



Anderson Elementary '09-'10

All-Star Gazer

Teaming up for Success



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Teacher Appreciation Week – May 3rd thru 7th

Our teachers at Anderson are the BEST! We need to take every opportunity to tell them how much they are appreciated! The PTA will be saying “thank you” to our Awesome Teachers this week as follows:

Monday, May 3:	Muffins & Drinks – PTA provided
Wednesday, May 5:	Catered Lunch – PTA provided
Thursday, May 6:	You are Extra Special – PTA provided
Friday, May 7:	Ice Cream Sundaes – PTA provided

Please join us honoring them and letting them know how important they are! **Students** may participate showing their appreciation to their teacher(s) this week as follows:

Monday & Tuesday, May 3-4:	Thank you cards – students
Wednesday, May 5:	Teacher’s favorite snack(s) – students **see attachment list**
Thursday & Friday, May 6-7:	school supplies – students



6th Graders ID Pictures

All 6th grade students will have their picture taken for their Curtis Middle School ID on **Wednesday, May 5th at 9:00 am.**

Anderson PTA Board -- We Need You!!!



If you are interested in becoming more active in your child’s school there are **8** volunteer positions still open for next year’s PTA Board. Please consider becoming a part of the board and making a difference in our school!

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

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. All preorders for Phil Bildner’s books must be turned in by this **Wednesday, May 5th**. Please complete the order form and send your money or check (**made out to Barnes & Noble**) to school with your child. Extra preorder forms are available in the library. 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.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Judy McMahan (Librarian) at judy_mcmahan@allenisd.org or call the library at 972-396-6924.

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.

Counselor's Comments

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!

K-5 Field Day Volunteers

K-5 Field Day is Friday, May 28th, and we need your help to run the fun!! The kids will be split into two sessions – K – 2nd in the morning and 3rd – 5th in the afternoon. We will have 36 stations again this year so we will need LOTS of help.

If you would like to volunteer please e-mail Alicia Beidleman at mama2boty@sbcglobal.net with your availability (morning/afternoon/all day). Also, if you want to work a specific station, work with a specific person, don't want to get wet, need to be inside, etc., please specify these types of requests in your e-mail.

Please make sure you have completed your AISD Volunteer Registration for the '09-'10 school year. 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**.

Bottlecaps are BACK!!!

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

Math 6 Pre-AP Information



The advanced math sequence begins in 6th grade. The name of the course was changed to Math 6 Pre-AP to reflect alignment with secondary coursework and the High School advanced program. This program is designed to accelerate students in mathematics and provide coursework that will prepare students to take Calculus as a senior. This change creates a more developmentally appropriate sequence which compacts the curriculum in the 6th and 7th grade, adding more depth and complexity to existing curriculum and creating a pre-AP course that better aligns with secondary Pre-AP and AP strands.

All 5th grade students will be evaluated for entry into this course by reviewing a student's final math grade and Math TAKS scores from both the 4th and 5th grade. Principals will be notified before school begins of those students that qualified for entry into this course. If a student does not qualify for Pre-AP math at this time, he/she will be re-evaluated in the spring of 6th grade for Math 7 Pre-AP.

If you have any questions please contact Beth Nicholas, Director of Curriculum and Assessment at 972-727-0511. For additional information, please check the Advanced Academics website found at allenisd.org, click on Departments, then Learner Services and select Advanced Academics/AP/IB Programs.

Nurse's Notes

6th grade parents: Only **40%** of all our 6th graders have had immunizations required for entry into 7th grade next year. Students are required to have the Tdap, Varicella, 2nd dose and the Meningococcal prior to entering 7th grade. They will not be allowed to pick up their schedule in August at Curtis until all immunizations are up to date. Please turn in proof of immunizations to the Anderson clinic no later than:

Monday, May 24, 2010.

There will be a **FREE Immunization** clinic for children 0-18yrs at Bolin Elementary on **May 19** from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. This is provided by CareVan. Please bring your child's immunization record. Child must be accompanied by parent or guardian. For additional information and sites please view: www.carevan.org.



Work While Your Kids are in School! The 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 'Job Opportunities', 'Classified', 'Student Nutrition', then 'Substitute Food Service Worker'. Do It Today!!

Cafeteria News



Beginning **Monday 5/24**, charging lunch **WILL NOT** be allowed. Students with insufficient funds in their lunch account will be offered an Alternate Meal which consists of 3 side items and a milk from the Plate Lunch line. You can check your child's account balance by registering on the website: www.paypams.com.

Negative account balances should be paid immediately. If there is a balance on your child's account, it will stay in the account until next school year, which includes students transferring to a different AISD school. Thank you for allowing us to serve your children!

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 Kindergartner 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)

Smencils are on sale \$1 each

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

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!

UPCOMING ALL-STAR EVENTS

Thurs, May 6	Tue, May 11	Fri, May 14	Wed, May 19	Thur, May 20
Positive Steps to Responsibility 7-8 pm in the Cafeteria	Mandatory Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 5:30 PM	Author Visit Chess Club Talent Show 6:30 PM	Yogurtville Spirit Night	Volunteer Reception Breakfast Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
Fri, May 21	Fri, May 28	Mon, May 31	Wed, June 2	Fri, June 4
6th Grade Field Day 	K-5 Field Day 	NO SCHOOL 	6th Grade Graduation 	Last Day of School 

LUNCH MENU

Wednesday, May 5	Thursday, May 6	Friday, May 7	Monday, May 10	Tuesday, May 11
Soft Taco Italian Quesadilla Chef Special Steamed Rice Border Beans Garden Salad Pineapple Tidbits Orange Smiles Churro	Pepperoni Pizza Wedge Cheese Pizza Wedge Chicken Caesar Salad Banana Cake Broccoli Bites Baby Carrots Fruit Medley Green Jell-O	Chicken Tenders Fish Nuggets & Cornbread Ham & Cheese on Wheat Macaroni and Cheese Cucumber & Tomato Salad Zucchini Coins Cinnamon Apples Orange Smiles Blue Jell-O	Baked Chicken Mini Ribs on a Bun Chef Special Smashed Red Potatoes Green Peas Glazed Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Apple Blue Jell-O	Popcorn Chicken Baked Potato w/ Toppings Chef Salad w/ Spicy Chicken Fresh Baked Roll Creamed Spinach Whole Kernel Corn Orange Smiles Fruit Medley Chocolate Chip Cookie



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

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