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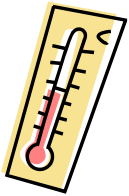
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“One Check” Fundraiser – Half Way to Goal!

We are a little over **half way** to our goal! A **HUGE** “Thank You” to everyone that has already donated! But, we need 100% participation to get us the rest of the way.

If you have not already done so, please complete the “One Check” donation form 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.

Cash for Cans

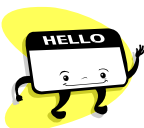
Please bring your cans this **Friday, Sept. 25th** to help support the 6th grade!

Empty cans should be brought to the front entry doors before school starts. They will be collected and taken to be recycled. The money earned will go towards the 6th grade scholarship program.



Anderson Box Tops for Education -- September Collection Contest!

Turn in your Box Tops by this **Friday, September 25th**, 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.



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.

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.

PLEASE turn in your Class Party money (\$5) if you didn't at the beginning of the year.

Counselor's Comments – Mrs. McWilliams

Monday was our first day with a Watch DOG on the loose! It is wonderful to see the children interacting with the fathers and father-figures of our school. We have many days still left open to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me Karen_McWilliams@allensisd.org or David Gutierrez david.gutierrez@us.fujitsu.com

Safety Patrol had its first meeting Monday afternoon and began duty today. Please say hello to and thank our students in the orange vests for helping keep our school safe. If one of them is particularly helpful, make sure you let me know! I would love to recognize him/her.



Our Kindness Links are well under way. Students have done an excellent job handing out links to each other and teachers! Teachers have also been submitting them for students and teachers. Would you like to get in on the action and submit one to a teacher or student? Simply write the kind act someone did for you or you saw someone doing for someone else on a yellow or blue strip of construction paper located on the small table outside the door leading to the teachers' boxes. Drop the link in the "Kindness Links" box and hopefully it will be chosen to be read on announcements!

Below is an article from Love and Logic. They put out wonderful publications regarding discipline. If you are interested in their materials, please contact me and we can figure out which one best fits your needs. I have many that can lend!

Say "No" by Saying "Yes" to Something Else



"No" seems to be the most dreaded word in the English language. Kids hate to hear it almost as much as adults! There's nothing that starts a fight faster than the simple sound of this teeny, tiny two-letter word.

The world is full of "No's." That's why preparing kids for the real world requires that we deny their requests from time to time.

But how do we say "No" without finding ourselves in constant battles? By saying "Yes" to something else!

Instead of: *No, I'm not taking you until your chores are done.*

Try: *Sure! I will take you when your chores are done*

Rather than: *No. I am not paying \$200 for a pair of sneakers.*

Experiment with: *I want you to have those. The ones I was planning on buying cost \$25. I'll provide that amount.*

Instead of: *No. You are not watching rated R movies.*

Try: *Renting a movie is a great idea. Find a G rated one, and we'll pop some popcorn tonight.*

Give this little tip a try...and enjoy fewer battles with your kids!

Thanks for reading!

Dr. Charles Fay



PE News – Calling all parents!!!

First, we have a few quick reminders:

1. Students are required to wear athletic shoes on their scheduled PE days. The schedule is posted on-line for your convenience.
2. If your child needs to sit out of PE activities, a note is required. We will need a note for each individual day. Anything existing more than two days requiring a third day or more you will need to provide a doctor's note.
3. Grades in PE are based on participation and ability to meet the state requirements.

The coaches are looking for a few good volunteers to help run this year's **Punt, Pass and Kick** competition for grades 3-6. This is a competition for girls and boys that want to participate to see if they can punt, pass, and kick the football the farthest. I am looking for a few parents to help measure and score our students. If you are interested please contact Coach Tucker at ginny_tucker@allensisd.org or 972-396-6924 ext 148. The girls will compete on Wednesday, September 30th and Friday, October 2nd. The boys will compete Wednesday, October 7th and Thursday, October 8th. These events will be help during their regularly scheduled specials.

We are also on the look out for any parent that is a **police officer or firefighter**. We would love to have you volunteer your time to help teach our students about gun safety and fire safety. We do have a School Resource Officer but the kids love it when it is an Anderson parent.



Finally, we are in need of some parents that may be able to come and teach on a **Movement Monday**. We are interested in finding parents that can teach fencing, cricket, bocce ball, or any other sport not traditionally found in a school setting.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our school. Feel free to contact me for any additional information.

Coach Tucker

Texas PTA's 100th Birthday



Texas PTA is having a 100th birthday celebration on Sunday, October 18th from 2-6 p.m. during the State Fair on the Cotton Bowl field. Tickets are \$15/one or \$12.50/four or more. This **includes entrance to the fair** and Centennial event. Activities include bounce houses, military vehicles, Mad Science, Texas author book signings, stage entertainment, balloon sculptures, face painting, and much more. Unable to attend? Tickets can also be donated for Dallas YMCA families to help celebrate. www.txpta.org/events (order deadline is October 7)

Notes from Nurse Roberts

OH NO! IS IT THE FLU?

The flu (influenza) is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs that is caused by the influenza virus.



Symptoms: feeling tired, fever (greater than 100 F), headache, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and sore muscles. Children may also experience stomach problems and diarrhea. Cough can last two weeks or more. (People with the flu will spread the infection when they cough, sneeze and have a runny nose.) It is very important to cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough to prevent spreading germs. People become sick when they come in contact with the infection (flu germs).

Prevention:

Stay home when you are sick.

Stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

Cover your mouth and nose.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, or cough into the crook of your elbow. Wash your hands immediately if you inadvertently use your hand to cover your mouth.

Clean your hands.

Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water is not available.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

Treatment: If your child has flu symptoms, please keep him/her home and consult your doctor. It is important for the child to drink plenty of fluids and get as much rest as possible.

If your child has a temperature of 100 or greater, they can not attend school. Students must be free of fever for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) before returning to school. Keeping your child home and allowing plenty of rest will ensure a faster recovery for your child and prevent the spread of the infection to others.

COUNTRY FAIR is Coming!!!!

Saturday, October 17th 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

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 (Anderson's Art Teacher) 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 (Anderson's Art Teacher) with this program.

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/>



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!

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.**

LUNCH MENU

Wednesday, Sept 23	Thursday, Sept 24	Friday, Sept 25	Monday, Sept 28	Tuesday, Sept 29
Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza Spinach Chef Salad Fresh Baked Roll Whole Kernel Corn Crispy Zucchini Fruit of the Day Sliced pears Green Jell-O	Chicken Enchiladas Vegetable Quesadilla String Cheese, Turkey Slices & Cracker Combo Homestyle Biscuit Garden Salad Refried Beans Apple Half Banana Half Reduced Fat Carnival Cookie	Chicken Tenders Sloppy Joe Sandwich Yogurt & Cereal Pouch Bread Basket Baked French Fries Green Beans Peach Crisp Orange Smiles Red Jell-O	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Turkey & Cheese Sub Buttered Noodles Green Peas Garden Medley Apple Half Box of Raisins Blue Jell-O	BBQ Baked Potato Orange Chicken & Rice Chef Salad w/ Ham Homemade Cornbread Herb Broccoli & Cauliflower Whole Kernel Corn Orange Smiles Rosy Applesauce Mango Sherbet

