



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.

Anderson's Volunteer of the Month and Star Volunteer of the Month

Help us congratulate **Andrea Harvey** – Volunteer of the Month and **Rhonda Glister** – Star Volunteer of the Month.

We appreciate all that these ladies do for Anderson. They get to park in the reserved spots near the front entry crosswalk during November. Please help show your appreciation of their hard work by not parking in their spots.

Counselor's Comments – Mrs. McWilliams

Watch DOGS:

Only 1 day left open in November! If you are a dad of a K-2 student and are available on Tuesday, November 17th – let me know and I'll get you signed up! (Students 3-6 have benchmarks that day – sorry Dads!)

Open December dates are: Tuesday 12.1, Tuesday 12.8, Monday 12.14.

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

Core Essentials:

November's Core Essential is Cooperation. Cooperation means working together to do more than you can do alone. Be looking for November's table topper in your student's Thursday folder.

Peer Mediation:

There will be a Peer Mediation meeting this Wednesday in room 132 from 2:55-3:30.

Safety Patrol:

Team B is on duty.

Red Ribbon Week was great!

Thank you to everyone for participating in Red Ribbon Week! Please contact me if you would like more information on how to keep your student drug free.

Guidance Lessons:

Students in grades K, 1 & 2 will have a guidance lesson this week. Make sure you ask your child what he/she learned!

Transportation Department's "Commitment to Community"

Allen ISD's Transportation Department will be collecting items to provide 50 families in Allen ISD a Thanksgiving meal. **Our school will be collecting donations next week!** Please see the list below and if you are able, pick up an item or two.

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

Your donations are very much appreciated!! If *you* are in need of a Thanksgiving meal, **please** contact me. I will need permission to give your information to the people delivering the meals, but other than that, it's confidential!

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**.

“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.

Fall Book Fair Information

Mark your calendars – the fall Book Fair is coming soon! Please join us as we celebrate the wide world of reading with “Destination Book Fair” – **Monday, Nov. 16, through Friday, Nov. 20.**

The 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.



PE News

Dates to Remember:

November 9, 2009- Rudolph Run forms are 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). 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.

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:

Paciugo in Watters Creek	November 4th
Two Rows	November 10th
Chick-Fil-A	November 12th
Yogurtville	November 18th
Mooyah Burger	December 1st

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*

Allen Recycles Day – It All Comes Back to You!!!

Allen Recycles Day is Saturday, **November 7** from 8 am to 1 pm at Allen City Hall. There are lots of great donation opportunities including computers, cell phones, clothing, shoes, and pet items. Personal document shredding services will also be available. Visit www.keepallenbeautiful.com and the “Public Education and Outreach” link for more information.”

Pride Council and K-Kids

Many thanks to all of you that supported our efforts to raise funds for brain tumor cancer. We raised \$175.00!!

Look for more information coming soon regarding "Gobble Grams". These will go on sale **November 9th** and the funds raised will also go to the National Brain Tumor Society.

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.

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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.

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

Friday, Nov 6	Wednesday, Nov 11	Thursday, Nov 12	Friday, Nov 13
Day of Discovery Math 	Reading TAKS Benchmark Grades 3 - 6	5th Grade Program	Chess Club in Science Lab 
Nov 16 thru 20	Tuesday, Nov 17	Wednesday, Nov 18	Thursday, Nov 19
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	Math TAKS Benchmark Grades 3 - 6	Science TAKS Benchmark Grades 3 - 6	PTA Meeting Chili Cook Off 
Nov 23 thru 27			
Thanksgiving Break 			

LUNCH

Wednesday, Nov 4	Thursday, Nov 5	Friday, Nov 6	Monday, Nov 9	Tuesday, Nov 10
Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza Taco Chef Salad Multigrain Garlic Toast Cucumber Slices Creamed Spinach Apricot Crisp Apple Half Red Jell-O 	Crisпитos Honey Lime Turkey Fajita Yogurt Combo Steamed Rice Garden Salad Corn & Black Bean Salsa Pears & Cherries Orange Smiles Chocolate Chip Cookie	Chicken Tenders Meatball Sandwich Tuna Salad in Pita Bread Fresh Baked Roll Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Banana Half Strawberry Cup Green Jell-O	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Corn Dog Turkey & Cheese Bagel Sandwich Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Golden Corn & Carrots Sliced Pears Orange Smiles Red Jell-O	Steak Fingers Chicken & Broccoli Rice Casserole Chef Salad w/ Egg Cheesy Garlic Breadstick Cucumber & Tomato Salad Cauliflower w/ Cheese Apple Half Sliced Peaches Sugar 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

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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										

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