



Anderson Elementary '09-'10

All-Star Gazer

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4th Grade – TAKS Writing Simulation

PARENTS -- Please note that 4th grade will have TAKS writing simulation on **Wednesday, December 2nd**.

Please refrain from making medical appointments for your child on this day if possible. Also, no guests will be allowed for lunch or volunteers on this simulation day.

If you have any questions about this process you may contact your child's teacher.

CogAT Testing Information

CogAT testing will continue this week for K, 2nd, and 6th grades.

AISD Learner Services and Assessment Department has coordinated CogAT testing at your campus. All AISD **kindergarten, second and sixth grade** students will be administered a **CogAT aptitude test during the weeks of November 30 - December 11, 2009**. This test will be administered in groups at each campus. Please visit the following web link to find out more information on CogAT: http://www.riverpub.com/images/flashElements/cogat_demo.swf

PE News



Dates to Remember: **December 5, 2009**- Rudolph Run

We had over 260 people sign up for the Rudolph Run. WOW that is awesome! I guess I will have a ton of pie in my face. I will let everyone know when we get the pie throwing scheduled. The race is **this Saturday** and I will see you there!

Anderson's First Ever Turkey Trot! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU to all the parents that came out and helped with the Turkey Trot! Also, thank you to the parents that came out and ran with our children. I think the run was wonderful.

Thanks! Coach Tucker

Stuff the Bus

Allen ISD Transportations Annual STUFF THE BUS Campaign will run from **December 1st through December 15th**.

ALL proceeds will be donated to: Allen Community Outreach

Please bring all "new unwrapped toys/gifts" no later than 9:00 a.m. on December 15th. A large white collection box has been set up beside Becky's deck at the main entry. Help us make this the best year yet!!! *****Please no Food Items*****



Attention: SCIENTISTS



It is that time of the year to begin planning for the Science Fair. If you are interested in doing a project, see your teacher for details. Science Fair will take place on **Friday, January 29, 2010**.

Anderson Fundraiser Nights

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

Mooyah Burger	December 1 st
Lenny's Sub Shop	December 16 th

Tell them you are with Anderson Elementary when you order.

Dismissal Information

We are experiencing a large amount of traffic congestion at the back of the school near the playground during dismissal. For the safety of our students, please follow the pick up procedures established by the school by picking students up in the younger car rider or older car rider lines on each side of the building. These lines flow much quicker this year due to the decrease in our student population.

In addition, please allow time for all of our students to be dismissed before using the playground area.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Counselor's Comments



Watch DOGS:

Check out the calendar link to see what dates are open.

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

Remember to email karen_mcwilliams@allenisd.org with the open date you want, complete your background check, and order a t-shirt!

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

Peer Mediation:

There will be no Peer Mediation meeting on the Wednesday we return from Thanksgiving.

Safety Patrol:

Team A began their 4 week rotation of Safety Patrol duty on Monday 11/30.

Attention 6th Grade Parents!!!!

As in years past, 6th grade will participate in the Teen Awareness Program, or TAP. The focus of TAP 1 for 6th graders is sexual harassment. The goal is to educate students on how to avoid potentially dangerous situations. The program is designed to help students come away with an increased respect for themselves and others. The video shown in the program will be available for parent previewing on Tuesday, December 1st in the library. The student program will be on **Tuesday, December 8th**. Look for the student permission slip on Thursday, December 3rd. **Permission slips are due Monday, December 7th**. Students whose parents choose for them to not attend or do not have a signed permission slip will have study hall during this time.

Anderson Box Tops for Education -- December Collection Contest!

This month one student will have the opportunity to win 4 tickets to a 2009-2010 regular season Allen Americans hockey game! Thanks so much to the Allen Americans organization for donating this great prize! Each student that brings 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.** The drawing will be held the first week in January 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, December 18th**.



Thanks for your support!

Sandy Rednour – Box Tops Coordinator

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.



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 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.

LUNCH

Wednesday, Dec 2	Thursday, Dec 3	Friday, Dec 4	Monday, Dec 7	Tuesday, Dec 8
Pepperoni Pizza	Baked Tostido Combo	Chicken Tenders	Hamburger / Cheeseburger	Pasta w/ Meat Sauce
Cheese Pizza	Hot Dog	Fish Shapes	Shrimp Poppers w/ Rice	Chicken Sandwich
Chef Salad w/ Ham	Yogurt Combo	Chef Salad of the Day	Turkey Sandwich w/	Chef Salad w/ Chicken Salad
Bread Basket	Steamed Rice	Macaroni and Cheese	Baked Chips	French Breadstick
Green Beans	Baked Beans	Green Peas	Low Fat Blueberry Muffin	Celery Sticks
Baby Carrots	Garden Salad	Cucumber Slices	Mixed Vegetables	Veggie of the Day
Banana Half	Apricot Halves	Strawberries & Bananas	Squash Casserole	Fruit Salad
Box of Raisins	Apple Half	Orange Smiles	Apple Half	Orange Smiles
Red Jell-O	Low Fat Sugar Cookie	Green Jell-O	Sliced Pears	Vanilla Pudding
			Blue Jell-O	



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

http://www.allenisd.org/20061069152318433/lib/20061069152318433/Dec09-Peanut_Aware.pdf