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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 year's PTA Board.

Please see the attached document for more information regarding the open positions.

TAKS Tests – April 27th, 28th, and 29th

TAKS tests will be administered next week. Due to the testing visitors, volunteers, and lunch visitors will not be allowed on these three days:

Tuesday, April 27 – Math grades 3, 4, and 6

Wednesday, April 28 – Reading grades 3, 4, and 6

Thurs, April 29 – Science grade 5

Earth Day Community Project

Several 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes have been working on a community project for Earth Day. Earth Day is April 22nd and is all about creating awareness for the conservation of our planet. We have teamed up with local Kroger grocery stores for this project. The students have created Earth Day messages on the backs of recycled grocery bags to be handed out on Earth Day at participating Kroger stores. Anderson student's bags will be used to bag groceries at the **Kroger located at 1212 E Bethany on April 22nd**.



Spring Fling

TAKS testing is over on April 29th, and we're going to celebrate our students' success!



Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for an evening of family fun on **Friday, April 30th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** We'll strut our stuff on the gym floor with a live DJ who'll be playing fun music for the whole family. Each grade level will have a moment in the spotlight to show off their dance skills. There will be plenty of time to express your individual dance style!

This event is an opportunity for the entire family to celebrate the students' successes of the year. **All students must be accompanied by an adult.** All proceeds benefit Anderson PE, Music, Art, Library and Computer Lab. Thank you for your support!

\$4 Advance ticket purchase options:

- 1) Purchase tickets online at the [AISD Webstore](#) from 4/13-4/28 (credit card/check)
- 2) Ticket booth in the school foyer, 7:30 -8:00 am, from 4/26-4/30 (cash/check)
- 3) Return order form to the music room from 4/13-4/29 (cash/check) Order forms will go home in this week's Thursday folders.

Tickets may also be purchased at the dance for \$5 each.

2010 School Supplies

The order form to purchase school supplies for next year is attached. Please complete a form and return it, with your payment, to school by **Friday, April 30th**.



Did you know that your purchase helps support your school with all proceeds going to the Anderson PTA?

K-5 Field Day T-Shirts

K-5 Field Day is Friday, May 28th. We are ordering t-shirts again this year with the station numbers printed on the back.

The order form is attached to this newsletter. Please print out an order form (one per family) and send it back by **Thursday, April 29th**. We will not be ordering extras – so please get your order in by the 29th. THANKS!

Talent Show

Star Light, Star Bright – the Anderson PTA Talent Show is heading our way!

The 2010 Talent Show will be held at the All Star Café on **Friday, May 14th**; with a **mandatory** Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday, May 11th. Please see attached flyer for program details!

Counselor's Comments

Watch DOGS: Here is what we have for the rest of the year:

April: Mon 4.26

May: Tue 5.4, Thu 5.6, Tue 5.11, Thu 5.13, Mon-Thu 5.17-20, Tue 5.25, Wed 5.26, 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



Remember to: email me (karen.mcwilliams@allenisd.org) with the open date you want, complete your background check, and order a t-shirt! The order form is attached. We look forward to having you join the Watch DOGS pack!

CORE ESSENTIALS: FRIENDSHIP: Finding someone you enjoy spending time with and trust.

What are the basic points about friendship we can teach our children that will help them start and grow meaningful friendships?

Friendships add meaning to life. From the earliest memories each of us can recall, there are particular individuals who define times, places or circumstances in our past. We associate enjoyable times with the people who shared the experience with us. The names of "best" friends may change, but the closeness of shared experiences always remains. Friends add meaning to our lives by their gift of friendship.

The friendship choices we make affect us in many ways. Children sometimes attach a great deal of importance to having a particular friend or being included in a certain group. They believe happiness or significance will be achieved through building just the right relationship. The individuals we wish to call friends may influence us to change in some way to become "suitable." Our response to those pressures is critical. The people we include in our inner circle of influence—our friends—contribute greatly to our attitudes, behavior and style of building future relationships.

Building friendships takes work. Some individuals enter or leave our lives. But the people who endure in our memories are those with whom we invest our time and energy to build a friendship. Any relationship of value to us will require effort and determination to consider another person's interests. Friends loyally endure tough situations, spend time together, prove they can be trusted, listen to one another's problems and learn to work through disagreements.

CATCH YOUR CHILD BEING A FRIEND

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 a friend:

- She helps a new kid in your neighborhood feel welcome.
- He plays well with others.
- She goes out of her way to help others, such as being a friend to someone who seems to be friendless.

These are just a few ways you can catch your child showing friendship. 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 a good friend, 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.

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PEER MEDIATION: There will not be a peer mediation meeting this week and I am canceling next week's meeting due to TAKS. I am rescheduling the meeting to **Wednesday, May 5th**. Mark your calendars Peer Mediators!

SAFETY PATROL: Calling all Team A Safety Patrol members! Make sure you are doing your assignment!

GUIDANCE LESSONS: I will be in 4th grade classrooms this week. If you have a 4th grader, ask them about the filter in their brain.

Calling all 4-6 Parents!!

Do you want your child to be more responsible?

Wouldn't it be great if they cleaned their room without your having to beg?!

If so, please join me on **Thursday, May 6th** from 7-8 pm in the Cafeteria for **Positive Steps to Responsibility**. All you need is yourself and your child! I will provide the rest. Hope to see you there!

Bottlecaps are BACK!!!

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

Kindergarten Summer Meet & Greets

The PTA will be hosting one or two Kindergarten Meet & Greets over the summer so new Kindergarten children and families can begin to get acquainted with each other. If you have an upcoming Kindergarten please e-mail Nancy Brown at nancy.brown72@yahoo.com to make sure you are on the Kindergarten contact list. (exact dates to be determined)

Library News

Author Visit:

This year our guest author will be Phil Bildner. He will be presenting a program to our students on **Friday, May 14th** explaining how and why he writes his books. For several years he taught 5th and 6th grades in New York City devising creative and innovative ways to teach his classes. Later he transferred to Upper Manhattan and taught English and American History to 6th, 7th and 8th graders. His specialty included integrating music and the arts into his classroom curriculum. In 2006 he left teaching to become a full-time writer. His picture books include Shoeless Joe & Black Betsy (Bluebonnet Award nominee in 2003-2004), The Shot Heard 'Round the World, Twenty One Elephants, The Greatest Game Ever Played, Turkey Bowl, The Hallelujah Flight (his latest book) and the New York Times bestselling chapter book series, Sluggers!.

The Anderson Elementary Library, in partnership with Barnes and Noble, is offering his books for sale prior to his visit. Each book will be autographed and personalized. The presale order form will be sent home in the Thursday folder. Please complete the order form and send your money or check (**made out to Barnes & Noble**) to school with your child. Books should be paid for in advance. You do not need to go to Barnes and Noble to pick up the autographed books as they will be distributed at Anderson. Please note that some titles are only offered in hardback while others are available in paperback. For more information about Phil Bildner and his books, visit his website at www.philbildner.com.

Water Bottle Alert:

Please remind your child to refrain from placing their water bottles in their backpacks. Materials in their backpacks, especially library books, become damaged due to water leakage and/or condensation which forms on outside of the bottle. We do not want students to have to pay for the books.

Curtis Middle School PTA

6th 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. The available positions are:

Assistant to the 2nd VP – Ways & Means

Secretary

Treasurer

Arts in Education / Reflections

Volunteers Assistant

Lowery Liaison

Teacher Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation Assistant

Citizenship



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. You can buy yours before school in the gym or up by the office.

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!

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

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 and choose "Substitute Food Service Worker". Do It Today!!!

Smencils are on sale \$1 each

This project benefits the 6th Grade sponsored George Anderson Scholarship Fund.

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 30th**. Thanks for helping your community!



Ceryl Danielson, rlcrcd@sbcglobal.net

UPCOMING ALL-STAR EVENTS

Wed, April 21	Fri, April 23	Tue, April 27	Wed, April 28	Thur, April 29
Yougurtville Spirit Night	Cash for Cans 	3rd, 4th, & 6th Math TAKS Test	3rd, 4th, & 6th Reading TAKS Test 	5th Grade Science TAKS Test
Thur, April 29	Fri, April 30	Fri, May 21	Fri, May 28	Wed, June 2
Purple Cow Spirit Night	Spring Fling 7pm - 9pm 	6th Grade Field Day	K-5 Field Day	6th Grade Graduation 

LUNCH MENU

Wednesday, April 21	Thursday, April 22	Friday, April 23	Monday, April 26	Tuesday, April 27
Chicken Quesadilla Mini Ribs on a Bun Deli Combo Steamed Rice Ranch Style Beans Cole Slaw Cinnamon Apples Orange Smiles Carnival Cookie	Pepperoni Pizza Wedge Cheese Pizza Wedge Salad Trio Fresh Baked Roll Whole Kernel Corn Broccoli Bites Sliced Pears Apple Red Jell-O	Chicken Tenders Shrimp Poppers w/ Rice Yogurt Combo Homestyle Biscuit Green Beans Baby Carrot Banana Half Cherry Crisp Green 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 Sherbert



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

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.