



Anderson Elementary '09-'10

All-Star Gazer

Teaming up for Success



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COUNTRY FAIR is this Saturday!!!!

Saturday, October 17th from 4pm - 7pm

This is a fun family event held each fall at Anderson. We will have games, bounce houses, food, and a dunk tank. Fun filled themed gift baskets will be displayed and auctioned during a silent auction. Please e-mail Shannon Garbett at ryangarbett@tx.rr.com if you would like to volunteer.

If you have any gift certificates/items you are willing to donate on behalf of a business, please contact Trisha Greenwalt at greenwalt99@sbcglobal.net

Please send in your donations as soon as possible as requested by each grade level (ie: 2 liter drinks, baked goods, etc.)



TICKET SALES INFORMATION

Tickets will be on sale before and after school on October 14 thru 16 for 5 / \$1

Ticket price at the door on Saturday will be 4 / \$1

Tickets will be used for games only – all food will be cash sales.

K-Kids and Pride Council Project

Anderson All-Stars are joining Kyle's Krew in the fight against brain cancer!

K-Kids and Pride Council are sponsoring a fund-raiser to help Anderson kindergarten student, Kyle Murray, in his efforts to raise money to educate others and help fight brain cancer. We are joining Kyle to celebrate his own victory over brain cancer. Don't miss your opportunity to buy a yellow STAR that will be displayed showing your support. STARS go on sale **Tuesday, October 13th** and will be sold for several weeks. The cost of each STAR is \$1.00. All donations received will benefit The National Brain Tumor Society.

While at the Country Fair....

Don't miss the opportunity to have your picture taken with George, the Anderson mascot. All donations received from these pictures will benefit The National Brain Tumor Society.

Veteran's Day Program



On **Nov. 12 at 7:00 p.m.**, the 5th grade students will honor our veterans and family members serving in the armed forces with a Veteran's Day program.

This program will pay tribute to servicemen and women of Allen families and will celebrate other national heroes as well. We would like to honor as many Allen veterans as possible. We're asking all Anderson families to help us spread the word about the program to any non-Anderson veterans you may know (neighbors, community members, etc). If you know a veteran who no longer has school-aged children, please extend them an invitation so we may honor their service to our country.

One way that we would like to acknowledge our veterans and servicemen/women is with a slide show. Please send any pictures of former and present servicemen/women (preferably in their uniform) to the music room. You may send these pictures electronically to cheryl_goodwin@allenisd.org or send them on a CD with your student. Do not send in original photos. Include the following information if possible:

Name of military personnel

Branch of armed services

Years of service (if known)

Relationship to Anderson student (e.g. uncle of Suzie Q, 3rd grade or neighbor to Peggie Sue, Kindergarten)

CHESS CLUB - meets this Friday, Oct. 16th @ 3:00 pm in the Science Lab.

Counselor's Comments – Mrs. McWilliams

Core Essentials:

INDIVIDUALITY: Discovering who you are meant to be so you can make a difference



Why is individuality important? Because individuality builds confidence. A child who is encouraged in his or her efforts will confidently explore and learn to use his or her talents. Individuality emphasizes a child's uniqueness. By realizing how they are special, children are able to accept others as individuals. Individuality develops the foundation of healthy self-esteem. We can encourage children by giving praise for successes, and gently instructing when failures come.

Here are three ways you give your child the chance to discover their individuality.

Acknowledge each child's uniqueness. Part of the joy and wonder of watching each child develop into an individual is to observe how he or she meets daily challenges. It requires a deliberate exploration of their physical talents and personality traits. We don't want to force every child into the same mold. There are no carbon copies, no clones, no duplicates.

Allow discovery. The process of recognizing one's individuality thrives when we are permitted to work through situations or problems. Children need to see why they succeed or fail. Personalizing that knowledge is the key to their realization of individuality. Kids need freedom to fail as well as freedom to succeed in order to best discover who they are meant to be.

Speak words that encourage. Learning what makes us an individual involves many emotional ups and downs. Knowing a child's temperament will help you choose what kind of guidance to give. Praise can be given simply for their effort. You may give an explanation of why you believe they failed. Failure doesn't have to mean defeat. Giving encouraging insight will help your child discover how his or her approach to a problem can be improved.

CATCH YOUR CHILD SHOWING INDIVIDUALITY

Core Essentials believes that a key way to help students 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 showing his or her own individuality.

- Watch for when your child continues to follow the proper behavior and make good choices when others don't.
- Look for creative artwork and original writing, and highlight the creative work.
- Watch your child at play and recognize when he or she leads by stepping out and leading in a positive way.
- Listen when your child shares ideas and other original thoughts.

These are just a few ways you can catch your child showing individuality. 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 expressing his or her individuality, 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.

Watch DOGS:

We are down to October 28th as our only open day left in October! If you are able to be our Watch DOG on this day, then email Karen_McWilliams@allenisd.org. Also, check out the Watch DOGS page on the Anderson website. Go to Karen McWilliams under Faculty Web Sites. Our **open dates for November** are: 2, 3, 10, 11, 13, and 17. **Note: on November 11 and 17 we request dads of K thru 2nd grade students only.



Peer Mediation:

We will have our make-up meeting on Thursday from 2:55-3:40 in room 132.

Lowery Center hosts Medication Disposal Day Oct. 17



Allen ISD's Lowery Freshman Center will host a Medication Disposal Day on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9 am to 1 pm.

The event is designed to allow families to safely dispose of old and unused prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications. Used and expired needles, lancets, and epi-pens will also be accepted at the Drive-Through event.

Lowery Freshman Center is at 601 E. Main St. in Allen. The event is sponsored by Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital of Allen, the Allen Police Department, and Allen ISD.

For more information or questions about the disposal day, contact Jennifer Atencio at Allen High School, 972-727-0440, or the Allen ISD Public Information Office at 972-727-0510.

Chick-Fil-A night is this Thursday, Oct. 15th.

Reflections Program Information

"BEAUTY IS...." 2009-2010 Reflections Program

Creativity Expressed Through the Arts

Due Date: 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 30

Look for more information to be sent home soon.

Forms and Rules can also be found at: www.txpta.org/programs/reflections



ACO Care & Share Donations

Thank you for all the personal hygiene donations you brought for ACO during the month of September. These items will go directly to families here in Allen. Great job!

In the month of October, we are collecting **Trash bags** of any kind. Just drop your items in the bin by the side entrance near the Kindergarten classrooms.

Thanks for helping your community!

Cheryl Danielson

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Early Childhood PTA Magic Show



AECPTA Presents Free Family Magic Show

Allen Early Childhood PTA (AECPTA) invites the public to join them on Friday, October 9th at 9:30 am at 821 S. Greenville in Allen for FREE Family Magic Show featuring Magic Mike. To reserve your seat, please contact event@aecpta.com.

About the AECPTA: The Allen Early Childhood PTA (AECPTA) is a network of families dedicated to promoting the welfare of children from birth to kindergarten through parent education programs, community service and organized family activities. We are not affiliated with any specific preschool. We are associated with the National and Texas State PTA as well as the Allen Council of PTAs. For more information on AECPTA, please visit www.aecpta.com.

AISD Seeks Community Input regarding the 2010-2011 AISD Academic Calendar



The 2010-2011 academic calendar drafts will be posted on the AISD website for community input from October 16, 2009 through November 13, 2009. The Calendar Committee is charged with gathering community input and recommending a calendar that is instructionally sound. We welcome your input, especially the reasoning behind your choice of calendar drafts.

Beginning October 16, after viewing the calendar drafts on the AISD website, please send your comments to calendar_committee@allenisd.org.

Anderson Yearbook Pictures

Get your pictures in the yearbook! The Yearbook Staff invites you to submit your photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school activities we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- Enter username: 400004493 and Password: anderson
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details"



It's that easy! Submit your photos today! **The last day to submit photos is 2/1/2010.**

** The Yearbook Adviser will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

Newsletter Submission Information



This newsletter is distributed every Tuesday via e-mail from your child's teacher. Article submissions should be forwarded to allstar_newsletter@yahoo.com. **Deadline for submittals is Friday evening at 5:00 pm.**

Yearbook Orders

It's time to order your All-Star Yearbook!

Exciting news for this year: Every page of our Anderson yearbook will be in FULL COLOR! The price for the yearbook will still be \$20 during the pre-sale! Yearbooks will arrive in May, but don't delay, because you are not guaranteed a yearbook unless you pre-order. (Extras, if available will be sold first-come, first-served and the price will be \$25.)

You won't want to miss out on this year's book!

You may order online with NO extra service fee! Go to www.jostensyearbooks.com and order today!!

Anderson Box Tops for Education -- October Collection Contest!

Don't forget, this month we will have a boy and a girl drawing for two amazing prizes. **One lucky girl will have the opportunity to win an American Girl doll and one lucky boy will have the opportunity to win a Roughriders baseball package!**

Each student that brings in 10 Box Tops will have their name submitted in a drawing for these prizes. **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 November to announce the winner. 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, October 23rd.**



Thanks!

Sandy Rednour – Box Tops Coordinator

UPCOMING ALL-STAR EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday, Oct 16	Saturday, Oct 17	Mon 19th - Wed 21st	Thursday, Oct 22
Chess Club 3pm in Science Lab 	Country Fair 4pm - 7 pm 	5th Grade to Sky Ranch 	Picture Retakes 
Mon 26th - Fri 30th	Tuesday, Oct 27	Friday, October 30	
Red Ribbon Week 	Positive Proof ID Pictures 	Reading with the Eagles 	

LUNCH

Wednesday, Oct 14	Thursday, Oct 15	Friday, Oct 16	Monday, Oct 19	Tuesday, Oct 20
Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza Chef Salad w/ Turkey Bread Basket Ranch Style Beans Cole Slaw Apple Crisp Sliced Peaches Green Jell-O	Bueno Bean Burrito Chicken Quesadilla String Cheese, Turkey Slices & Cracker Combo Garden Salad Spanish Rice Crispy Zucchini Orange Slices Watermelon Slices	Chicken Tenders Baked Ziti Hummus, Veggie Sticks & Pita Bread Fresh Baked Roll Mixed Vegetables Celery Sticks Banana Half Cinnamon Apples Red Jell-O	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Turkey Pot Pie Chicken Caesar Wrap Goldfish Graham Flame Roasted Potato Medley Creamed Spinach Rosy Applesauce Orange Smiles Blue Jell-O	Oriental Rice & Egg Roll Mini Ribs on a Bun Chef Salad w/ Egg Homemade Cornbread Cucumber & Tomato Salad Garden Medley Apple Half Pineapple Tidbits Chocolate Pudding



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

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