



Anderson Elementary '09-'10

## All-Star Gazer

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**WALK TO SCHOOL DAY is Wednesday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>!!!**

### COUNTRY FAIR is Coming!!!!

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

Be on the lookout for the volunteer sign up information, ticket presale form, and a list of new items we will need to fill the baskets. Also, 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](mailto:greenwalt99@sbcglobal.net)

### Anderson Box Tops for Education -- October Collection Contest!

Congratulations to Sydney McDaniel who was the winner of the Adventure Landing golf passes! Thanks so much to Sydney and everyone that participated in the September 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



### Texas PTA Announces Changes to State Fair Events

The Texas PTA Centennial Celebration at Cotton Bowl Field will not be held as scheduled. If you already purchased a ticket, **your ticket can be used for entry to the State Fair of Texas from September 25 to October 18.**

To receive a refund for your ticket purchase, tickets must be mailed back to the Texas PTA State Office at the address below and **must be received by October 7, 2009. Any tickets received after that date will NOT be eligible for refund.** To request a refund, mail your tickets to: Texas PTA, Attn: Kat Dauchy, 408 W 11th St., Austin, TX 78701

Texas PTA President Jan Wilkerson was in Dallas last Friday to participate in the State Fair Kick-Off Parade held in downtown Dallas. This year, fair goers will have an additional surprise as Big Tex brings birthday greetings to Texas PTA. Don't miss the beautiful Texas PTA Centennial Exhibit in the Food and Fiber Pavilion when you visit the fair grounds. Texas PTA officially turns 100 years old on October 19. Make the fair a part of your family's plans in the coming weeks and be welcomed by Big Tex's grandiose "Howdy Ya'!!!"

*Texas PTA is the largest grassroots organization in Texas with 600,000 members - parents, teachers and others who have a special interest in children, youth, families and schools. Texas PTA is a noncommercial, nonsectarian-nonpartisan organization that does not endorse any candidate or political party. For more information on Texas PTA, visit [www.txpta.org](http://www.txpta.org) or contact the state office at 800-TALK-PTA.*

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## Counselor's Comments – Mrs. McWilliams

### Core Essentials:



This month's Core Essential is *Individuality*. The definition is, "Discovering who you are meant to be so you can make a difference." Your student probably brought home his/her kitchen table card for Individuality on Thursday. Hopefully you have it on your table and are already beginning some great discussions during dinner. One of the quotes given in materials this month is: "The reason most of us haven't been able to run after our dreams is that we were wearing the wrong size shoes. All we have to do is discover what fits us, and chances are we'll do just fine." By Barbara Sher

### Watch DOGS:

We had a wonderful week last week and are looking forward to another one this week! There are only two days in October still needing a Watch DOG. November remains very open. I will be posting our Watch DOGS calendar on the Anderson website soon. Hopefully this will make it easier to take a look at your calendar and see what day you're available to fill in our calendar and be our Watch DOG of the day!

### Peer Mediation:

We have a meeting this Wednesday from 2:55-3:40. Location will be announced on Wednesday morning announcements. I am sure many of you are wondering what Peer Mediation is and why you keep seeing items in the newsletter about it! Peer Mediation is program where students help students through disagreements. We have 12 Peer Mediators on our campus. These 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students went through an interview process and once accepted into the program, attended a full day training in the summer. There they learned what mediation is and how to be an effective mediator. All students K-6 are able to use peer mediation services. Students can refer students, teachers can refer students and even parents can refer students that are having issues with each other. During mediation, both parties are able to share their thoughts and feelings surrounding an issue. They work together to come up with a resolution to the problem. Mediation is confidential and never used to hand out discipline. I will send out more information regarding peer mediation in Thursday's take home folder. And, don't forget to ask your student about our Monday morning puppet shows put on by Anderson's peer mediators. Students got to see what a "real" mediation would look like!

### Safety Patrol:

They are doing a fabulous job helping keep our school safe. Team A Safety Patrol members were announced to the school last Monday. Team B will be announced their first week of duty in a couple of weeks. Let me know if a student in particularly helpful. I'd love to give them a kindness link!

### I'm having a baby...

Many of you have noticed my rather round appearance these days. I am due to have a little girl the Monday before Thanksgiving. I will have a substitute while I am gone. Her name is Michelle Gilbert. She is a licensed school counselor and has subbed in Allen as a school counselor at Bolin and Green. She will continue with guidance, Peer Mediation, Watch DOGS, Core Essentials, etc...while I am gone. However, in order to make the transition as smooth as possible, I would like to have a few things taken care of before she comes. My main concern at this time is getting our Watch DOGS calendar full for as much of the time while I am out as possible. Please email me if you are interested in volunteering and have yet to sign up. Also, I am need of a few hands to help me out with a Watch DOGS and Core Essentials display. I would do it myself, but my doctor is not recommending I not hang out on ladders these days. ☺ If you have some time to help me out, please let know. Thanks! [Karen\\_McWilliams@allenisd.org](mailto:Karen_McWilliams@allenisd.org)

### Fire Prevention Week Poster/Bookmark Contest Winners:

I'm proud to announce Angela Liu and Alexander Brune as Anderson's contest winners. They rode to school on a fire truck Monday morning. Congratulations Angela and Alexander!



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## Olson Elementary – Thank You Note

Dear Anderson PTA,

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Olson School Community for the wonderful books you donated. I so appreciate the thought that went in to picking the titles to donate to us. The books have been covered, processed, barcoded and placed on our shelves. Most importantly, they have a book plate inside each front cover, stating that they were donated to us by Anderson PTA.

The books are flying off of the shelves here, as the books you donated to Olson were Bluebonnet Nominees or super-popular titles and authors.

Thank you very much!

Fondly,

Olson Elementary School Community  
(Library, Staff, Parents, and Students)





## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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 calendars drafts.

Beginning October 16, after viewing the calendar drafts on the AISD website, please send your comments to [calendar\\_committee@allenisd.org](mailto: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.

## 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](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) and order today!!



## 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](mailto:allstar_newsletter@yahoo.com). **Deadline for submittals is Friday evening at 5:00 pm.**

## UPCOMING ALL-STAR EVENTS CALENDAR

| Thursday, Oct 8  | Monday, Oct 12                            | Saturday, Oct 17                            | Thursday, Oct 22       |
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| <b>5th Grade - Sky Ranch<br/>Parent Meeting</b><br>6pm | <b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>Staff Development Day | <b>Country Fair</b><br>4pm @ Anderson Elem. | <b>Picture Retakes</b> |

### LUNCH

| Wednesday, Oct 7   | Thursday, Oct 8  | Friday, Oct 9  | Monday, Oct 12   | Tuesday, Oct 13   |
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| Pepperoni Pizza<br>Cheese Pizza<br>Chicken Cesar Salad<br>Banana Cake<br>Squash Casserole<br>Baby Carrots<br>Banana Half<br>Grapes<br>Green Jell-O | Soft Taco<br>Turkey & Gravy over<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Yogurt & Cereal Pouch<br>Homestyle Biscuit<br>Garden Salad<br>Border Beans<br>Apple Half<br>Pineapple Tidbits<br>Banana Pudding | Chicken Tenders<br>Uncrustable Grilled Cheese<br>Ham & Cheese Sandwich<br>w/ Baked Chips<br>Fresh Baked Roll<br>Flame Roasted Potato Medley<br>Zucchini Coins<br>Orange Smiles/Fruit Medley<br>Blue Jell-O | NO SCHOOL<br><br>STAFF DEVELOPMENT<br>DAY<br><br> | Popcorn Chicken<br>Chicken Tetrizzini<br>Chef Salad w/ Spicy Chicken<br>Multi Grain Garlic Toast<br>Whole Kernel Corn<br>Steamed Broccoli<br>Orange Smiles<br>Fruit Medley<br>Chocolate Chip Cookie |

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

[http://www.allenisd.org/20061069152318433/lib/20061069152318433/Oct.09-Peanut\\_Aware.doc](http://www.allenisd.org/20061069152318433/lib/20061069152318433/Oct.09-Peanut_Aware.doc)