



Anderson Elementary '09-'10

All-Star Gazer

Teaming up for Success



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Benchmarks – Grades 3 thru 6

PARENTS -- Please note that for grades 3-6 the 12 week benchmarks are approaching. Students will take the reading benchmark on **November 11th**, the math on **November 17th** and science on **November 18th**. Tests are administered to monitor progress at the 12 week mark and to determine which students might need additional interventions. **Please refrain from making medical appointments for your child on these days if possible.** If you have any questions about this process you may contact your child's teacher.

Shooting Stars – October

Congratulations to our Shooting Stars for October.

They were chosen by their teachers for exhibiting all the traits from our **ALL-STAR CREED** and showing **INDIVIDUALITY** which was our Core Essential for the month of October. Remember, your teachers will be watching for Shooting Stars for November so be sure to follow the **ALL-STAR CREED** everyday and show **COOPERATION** which is the Core Essential for November.

Kindergarten: Bryce Rook, Oliver Hood, Kevin Munson, Joshua Anderson, Corbin Hines.

1st Grade: Shawn Robertson, Kate Jeanblanc, Andy Jia, Lucas Ortiz, Corey Vincent.

2nd Grade: Courtney White, Koby Luttrell, Braden West, Anna Gross.

3rd Grade: Austin Hood, Sin Yi Zhou, Ramond Melly, Christopher Smetzer, Isabella Embile.

4th Grade: Tatiana Ramos, Emma Pennell, Carson Burt, Elise Jameson, DaLeesa Brown

5th Grade: Alexis Rivera, Tiana Brown, Devin Mason, Skylar Tallal.

6th Grade: Cassidy Thomson, Samantha Bridges, Angela Chang, Joshua McNair.



Spirit Wear Orders

The Winter Spirit Wear order form is attached to the bottom of this week's newsletter. Check out the cool new long sleeve t-shirts and hoodies that are available.

Please fill out the form and return it with your payment by **Wednesday, November 11th**.



Chili Cook-off

The Anderson Chili Cook-off is Thursday, November 19th from 6pm to 8pm in the Cafeteria. Bring the family for supper – buy a bowl at the front table and enjoy sampling all the different types of chili provided by each classroom volunteer. The Anderson Dad's Club will judge the chili and determine winners for each category.

Also, 2 certificates for complimentary 2 month memberships to Curves will be raffled off during the Chili Cook-off.

“One Check” Donations

We are still accepting “One Check” donations in hopes of making it closer to our yearly goal.

If you have not made your donation this year you can bring your check to the Chili Cook Off on **November 19th**.

Please remember that 100% of your donation goes directly to Anderson Elementary and is used to provide special PTA programs and activities for the students all year, grade level activities, teacher appreciation events, grade level and specials funds for special activities planned by the teachers, and soooo many more things. Please help us keep the wonderful activities already planned for this school year by making your donation.

Parent Reminder

Parents - Please remember that the school opens at **7:30** each morning. Many students are arriving at school as early as 7:15 and have to wait outside. As student safety is a concern and priority for everyone, please don't leave students unsupervised at the school in the morning. Thank you for your help with this.



Counselor's Comments – Mrs. McWilliams

Watch DOGS:

We have just one day open this month – Tuesday, Nov. 17th. Due to 3-6 having benchmarks, we are asking for a K-2 Dad to fill this spot.

We are down to just a few days open in December. Take a look at your calendar for December 1st, 8th, & 14th.

Many days are still open in January. Are you available January 6th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th, 28th, or 29th?

Let's get those dates filled! Here's a link to the calendar:

http://www.allenisd.org/2007207291528280/icalsw/calendar.asp?Cal=em&calendar_ID=10572

Remember to also get your background check done. Here's the link you'll need:

<https://ahsweb.allenisd.org/appentry/>

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



Core Essentials:

COOPERATION: Working together to do more than you can do alone

Activities children engage in while growing up can prepare them to effectively work with others. How can we help kids see the importance of cooperation and begin to build a solid base for working with others?

Children need to know that:

Individuality and cooperation go hand in hand. As important as it is to help children understand their unique talents and personalities, it is just as important to help them see how their uniqueness can complement others to accomplish more. Children need to see that cooperating with others confirms their individual worth and acknowledges the benefits of working toward a shared purpose.

Cooperation turns individual discouragement into shared success. Realistically viewing a difficult situation or task can be very discouraging. The issue is not the analysis of the problem but the emotional response. Teaming up to tackle a task breaks what appears to be an overwhelming chore into achievable pieces. Children need to see that working cooperatively overcomes discouragement and multiplies the feeling of success.

Recognizing personal limits encourages cooperation. Learning to become a confident individual is important. But even the most self-assured cannot do everything. Perhaps a benefit of difficult situations is that our personal limits are defined for us. Though such discoveries are somewhat uncomfortable, these times help us see where cooperation makes seemingly impossible tasks possible.

CATCH YOUR CHILD SHOWING COOPERATION

Core Essentials believes that a key way to help your child 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 cooperation.

- Note when your child works well with others, during playtime or doing chores.
- Notice when your child works cooperatively with younger or older children.
- Catch your child working together with other kids or coaches to put things back in their place.

These are just a few ways you can catch your child showing cooperation. 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 cooperating, 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.

Peer Mediation:

Peer Mediators did a great puppet show about problem solving in Monday morning's rally. Ask your student about it!

There is no Peer Mediator meeting this week.



Safety Patrol:

Team B is doing an excellent job during their 1st four week rotation. Way to go Team B! You're half way through your rotation. ☺

Guidance Lessons:

Third, fourth, and sixth grade classrooms will have guidance lesson this week. If your student is in this grade ask them about their lesson!

Allen ISD's Transportation Department Needs Your Help to Help Local Families in Need!

Anderson Elementary is collecting the following items this week to help out:

Certificates/Gift Cards for Turkeys and Hams and canned corn, green beans, peas, yams, cranberry sauce, pie filling, stuffing mix, gravy mix, cornbread mix, potato flakes, mac & cheese, box crust mix, dessert mix & foil pans.

If you are able contribute, simply send these items to school with your student. They will be collected and delivered to our families in need. Thanks!

ART TO GO is DESPERATE!!!

We need **three volunteers** for three well deserving classes.

You need only commit to **45 MINUTES ONCE** a month. No ART BACKGROUND necessary. Just enjoy presenting to the kids.

These three classes will not be able to have Art to Go without a volunteer. Some of these classes have not had it yet and we started in October. If you can volunteer for one of these times please let me know.

Mr. Holley, 1st Grade: Dates: 12/17, 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12 from 2:00 to 2:40 (Mondays)

Mrs. Pence, 6th Grade: Dates: 11/6, 12/11, 1/15, 2/12, 3/12, 4/16 10:15 to 11:00 (Fridays in Mr. William's Classroom)

Mr. Williams, 6th Grade: Dates: 11/6, 12/11, 1/15, 2/12, 3/12, 4/16 1:45 to 2:30 (Fridays in Mr. William's Classroom)

Please contact Mindye Piepenburg at mpiepenb@cisco.com or 214-908-3215.

Pride Council and K-Kids

GobbleGrams, benefiting The National Brain Tumor Society, will go on sale **November 9th**. They will be sold in the front of school by the video wall and will be \$1.00 each. Send a little sweet treat to your Anderson family and friends. They will be delivered to teachers and students on November 20th.



BOTTLE CAPS ARE BACK!!!! We will be selling bottle cap magnets & necklaces again this year, but this time benefiting The National Brain Tumor Society. Stop by the office and contribute to a worthy cause!

Bottle caps: \$3

Choker Necklaces: \$2

Longer Clasp Necklaces: \$4

Thank you for your support!

Fall Book Fair Information



Next week is our fall Book Fair! Please join us for "Destination Book Fair," where kids can find books that let their imaginations soar!

Come by to find fun new titles for your children. You can also donate a book to a teacher's classroom library. These are the books your children love to read! Also, it's not too early to start your holiday shopping with some great books.

The Book Fair will be **open all week from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in the Multipurpose Room. It will also be open during the PTA Chili Cook-off on **Thursday, Nov. 19, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

New this year: students will be bringing home an invitation to have "Lunch with Someone Grand." This could be a grandparent, parent, godparent, aunt or uncle, etc. "Grand" visitors are invited to join their special students for lunch at their regular time any day that week. We also invite all "grand" visitors to stop by the Book Fair before or after lunch.

Watch for a flyer coming home in your Thursday folder. It highlights many of the great books that will be at the fair. Thanks for your support!

PE News

Dates to Remember:

November 9, 2009- Rudolph Run forms were due

November 19, 2009- Anderson's first ever Turkey Trot

December 5, 2009- Rudolph Run

Anderson's First Ever Turkey Trot!

This is a school wide event to promote family fitness and fun. On the Thursday before Thanksgiving, K thru 5th Grade parents are invited to join your student during his/her specials time to run/walk in the Turkey Trot (6th graders will be joining 2nd grade from 2:00-2:30). This event will be cancelled if we have rainy weather.

As a school we are trying to calculate the amount of miles we can obtain in one day. Then we will break it down to student with the most miles, class with the most miles, and grade with the most miles. Parent miles will be calculated in with your child's mileage. Remember this is not a fund-raiser and no money is required. However, we could use some parent volunteers. Let the coaches know if you can help.

Animals at School Information



From Allen ISD Operations Manual - The presence of animals at school can provide a valuable learning experience, but they cannot be allowed to endanger student safety, disrupt learning or cause children to suffer from allergies to animals. **Therefore, children and parents are not permitted to bring animals, including pets, onto school property, including playgrounds. Service animals (such as guide dogs) are the permitted exception in compliance with federal and state laws.**

Anderson Fundraiser Nights – New Allen Locations

The following local Allen businesses will donate money back to Anderson when you visit them on the following dates:

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| Two Rows | November 10 th |
| Chick-Fil-A | November 12 th |
| Yogurtville | November 18 th |
| Mooyah Burger | December 1 st |
| Lenny's Sub Shop | December 16 th |

Anderson Box Tops for Education -- November Collection Contest!



Congratulations to Kennedy Martinez and Braden West – they were the winners of the American Girl doll and the Roughriders fan package! Thanks so much to Kennedy and Braden as well as to everyone that submitted Box Tops in October.

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 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 December to announce the winner.

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, November 20th.

Thanks for your support! *Sandy Rednour – Box Tops Coordinator*

Attendance Reminders

- School starts promptly at 7:55 each morning. Students who are not in their classroom at this time are considered tardy.
- If a student is checked out of school prior to 2:55 PM, it is considered early dismissal.

Both early dismissals and tardies are considered partial day absences by state attendance guidelines. If your child comes to school late or leaves early for a doctor appointment, please submit a doctor's note to the office when your child returns to school.

- Most out of town travel is considered an UNEXCUSED absence (refer to in Allen ISD Student Handbook)
- Notes for student absences must be submitted to the school office **within 5 days of the absence.**
- Email notes cannot excuse a student absence. Absence notes must include a parent/guardian signature.
- We encourage you to continue to call or email when you know your child will be absent - this helps the teacher and office know that your child is safe.

A parent/guardian commits an offense of thwarting compulsory attendance under Sec. 25.093, if, after having been warned in writing, a child has unexcused voluntary absences on 10 or more days or parts of days within a 6 month period or 3 or more days or parts of days within a 4 week period from school. An offense under this is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500. **Education Code 25.093/Family Code 51.03(b)(2)Penal Code 12.23**

The complete AISD/state attendance laws are located in the 2009-2010 Allen ISD Student Handbook. (This information is available on the AISD website or you may contact your child's teacher to get a hard copy.)

Thank you so much for your support and understanding on these important issues.

Anderson Administration

ACO Care & Share Donations

In the month of November, we are collecting **bath soap and deodorant.**

Also, in November we will have drawing for two gift cards donated by Family Video. For each item a student brings for ACO, their name will be submitted in a drawing for these prizes. For example, if the student brings three items, their name will be entered in the drawing three times. The drawing will be held the first week in December.

Please bring the donations in a plastic baggie with the student's name, grade and teacher written on it. Please be sure to turn in donations in the bin by the side entrance near the Kindergarten classrooms by **Monday, November 30th.**

Thanks for helping your community.

Cheryl Danielson
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Notes from Nurse Roberts

Head Lice Alert

We are currently seeing more students with head lice. Here are a few things that you can do to help prevent this from spreading.

- Check your child's head for lice daily. They are small tan to grayish white insects.
- Itching is one of the first signs of head lice.
- If you find head lice on your child treat with a recommended over the counter head lice treatment and remove all nits (eggs).
- Remind your child not to share combs, hats, coats, hair accessories etc.
- Remind your child to put his/her coat inside their backpack.
- **Do Not Panic.**

For more information you may go to the Texas Department of Health website, [www.dshs.state.tx.us/school health/](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/school_health/) and type head lice in the search bar, go to www.allenisd.org, or call the school nurse.

Technology Information

Do you need a copy of your child's report card?

Family Access has added the ability to print your child's last report card.

To access this new feature, please go to the "Parents" section of the Anderson webpage and click "Family Access". After logging in, you can click "Report Cards" under the General Information section on the left.

If you do not already have a Family Access username and password, please click on the "Frequently Asked Questions" link on the Family Access page and follow the directions for retrieving your username and password even if you have never logged in. If you do not receive an email with your Family Access username and password within 10 or 15 minutes, please email your student's teachers to verify your email address.

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.

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 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. **Deadline for submittals is Friday evening at 5:00 pm.**

UPCOMING ALL-STAR EVENTS CALENDAR

| Wednesday, Nov 11 | Thursday, Nov 12 | Friday, Nov 13 | Nov 16 thru 20 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Reading TAKS Benchmark Grades 3 - 6 | 5th Grade Program 7:00 PM | Chess Club 3 to 3:30 in Science Lab  | Book Fair in Multipurpose Room OPEN 7:30 am to 3:30 pm each day plus 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm during Chili Cook Off |
| Tuesday, Nov 17 | Wednesday, Nov 18 | Thursday, Nov 19 | Nov 23 thru 27 |
| Math TAKS Benchmark Grades 3 - 6 | Science TAKS Benchmark Grades 3 - 6 | PTA Meeting Chili Cook Off 6pm to 8pm  | Thanksgiving Break  |

LUNCH

| Wednesday, Nov 11 | Thursday, Nov 12 | Friday, Nov 13 | Monday, Nov 16 | Tuesday, Nov 17 |
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| Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza Chicken Caesar Salad Banana Cake Squash Casserole Baby Carrots Banana Half Grapes Green Jell-O  | Soft Taco Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Yogurt & Cereal Pouch Homestyle Biscuit Garden Salad Border Beans Pineapple Tidbits Banana Pudding Apple Half | Chicken Tenders Uncrustable Grilled Cheese Ham & Cheese on Wheat Fresh Baked Roll Flame Roasted Potato Medley Zucchini Coins Orange Smiles Fruit Medley Blue Jell-O | Hamburger/Cheeseburger Pizza Sticks w/ Sauce Chicken Salsa Rollup Low Fat Blueberry Muffin Baked French Fries Glazed Carrots Apple Half Pineapple Tidbits Blue Jell-O | Popcorn Chicken Chicken Tetrizzini Chef Salad w/ Spicy Tenders Multi-Grain Garlic Toast Whole Kernel Corn Broccoli Bites Cinnamon Apples Orange Smiles Chocolate Chip Cookie |

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

<http://www.allenisd.org/20061069152318433/lib/20061069152318433/November09- Peanut Aware.pdf>

WINTER SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM

Student Name _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

Parent Email Address _____ Parent Phone Number _____

T-shirts \$15.00 each

Hoodies \$20.00 each

| | YS | YM | YL | A S | A M | A L | AX L | A2 X | A3 X | Total |
|---|----|----|----|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| White Long sleeve PINK POLKA DOT | | | | | | | | | | |
| Navy Blue Long sleeve Property of Anderson | | | | | | | | | | |
| Property of Anderson Navy Hoodie | | | | | | | | | | |
| Navy Blue Long Sleeve Allen Eagle RED GLITTER | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Navy Allen Eagle RED GLITTER Hoodie | | | | | | | | | | |
| Navy Long sleeve ALLEN EAGLE | | | | | | | | | | |

Total \$ _____



My Check # _____ is attached (payable to Anderson PTA) *or*
 I am attaching CASH in the amount of _____ (Please enclose cash in an envelope marked with your
name and staple it to this sheet.)

Orders are due by **Wednesday, November 11th, 2009.**

For questions contact: Jennifer Crouser – bjcrouser@sbcglobal.net or Sarah Thomson – thomsonss@sbcglobal.net