



Anderson Elementary '09-'10

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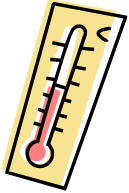
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“One Check” Fundraiser – Half Way to Goal!

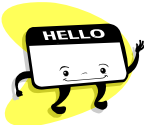
We are **half way** to our goal of raising \$10,000! A **HUGE** “Thank You” to everyone that has already donated! But, we need 100% participation to get us the rest of the way. In the past we did multiple fundraisers per school year where we asked students to sell pass books, gift wrap, cookie dough, etc. With “One Check” there is nothing to sell and 100% of the money you donate goes directly to the programs Anderson PTA provides to our students, teachers, and classrooms. We truly appreciate (and need) your support.

If you have not already done so, please complete the form you received in your “Meet the Teacher Packets”, or in last week’s Thursday folder, and return it with your donation by October 2, 2009. Should you have any questions, please contact fundraising chair, Shannon Garbett, at 972.390.9612 or ryangarbett@tx.rr.com.

Two Rows and Chick-fil-A Nights

Anderson’s Two Rows night is **Tuesday, September 15th** and Chick-fil-A night is **Thursday, September 17th**. Both of these local businesses donate money back to Anderson based on sales so please remember to indicate Anderson Elementary on your receipt.

Raptor Sign-In System



This year a slight change is being implemented. All parents and visitors will be asked to present their **driver’s license** to sign-in beginning at **7:30 am**. So, upon entering the building if you intend to go past the office (to walk your child to their classroom, go to the gym/cafeteria before school) you will need to stop by the front desk and get your visitor sticker badge. This is a district wide change that will help school staff monitor campus visitors and further ensure your child’s safety. Please let any of the office staff know if you have questions or concerns.

PTA Board Positions

The following PTA Board positions are still available. Please read below and see if any of these volunteer opportunities are something you would be interested in helping with. Please contact Phil van Beek phil@txvanbeek.com or Nikki Spurgin nikmoe@me.com for more information.

WE WANT YOU

Art in Education Coordinator

Organize programs to promote arts within school. Most scheduling/booking can be completed at home. Requires volunteer hours during the school day, some after school and evening volunteer hours. This person helps Mr. Preston with this program.

Reflections Coordinator

Organize programs to promote National PTA annual Reflections program. (This is a program that pertains to the arts, including literature, musical composition, photography, etc.) Most work can be completed at home. Requires some volunteer hours during the school day and evening. This person helps Mr. Preston with this program.

ACO Care & Share Donations

Every month Anderson collects items to donate to ACO’s (Allen Community Outreach) Care & Share Program. The Collections are made available at ACO’s office for those families in need of the basic necessities. The month of **September** we are collecting **Personal Hygiene items** such as shampoo, soap, disposable razors, anti-perspirant, etc.

Please help this great community outreach!! Just drop the items in the marked bin by the side entrance near the Kindergarten classrooms. Thanks for your help!!

Cheryl Danielson ACO Coordinator
rlcld@sbcglobal.net



Counselor's Comments – Mrs. McWilliams

Thank you to our **Peer Mediators** for a great puppet show at Monday morning rally! They will be doing a puppet show at each rally. Make sure to ask your student about it.

Safety Patrol acceptance letters will go home in Thursday's folder on orange paper. Our first meeting will be after school on **Monday, September 21**. The acceptance letter will give full details.

WOW!!! **Watch DOGS** Pizza Night was a huge success! We still have openings on the calendar, so if you want to be a Watch DOG, but couldn't attend the event, please email David Gutierrez at david.gutierrez@us.fujitsu.com or Karen McWilliams at Karen_McWilliams@allenisd.org to get involved!



Our **Core Essential** of the month is wisdom. **WISDOM:** Knowing what you need to do and choosing to do it

With all of the information available these days, we know lots of things, don't we? We know we should be courteous to others, but sometimes we're not. We know we should be polite and use good manners, but sometimes we don't. We know we should eat things that are good for our bodies, but sometimes we don't. Wisdom is about more than just storing more information. It's about more than just accumulating more facts and gaining more knowledge. Wisdom is that next step. It's putting that knowledge into practice.

Wisdom is knowledge applied to everyday life. We can say, "I know, I know" to so many things, but until we make the wise choice to apply the things we know, it's just talk, isn't it? This month, help your child to move beyond just knowing—help them to do something with what they know.

CATCH YOUR CHILD BEING WISE

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 being wise.

- Recognize your child as he or she applies the facts that they are learning to everyday life. For example, you may catch your child counting his or her change or trying to determine how much more money he or she needs to buy something.
- Celebrate your child when he or she uses what they know to help those around them.
- Reward your child for making good choices and doing the good things he or she knows they should do.

These are just a few ways you can catch your child showing wisdom. 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 being wise, 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.

Thanks for reading and have a great week!

Art to Go NEEDS YOU!!!!



Art to go is a wonderful program to introduce art to our kids in the classroom.

Did you know that thru art our kids can learn about math, science, reading, history and many, many other things? You DO NOT need to be an Art Expert to volunteer for this program. We give you all the information you need to make the presentation **ONCE a month for 40 minutes** in the classroom. The teachers stay in the room the entire time. We just need you to have an enthusiasm to be with the kids and make the presentation exciting. Below, are the Teachers and their assigned times. They desperately need for you to volunteer for their classroom. If you can't do your own child's class, we would gladly have you do another classroom or be a sub for us.

We have a Kick off Meeting and Training Session on **September 29th**.

Please contact Mindye Piepenburg at mpiepenb@cisco.com or 214-908-3215. This is a great volunteer opportunity for all, if you work, stay at home, are a mom, dad, aunt, uncle, or grandparent.

First Week Presentation

Day	Time	Teacher
Monday	12:35 – 1:20	Rush (6 th)
Tuesday	8:10 – 8:55	Parman (K)
Tuesday	9:40 – 10:25	Simmons (3 rd)
Tuesday	12:35 – 1:20	Vargesco (5 th)
Wednesday	8:10 – 8:55	Wright (2 nd)
Wednesday	9:40 – 10:25	Lord (3 rd)
Thursday	8:10 – 8:55	Bachelor (K)
Friday	8:10 – 8:55	Bereyso (1 st)
Friday	10:15 – 11:00	Pence (6 th)
Friday	1:45 – 2:30	Williams (6 th)

Second Week Presentation

Day	Time	Teacher
Monday	9:40 – 10:25	Espy (3 rd)
Tuesday	8:10 – 8:55	Barr (K)
Tuesday	2:05 – 2:50	Latos (4 th)
Wednesday	8:10 – 8:55	Douglas (K)
Wednesday	2:05 – 2:50	Oonk (4 th)
Thursday	8:10 – 8:55	Loos (K)
Thursday	2:05 – 2:50	Fox (4 th)
Friday	12:35 – 1:20	Metivier (1 st)



NOW HIRING

The Student Nutrition Department is now hiring! The kids are all settled in school, so check out our part time hours! Start now in a 4 hour training position working 10 am – 2 pm. Apply online at www.allenisd.org.

Do It Today!

Volunteer Registration

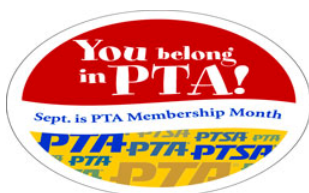
Anderson volunteers **must** complete the on-line Allen ISD Volunteer Registration process each school year. If you have not already updated your registration for the '09-'10 school year, please click this AISD website link to complete the process.

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



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.**



PTA Membership

Did you know that joining PTA is **NOT** a commitment to volunteer at the school? Joining Anderson PTA simply shows your support of the Anderson student body and staff and that you want to be a partner in making your child's school a better place.

There is still time to join, please contact Ashley Southard at ahsouthard@sbcglobal.net.

Each paid membership receives one FREE copy of the Anderson Student Directory!

Anderson Box Tops for Education -- September Collection Contest!


Turn in your Box Tops by **Friday, September 26th**, for a chance to win a pass for **4 games of miniature golf at Adventure Landing!** Each student that brings in 10 Box Tops will have their name submitted in a drawing for this great 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 October.



UPCOMING ALL-STAR EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, Sept 15	Thursday, Sept 17	Tuesday, Sept 22	Friday, Oct 2
Two Rows Night	Chick-fil-A Night	4th Grade Parent Meeting for Austin 6pm in Multipurpose Rm 	End of 6 Weeks Day of Discovery Science 

LUNCH MENU

Tuesday, Sept 15	Wednesday, Sept 16	Thursday, Sept 17	Friday, Sept 18	Monday, Sept 21
Teriyaki Dippers w/ Not Fried Rice Mini Ribs on a Bun Chef Salad w/ Egg Homemade Cornbread Cucumbers & Tomato Salad Garden Medley, Apple Half Pineapple Tidbits Chocolate Pudding	Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza Chef Salad w/ Ham Pasta Salad Florentine Green Beans Baby Carrots Banana Half Box of Raisins Red Jell-O	Baked Tostido Combo Turkey Hot Dog Yogurt Combo Steamed Rice Baked Beans Garden Salad Apple Half Apricot Halves Reduced Fat Sugar Cookie 	Chicken Tenders Fish Shapes Egg Salad Sandwich w/ Baked Chips Macaroni & Cheese Green Peas Cucumber Slices Strawberries & Bananas Orange Smiles Green Jell-O	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Shrimp Poppers w/ Rice Turkey Sandwich w/ Baked Chips Low Fat Blueberry Muffin Mixed Vegetables Squash Casserole Apple Half Sliced Peaches Blue Jell-O