



Anderson Elementary '09-'10

All-Star Gazer

Teaming up for Success



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Anderson PTA Board -- We Need You!!!

If you are interested in becoming more active in your child's school there are 6 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.

Teacher of the Year!!!



Congratulations to **Mrs. Melody Pence** on being selected as Anderson's Teacher of the Year for '09-'10.

Mrs. Pence is a dedicated 6th grade teacher that does a great job making math fun and interesting for our kids!

PTA Life Membership Awards '09-'10

The Anderson PTA is pleased to announce that the following recipients were selected to receive the Life Membership Award this year: **John Holley, Vanita Merrifield, Terri Drawert, and Phil van Beek.**

All are very deserving and we are proud that they are a part of the Anderson family! Thank you for all the hard work you do to make Anderson a great place for our kids! Congratulations!

Shooting Stars - April

Congratulations! The following students were chosen by their teacher for exhibiting "Friendship", which was our Core Essential for the month of April, and for exhibiting all the traits from our All-Star Creed.

Kindergarten: Dharma Dalby, Nicholas Tignor, Alexander Brune, Brenna Zerby, Emma Whitman

1st Grade: Tia Gonzales, David Sajdak, Nathan Nock, Shelby Galbraith, Kimberly Kaniu

2nd Grade: Christopher Firch, Andrew Fox, Taqi Abbas, Alex Tuttle

3rd Grade: Gabriella Fagnano, Hunter Bridges, Taylor Elliott, Elizabeth Sanford, Harrison Rexford

4th Grade: Anna Lanza, Jade Ware, Alexander Kaufman, Michelle Wu, Rabah Sohail

5th Grade: Joseph Fleming, Amanda Wehrmann, Jazmin Barron, Jacquie Mitzner

6th Grade: Payton Esparza, Trinh Le, Derek Wulf, Owen Skorcz



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!. 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.

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 in the All Star Café this **Friday, May 14th** at 6:30 pm.

Counselor's Comments

Watch DOGS:

We want a chance to tell all of our Watch DOGS thank you! So, if you have been or will be a Watch Dog at some point this year, then mark your calendar for the morning of Thursday, May 20th for our Volunteer Reception and "Donuts for DOGS"! More details to come as the date gets closer.

Only 2 dates left to fill!!!

Tuesday, May 11th

Friday, May 14th



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

Core Essentials:

Can you believe we are already on our last Core Essential for the year? May's Core Essential is patience. Patience is waiting for what you want right now. Children often learn patience – or lack of it – from their parents. Just today my 3 year old told the car in front of us to "Get out of the way!" Hmm...maybe I need to demonstrate a little more patience while driving!

Peer Mediation:

All current 5th and 6th grade Peer Mediators need to attend this week's meeting on Wednesday in Room 132 to plan our end of the year celebration!

Safety Patrol:

Calling all Team B Safety Patrol members! Make sure you are doing your assignment! If your student is a part of Safety Patrol, please remind them to be on time for duty. Just a few more weeks and then they are done!

Guidance Lessons:

Last week I was in K, 1, 5, and 6 grade classrooms. This week, I'll be in 2, 3 & 6.

Counseling Program Survey:

Last year was our first year to do a Parent Survey. I took what you said to heart and have tried to make some changes. Please take just a couple of minutes to complete the survey again this year. I appreciate you taking the time to help our program grow in a positive direction. Thank you!

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

Box Tops for Education – May Collection Contest

This month you will have the opportunity to win a \$25 game and ride pass to Amazing Jakes! Each student that brings in 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.**



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, May 28th**.

Thanks for your support!

Sandy Rednour – Box Tops Coordinator

Bottlecaps are BACK!!!

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

ACO Care & Share Donations

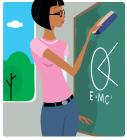
Thank you for the toothbrushes and toothpaste you contributed in April.

In the month of **May**, we are collecting **all purpose cleaners and paper towels**. 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 rclcrd@sbcglobal.net



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.

Notes from Nurse Roberts

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.

Heat Guidelines

Playing outside in all types of weather and temperatures is very healthy and promotes the well being derived from exercise. With safety for our students always being a focus, we wanted to make you aware of the guidelines we use in determining outside play in the heat. In determining whether children should go outside, the length of time outside and the activities, we consider the following factors:

- temperatures approaching 100 degrees Fahrenheit
- heat index making it "feel" 100 degrees, and
- air zone levels for children with breathing problems



Should the temperature and/or air quality be more severe than even short activity would be wise to engage in, we will then hold your child inside for that day. This will be determined by our nurse and the principal on days for which this may be a concern.

We will provide supervision inside for any children who need to remain indoors for medical reasons. We request that you make the school aware of any medical conditions that would make being outside potentially harmful, even if for just a short period of time by:

- contacting your child's teacher in writing, by phone or email for referral to our school nurse **or**
- contacting the school nurse directly in writing, by phone or email.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school nurse or your child's teacher. Again our goal is to give children the opportunity to play outside daily as the weather and temperature allows, but also taking into considerations conditions that would make that play potentially harmful. We encourage you to send water bottles with your children to take with them to recess.

Smencils are on sale \$1 each

The proceeds from this project benefits the 6th Grade sponsored George Anderson Scholarship Fund.

Cash for Cans – Friday, May 28th

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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)

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:



Treasurer

Arts in Education / Reflections

Lowery (AHS) Liaison



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

Tue, May 11	Fri, May 14	Fri, May 14	Wed, May 19	Thur, May 20
Mandatory Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 5:30 PM	Author Visit Chess Club	Talent Show in the All Star Café 6:30 PM	Yogurtville Spirit Night	Volunteer Reception Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 am 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 12	Thursday, May 13	Friday, May 14	Monday, May 17	Tuesday, May 18
Tyson Crisпитos Chicken Enchiladas Deli Combo Spanish Rice Refried Beans Garden Salad Pears & Cherries Orange Smiles Ice Cream Cup	Pepperoni Pizza Wedge Cheese Pizza Wedge Chef Special Multi-Grain Garlic Toast Broccoli Bites Garden Medley Sliced Peaches Apple Cherry Crisp Green Jell-O	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Hot Dog Baked Chips Celery Sticks Baby Carrots Grapes Watermelon Chocolate Chip Cookie	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Honey Lime Turkey Fajita Chef Special Flame Roasted Potato Medley Green Beans Rosy Applesauce Orange Smiles Goldfish Graham Blue Jell-O	Oriental Rice & Egg Roll Yogurt Combo w/ Apple Cinnamon Muffin Chef Special Homemade Cornbread Kyoto Edamame Blend Garden Salad Pineapple Tidbits Apple Chocolate Pudding



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