
	<p>Anderson Elementary '09-'10</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">All-Star Gazer</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Teaming up for Success</p>	
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“One Check” donations need to be turned in by this Friday, Oct. 2nd.

Art to Go STILL NEEDS YOU!!!!

We need **NINE** more volunteers

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 the times they have signed up for. 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, you can work, stay at home, and be a mom, dad, aunt, uncle or grandparent.

First Week Presentation

Day	Time	Teacher
Monday	12:35 – 1:20	Rush (6 th)
Monday	2:05 – 2:50	Holley (1 st)
Tuesday	8:10 – 8:55	Parman (K)
Tuesday	9:40 – 10:25	Simmons (3 rd)
Wednesday	8:10 – 8:55	Wright (2 nd)
Thursday	8:10 – 8:55	Bachelor (K)

Second Week Presentation

Day	Time	Teacher
Tuesday	2:05 – 2:50	Latos (4 th)
Wednesday	2:05 – 2:50	Oonk (4 th)
Friday	12:35 – 1:20	Metivier (1 st)

Crazy Hair Day is this Friday!!!

The 1st "CRAZY HAIR DAY" of the year is coming up this **Friday, Oct 2nd**. Students who **bring \$1** to donate to the 6th grade George Anderson Scholarship Fund can wear Crazy Hair all day!

Shooting Stars

HEY ALL-STARS -- Do you strive for success? Try your best? Always have a positive attitude? Respect yourself and others? And set goals?

Well, if this is something you do everyday, you may be a candidate for "Shooting Star of the Month". We have changed our Shooting Star program this year and we are very excited about it and hope you will be too. If chosen, you will be recognized at our Monday Morning Rally and then be whisked away for a photo with the one and only, "George the Star". During lunchtime that day, you will be the "Star". Bring your lunch, or buy one in the cafeteria, and then go to the "Table of Honor" on the stage and have a very special lunch with our Principal, Mrs. Norris. George the Star wanted everyone to know that this will be a very special honor this year. One student from each class will be chosen by their teacher, each month, to be a "Shooting Star of the Month".

We will also have one more very important "Character Trait" that will be a criteria for being chosen. Our wonderful counselor, Mrs. McWilliams has started our Core Essentials program and each month we have a specific "Character Trait" to follow. For the month of September it's Wisdom. So, in order to be chosen, you will need to exhibit all the things from our All-Star Creed and Wisdom. Each month the Core Essential will change and Mrs. McWilliams will let you know what it is for that month. Anderson Elementary is such a "Great Place to Learn" so start thinking about how you could be chosen to be the "Shooting Star of the Month".

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

Anderson Box Tops for Education -- October Collection Contest!



Attention American Girl and Roughrider fans! This month we will have a boy and a girl drawing for two amazing prizes. **One lucky girl will have the opportunity to win an American Girl doll and one lucky boy will have the opportunity to win a Roughriders baseball package!** Thanks so much to the American Girl company and the Roughriders organization for donating these great items.

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 November 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, October 23rd.

Thanks for your support!

Sandy Rednour – Box Tops Coordinator

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.

Counselor's Comments – Mrs. McWilliams

Watch DOGS (see t-shirt order form at the end of the newsletter)

Our first week of Watch DOGS was a huge success! Dads, kids, and teachers all had wonderful things to say about their experience. Make sure you ask your student if they have had the chance to have a Watch DOG in their classroom. If you want to be a Watch DOG and did not come to the kick-off, no worries! The calendars will soon be posted on the website. Once those are up, you can pick an open spot and email me with the date you want.

Two important Watch DOG reminders:

*All Watch DOGS must complete a background check. This takes about two week to get approved and into the system. So please do it as soon as possible. You can find the background check at: <https://ahsweb.allenisd.org/appentry/>

*I will be sending in another t-shirt order on **Friday**. ALL Watch DOGS must wear the official Watch DOGS t-shirt. If you want to order one, then great! If not, then you may wear one of mine over whatever shirt you wear on your day. This t-shirt helps kids and staff know who you are in the hall. If you want to order a shirt, simply print off the attached order form, fill it out, attach a check, and send it to school with your child. If you would like a better picture of the shirts, then check out the website –

<http://fathers.com/documents/watchdogs/Master%20Catalog%202009%20-%202010.pdf>

Safety Patrol

Safety Patrol is well under way. I hope you have seen our 5th graders hard at work in the morning and afternoon. Make sure you let them know if they're doing a great job!

Core Essentials

This is our last week to focus on Wisdom. Next week we will begin our study of individuality. Be looking for new materials to come home for your family to continue the Core Essentials conversations at home!

Watch DOGS

Here are a few comments from one of last week's Watch DOGS:

I just wanted to drop a note and tell you how much I appreciate you for allowing me to participate in your school today. I must say that Anderson Elementary is the friendliest and most welcoming environment I have ever had the good fortune in which to find myself.

Everyone involved in the running of that school said hello to me, from the principal to the cafeteria crew. I have copied this e-mail to the teachers whose classes I had the opportunity to attend. I have not had occasion to find myself in a class room environment in some time and I must tell you that you are all true professionals and I was very impressed with what I witnessed. I have always believed this, and after today, I believe it more than ever..."regardless of what you make, you are all underpaid!"

Thanks again for allowing me to be there, I don't know that my presence made a difference to the kids but it certainly left an impression on me.

If you are ever in need of assistance please do not hesitate to call on me.

If you want to get involved, here are the open dates for October: 14, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, and 29. Please contact me to get your name on the schedule! Karen_McWilliams@allenisd.org



Connemara Conservancy

The Connemara Conservancy is a nonprofit land trust dedicated to preserving and protecting open space and the natural beauty in North Texas. www.connemaraconservancy.org

They have partnered with Nature Rocks <http://www.naturerocks.org>, a national campaign to inspire and empower families to play and explore in nature. Their Family Nature Club (which you can read about on their website) will hold six Sunday afternoon events this fall at the Meadow where they will introduce parents and children to the natural life in the Meadow (birds, bugs and butterflies, small animals and, of course, wildflowers and other plants.) Volunteer guides and guest 'experts' will lead the groups in a relaxed and relatively unstructured trek through the Meadow. Check it Out!

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.**

LUNCH

Wednesday, Sept 30	Thursday, Oct 1	Friday, Oct 2	Monday, Oct 5	Tuesday, Oct 6
Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza Taco Chef Salad 	Crisпитos Honey Lime Turkey Fajita Yogurt Combo Steamed Rice Garden Salad Corn & Black Bean Salsa Pears & Cherries Orange Smiles RF 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 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 Cucumbers & Tomato Salad Cauliflower w/ Cheese Apple Half, Sliced Peaches Reduced Fat Sugar Cookie

Watch DOGS T-shirt Order Form

Parent Name(s): _____

Student(s) Name(s): _____ Teacher: _____

_____ Teacher: _____

_____ Teacher: _____



\$12	\$14
____ small	____ 2XL
____ medium	____ 3XL
____ large	____ 4XL
____ XL	____ 5XL



\$14
____ youth small
____ y medium
____ y large
____ y XL
____ adult small



\$12	\$12
____ youth small	____ adult small
____ y medium	____ a medium
____ y large	____ a large
____ y XL	____ a XL
	____ a 2XL



\$14
____ youth small
____ y medium
____ y large
____ y XL
____ adult small



\$12
____ adult small
____ a medium
____ a large
____ a XL
____ a 2XL



\$14	\$17
____ adult small	____ adult 2XL
____ a medium	____ 3XL
____ a large	
____ a XL	

Total # of shirts ordered: _____ Total amount paid: _____