken Tenders Shrimp Poppers w/ Rice Yogurt Combo Homestyle Biscuit Green Beans Veggie of the Day Peach Crisp Texas Grapefruit Wedge Fruit of the Day Red Jell-O	Hamburger / Cheeseburger Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Chef Special Buttered Noodles Green Peas Garden Medley Orange Smiles Box of Raisins Blue Jell-O 	Baked Potato w/ Toppings Orange Chicken & Rice Chef Salad w/ Ham Homemade Cornbread Herb Broccoli & Cauliflower Whole Kernel Corn Sliced Peaches Apple Mango Sherbet

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