



Anderson Elementary '09-'10

## All-Star Gazer

Teaming up for Success



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### TAKS Tests – April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math TAKS test will be given on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Reading TAKS test will be given on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup>. Due to the testing visitors, volunteers, and lunch visitors will not be allowed on these two days.

### Shooting Stars for March

Congratulations to our Shooting Stars for the month of March. The students were chosen by their teachers for exhibiting Honesty which was our Core Essential for the Month and also the traits from our All-Star Creed. They had their picture taken with "George the Star" and got to eat lunch with Mrs. Norris on the stage at the table of honor. Their picture will be up on our Shooting Star wall in the front of the school and they will also receive a certificate and a copy of their photo with "George".

- Kindergarten - Hayden Weber, Aashir Aqueel, Kyndall Wheaton, Anna Pankov, Amisha Baidya  
1st Grade - Connor Rand, Meg Kirkpatrick, Emma Hernandez, Camden Alpert, Amanda Mansell  
2nd Grade - Faith Scott, Jordan Tucker, Angela Liu, Bryce Outen  
3rd Grade - Ryan Young, Jesse Chou, Abby Carol, Jordan Rednour  
4th Grade - Addie Kirkpatrick, Ryler Anderson, Za'Tayzia Thompson, Kayla Cortez, Kelsey Pumphrey  
5th Grade - Abby Rains, Nicholas Vo, Mark Hedges, Kyle Kerr  
6th Grade - Lauren McClellan, Michaela Rouse, Kaitlin Simmons, Abby Banks



### Counselor's Comments

**Watch DOGS:** Yeah! Our days are starting to fill up! We have no openings next week. Here is what we have for the rest of the year:

April: Fri 4.16, Mon 4.19, Tue 4.20, Mon 4.26

May: Tue 5.4, Thu 5.6, Mon-Thu 5.10-13, Mon-Thu 5.17-20, Mon-Wed 5.24-26, Tue 6.1

Let's get those dates filled! Here's a 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 me with the open date you want, complete your background check, and order a t-shirt! I will be placing an order THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>. The order form is attached.**

We look forward to having you join the Watch DOGS pack!



**Core Essentials:** April's Core Essential is Friendship. Friendship means, "Finding someone that you enjoy spending time with and trust." Be looking for this month's materials in your student's folder.

**Peer Mediation:** There will be a Peer Mediation meeting this week!

**Safety Patrol:** This week is the last week for Team B to be on duty. Get ready for next Team A!

**Guidance Lessons:** I will be in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classrooms this week. Make sure you ask your student about his/her lesson!

**MISC:** Did you go to the talk on Girl Relationships at Green Elementary on Thursday? If so, let me know how it was and if it's something you would like to see more of here at our school. Email me at Karen\_McWilliams@allenisd.org.

**Spring Fling is Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 9 pm. See flyer attachment for more info.**

### Bottlecaps are BACK!!!

Bottlecaps are on sale again in the school office benefiting Relay for Life. \$3 bottlecaps and \$2 necklaces

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## Anderson PTA Board



If you are interested in becoming more active in your child's school there are volunteer positions still open for next years PTA Board. We would love to have you as part of the Anderson PTA Board. To learn more about a specific position please contact Nikki Spurgin at [nikmoe@me.com](mailto:nikmoe@me.com). You can also find a description of the positions at <http://www.andersonpta.com/rules.pdf>. The following positions are currently open for the 2010-11 school year:

2 <sup>nd</sup> VP – Programs	Box Tops Coordinator	Student Programs
Treasurer	ACO Coordinator	Competitive Bees
Environmental	Hospitality	Newcomer's Chairman
Technology	Newsletter	Spirit Wear
Kindergarten Co-Leads	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Co-Leads	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Co- Leads

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## Curtis Middle School PTA

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents – Curtis Middle School PTA is in need of volunteers to serve on the PTA Board for the 2010-11 school year. If you can help out or are interested in learning more about a specific position please contact Nicole Wulf at [nicole.wulf@yahoo.com](mailto:nicole.wulf@yahoo.com). The available positions are:

Assistant to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP – Ways & Means	Secretary	Treasurer
Arts in Education / Reflections	Volunteers Assistant	Lowery Liaison
Teacher Appreciation	Teacher Appreciation Assistant	Citizenship



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## Anderson PTA Life Membership Nominations

We are currently taking nominations for this year's Honorary PTA Life Membership awards. Think of people that you have noticed consistently providing outstanding service to the Anderson students and staff by going over and above. They can be a parent, grandparent, friend, teacher, etc. Anderson PTA typically honors 2 teachers and 2 volunteers per school year with this honor. If you would like to nominate an outstanding Anderson PTA member please send nominee names to [ashsouthard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ashsouthard@sbcglobal.net) ASAP, but no later than **Tuesday, April 6th**.

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## Pie Baking Contest Winners



Two Anderson 5th graders entered the Pie Baking contest on March 27th at the Allen Heritage Guild.

**Emily Shriner** won 1st place in her age group (under 17) with her grandmother's apple pie recipe. Emily also won the grand prize, beating out very experienced bakers.

**Kirsten Munson** won 2nd place in her age group (under 17) with a peach pie with a lattice top.

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## Notes from Nurse Roberts

### Immunizations Due for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Entry

#### ATTENTION 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents:

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

Tdap (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis)\*

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

Varicella, 2<sup>nd</sup> dose

Meningococcal

**Take note that most 6<sup>th</sup> graders have not had these immunizations.** 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:

**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.



## 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.**

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## Student Nutrition Department is Now Hiring!!

Start now in a 4 hour training position working 10am – 2pm to become eligible for a permanent spot in August 2010. Apply online at [www.allenisd.org](http://www.allenisd.org) and choose "Substitute Food Service Worker". Do It Today!!!

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## Anderson Box Tops for Education – April 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 May 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, April 30th.**

Thanks for your support! Sandy Rednour – Box Tops Coordinator

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## Relay for Life

The theme for Relay for Life this year is celebrating birthdays. We are selling paper birthday cakes for \$1.00 to remember those we have lost to cancer and to celebrate those who have survived the fight. Not only will you get to honor a loved one, but your child will receive a lei to wear in their honor. We will be displaying the birthday cakes around our campsite, Luau for Life, the night of the relay. Help us support the American Cancer Society and buy a cake!

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## Smencils are on sale \$1 each

This project benefits the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade sponsored George Anderson Scholarship Fund.



## Advanced Academics Update – Current 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be evaluated for Pre-AP/IB classes in English/Reading, Science and Mathematics. Evaluations are based on first semester grade in related course, 5<sup>th</sup> grade TAKS score in related subject, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade CogAT in related subject. Placements are made based on meeting two of the three criteria. Notification of placement is via the course selection sheet students receive in May. If a student does not qualify, there is an opportunity to appeal. Appeal forms are available and may be submitted online. We are excited to offer Texas History Pre-AP/IB 7, a new course for 2010–2011. All students are eligible for this course.

Information about Math 6 Pre-AP/IB for current 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be available in next month's newsletter or you may check out our website. For additional information, please check the Advanced Academics website found at [allenisd.org](http://allenisd.org), click on Departments, then Learner Services and select Advanced Academics/AP/IB Programs.

### ACO Care & Share Donations

During the month of April, we are collecting **toothpaste and toothbrushes**.





Also, in April we will have a drawing for two Zhu Zhu pet hamsters. For each item a student brings for ACO, their name will be submitted in a drawing for these prizes. For example, if the student brings three items, their name will be entered in the drawing three times. The drawing will be held the first week in May.

Please bring the donations in a plastic baggie with the student's name, grade and teacher written on it. Please be sure to drop the donations in the bin by the side entrance near the Kindergarten classrooms by **Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks for helping your community!




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

### UPCOMING ALL-STAR EVENTS

Wed, April 7	Thurs, April 8	Tue, April 13	Fri, April 16	Wed, April 21
<b>5th Grade Reading TAKS Test</b> 	<b>PTA Board Meeting</b>  <span style="color: red;">6pm</span>	<b>Two Rows Spirit Night</b>		<b>Yougurtville Spirit Night</b>
		<b>Thur, April 15</b>		
		<b>Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night</b>		
Fri, April 23	Tue, April 27	Wed, April 28	Thur, April 29	Fri, April 30
<b>Cash for Cans</b> 	<b>3rd, 4th, &amp; 6th Math TAKS Test</b>	<b>3rd, 4th, &amp; 6th Reading TAKS Test</b>	<b>5th Grade Science TAKS Test</b>  <b>Purple Cow Spirit Night</b>	<b>Spring Fling</b> <span style="color: red;">7pm - 9pm</span> 

### LUNCH MENU

Wednesday, April 7	Thursday, April 8	Friday, April 9	Monday, April 12	Tuesday, April 13
Tyson Crisпитos Chicken Enchiladas Deli Combo Spanish Rice Refried Beans Garden Salad Pears & Cherries Orange Smiles Holiday Ice Cream Cup	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 	Chicken Tenders Sloppy Joe on a Bun Yogurt Combo w/ Apple Cinnamon Muffin Tri-Taters Mixed Vegetables Celery Sticks Cinnamon Apples Banana Red Jell-O	Hamburger / Cheeseburger Honey Lime Turkey Fajita Chef Special Goldfish Graham Flame Roasted Potato Medley Green Beans Rosy Applesauce Orange Smiles Blue Jell-O	Oriental Rice & Egg Roll Hot Dog Yogurt Combo w/ Apple Cinnamon Muffin Homemade Cornbread Kyoto Edamame Blend Garden Salad Pineapple Tidbits Apple Chocolate Pudding

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

[http://www.allenisd.org/20061069152318433/lib/20061069152318433/April\\_Elem\\_Lunch\\_Peanut\\_Aware.pdf](http://www.allenisd.org/20061069152318433/lib/20061069152318433/April_Elem_Lunch_Peanut_Aware.pdf)

## Watch DOGS T-shirt Order Form

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_



\$12	\$14
___ small	___ 2XL
___ medium	___ 3XL
___ large	___ 4XL
___ XL	___ 5XL



\$14
___ youth small
___ y medium
___ y large
___ y XL
___ adult small



\$12	\$12
___ youth small	___ adult small
___ y medium	___ a medium
___ y large	___ a large
___ y XL	___ a XL
	___ a 2XL



\$14
___ youth small
___ y medium
___ y large
___ y XL
___ adult small



\$12
___ adult small
___ a medium
___ a large
___ a XL
___ a 2XL



\$14	\$17
___ adult small	___ adult 2XL
___ a medium	___ 3XL
___ a large	
___ a XL	

Total # of shirts ordered: _____	Total amount paid: _____
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Starred shirt is the "Official" Watch DOGS uniform that dads order. Others are available to students and moms. © Make checks payable to Anderson PTA.