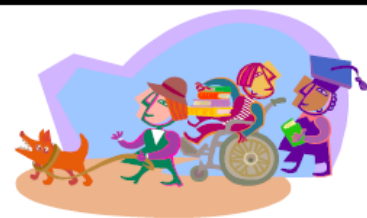




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Anderson PTA Board -- We Need You!!!

If you are interested in becoming more active in your child's school there are **3** 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.

K-5 Field Day Volunteers – Still Needed in Both Sessions!!

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!

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 **Wednesday, 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.

Specials Awards

Congratulations to the following students selected to receive the 5th grading period Specials Awards.

ART	MUSIC	PE
Britney Bui	Monique Inglehart	Zoe Tuttle
Austin Bridges	Cole Alexander	Zane Tucker
Maddie Linsteadt	Faanui Ghoguma	Zoe Courtade
Anthony White	Sean Robertson	Ayaz Mohiuddin
Jordan Tucker	Kelsey Dugger	Casey Paul
Casey McFerrin	Louis Yang	Abbie Heidenreich
Ryan Young	Lauren Parks	Conrad Pham
Jasmine Lalonde	Alex Manley	Libby Sandford
Madelyn Gross	Adela Garcia	Addie Kirkpatrick
Ian Davis	Luke Richardson	Brandon Outen
Andrea Hastings	Elena Tranka	Kane Ratanamongkala
Donovan Preston	Kendall Hyatt	Sidnee Guyton
Autumn Dennis	Nandita Srivatsa	Hunter Phelps
Joshua McNair	Tanner Ledet	Dylan Garza



Spirit Nights this Week!!!

Wednesday, May 19th at Yogurtville

Thursday, May 20th at Chick-Fil-A

Counselor's Comments

Watch DOGS:

++One spot just opened up! This Wednesday, May 19th needs a Dog on Duty! Please email me if you can fill this position. ☺ ++

Watch DOGS – You're Invited!

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, mark your calendar for the morning of **Thursday, May 20th** for our Volunteer Reception and "Donuts for DOGS"!

Core Essentials:

This month's Core Value is Patience. I can't remember if I've already put this article written by Jim Fay in the newsletter, but it goes perfectly with our value!

Have you ever met an impatient adult who demanded to be served without ever having to wait? As a teenager and young adult, I worked a few restaurant jobs where I really got to see the long-term results of poor parenting in some of our impatient patrons. Years later as a psychologist, I met many couples whose on-going marital conflict had a lot to do with the fact that they never learned to delay gratification as kids. On the highways of life, how many times do we see impatient people risk their lives - and the lives of many others - by trying to get just one car length ahead?

Are you giving your kids enough practice waiting? Or, have you fallen into the habit of serving them quickly to avoid a fit? Using behavioral conditioning, many children train their parents to jump to their every whim. They do this by gradually increasing the frequency and intensity of the punishment they provide when their parents don't move fast enough to meet their demands. As you well know, this "punishment" comes in the form of constantly repeating the same demand, whining, yelling, screaming, or even hitting.

Wise parents avoid this trap by setting solid limits:
I'll get that for you after I've seen you wait patiently.
I do things for kids who aren't being pushy and demanding.
You may have that when you've earned it.

Peer Mediation: No meeting this week!

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: I'm in Kindergarten and 4th grade this week. If your student is one of these grades, ask them what they did for guidance this week!

Counseling Program Survey: Thank you to those who completed the counseling program survey. I appreciate your feedback!

**Attention 6th Grade Students and Parents:
I need your Green 6 Year Plan Card signed and returned ASAP!!!!**

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



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.

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.

Bottlecaps are BACK!!!

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

Smencils are on sale \$1 each

Cash for Cans – Friday, May 28th

The proceeds from these projects benefit 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:

Treasurer

Arts in Education / Reflections

Lowery (AHS) Liaison



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 & Grets

The PTA will be hosting one or two Kindergarten Meet & Grets 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)








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

Wednesday, May 19	Thursday, May 20	Thursday, May 20	Friday, May 21
Yogurtville Spirit Night	Volunteer Reception Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 am	Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night	6th Grade Field Day 
Friday, May 28	Monday, May 31	Wednesday, June 2	Friday, June 4
K-5 Field Day 	NO SCHOOL 	6th Grade Graduation 	Last Day of School 

LUNCH MENU

Wednesday, May 19	Thursday, May 20	Friday, May 21	Monday, May 24	Tuesday, May 25
Nachos w/ Meat & Cheese Turkey Pot Pie Chef Salad w/ Egg Steamed Rice Corn & Black Bean Salsa Baby Carrots Strawberries & Bananas Apple Sugar Cookie	Pepperoni Pizza Wedge Cheese Pizza Wedge Chef Salad w/ Turkey Homestyle Biscuit Cucumbers & Tomato Salad Veggie of the Day Sliced Pears Apricot Crisp Red Jell-O 	Chicken Tenders Fish Nuggets & Cornbread Chef Special French Fries Green Peas Celery Sticks Orange Smiles Banana Green Jell-O	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Chicken Sandwich Turkey & Cheese Sub Italian Roast Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Sliced Peaches Cherry Granola Bar Apple Blue Jell-O	Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Uncrustable Grilled Cheese Chef Salad w/ Ham French Breadstick Veggie of the Day Celery Sticks Orange Smiles Fruit of the Day Vanilla 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