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Allen Eagle Fly-By

September/2016



Allen @ West; It is not about the walls.

Six weeks. Six weeks of adventure!

Six weeks ago our beloved Allen flooded. In days we were working to rent a building. In days, with many emotions and tremendous strength, we moved our school to our temporary home at West in Ypsi. Six weeks later we are talking about report cards, looking at student data, planning our first Eagle Extravaganza and classroom celebrations. We have taken school pictures. We have kicked off the Fun Run and had our Parent Orientation and first Parent Council meeting. We are having school, and it is a beautiful thing, despite the circumstances that we have experienced for these six weeks. We are together, we are working, and we are Allen, steadfast and moving forward.

Thank you. Just thank you.

Kerry Beal, Principal

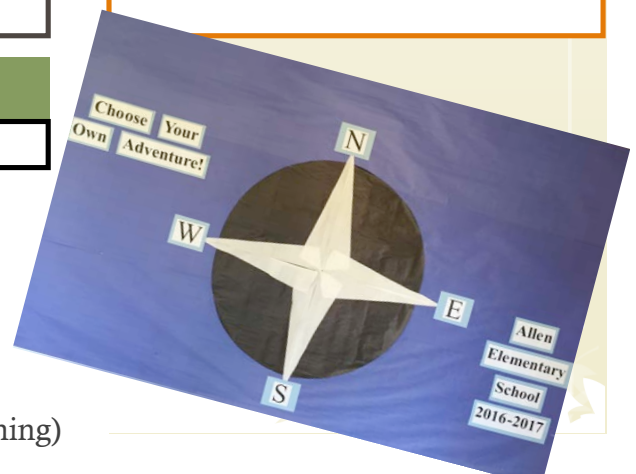
Buses and Changes

We have more buses running for our school this year. Last year, we had four, and now we have eight. More students are riding due to our location. Please see the How to Ride the Bus Guidelines attached in the email with this newsletter. This is a good list of talking points to go over with your children at home, both those who are used to riding the bus, and those who are new to riding the bus. The seasonal changes will bring weather to watch and plan for—bus stops can be sunny and dry, rainy and wet, stormy and cold, and snowy and windy. Watch the weather and be prepared.

Have questions or concerns regarding buses? Call 734-994-2330.

Save the Date!

| October 7 | October 20 | October 26 |
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| Spirit Day! Wear your Allen spirit wear or school colors! | 5 th Grade field trip (AM) Fun Run! (PM) | Half Day for our students |
| | | October 27 Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening) |



New Staff

Welcome to Allen!

Shanda Pearson, Kindergarten

Kristin Devine, Kindergarten

Megan Harper, First Grade

Melissa DeJesus, Third Grade

David Blumer, Third Grade

David Mattie, Fourth Grade

Christine Woelmer, Library and Media

Cara Worden, Speech and Language

Sarah Argersinger, Occupational Therapy

Kit Flynn, Transition Support Principal



FUN RUN

Our Fun Run kicked off on September 21! Thank you for your donations, support, and efforts to earn funds for field trips, school supplies, and family fun activities for Allen!

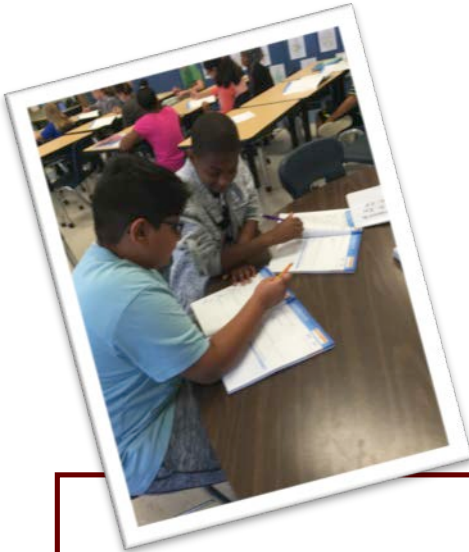
Box Tops!

Families-we are still collecting Box Tops this year! This funding source has given us opportunities to purchase a variety of items for the school, including benches and recess items. Thank you for your support!

Updates about our Home School

Dr. Jeanice Swift is sending out regular updates about the status of the reports and work on our home school. There is no time line yet of when we can get back to the building on Towner Boulevard, but by the end of October we are hoping for a full report of the studies on the building, and then move forward to repair and refurbish so that we can move home. We still have no time line. Updates are being sent via email and are posted on the district website. That link is on the last page of this newsletter.





Allen's Preschool is currently located at the Westerman Preschool Center on Boardwalk, until we can all get back to our home school. These Preschool Eagles are looking great! →



Parent Pick-Up
School Begins at 8:47AM, first bell at 8:44
School Dismisses at 3:50PM

- ✓ Keep safety a priority. Walk, Watch, Be Alert.
- ✓ Drop-off in the south lot, not the middle main lot or bus loop.
- ✓ Pick-up in the south lot, and **if possible, avoid walking up to get children from lines/groups outside but pick-up children in the controlled car line.** Our process allows us to make sure children get in the right car with right folks. **If parents must pick up from the line or group (walking up), they need to make contact with the adult with the group so that we know who and where the child is.**
- ✓ **Tardies and Late pick up from school:** If children come in after the bell at 8:47, they are considered tardy and will need to check in to the office.
- ✓ **Please pick up children ON TIME.** Kids who are left at school are often worried and anxious about being forgotten, and our office team needs to be able to leave when the office closes. We know you understand this importance of time for all involved.
- ✓ Finally, while we want kids at school and headed home on time, if circumstances arise and they are late for either, parents must come in and sign the children in and out of the school.

Thank you for your
help with this!

Positively Music! Our first assembly of the school year!

All grades at Allen @ West enjoyed our first assembly on Tuesday, September 27. Students engaged in interactive activities with music to promote good choices and positive behavior. Thank you to our Parent Council for sponsoring this assembly!



CALLS TO CHANGE PLANS FOR DISMISSAL

Families, if you are changing plans for your child and their end of the school day dismissal (ride the bus, parent will be pick up), please call to notify the office no later than 3PM. We get very busy at the end of the day and are still working with one phone to manage incoming calls. We want to get your message and get the correct plans to your children and their teachers, so please give us this window to ensure that we are able to do so.



Birthdays and Celebrations

This year, we have a higher need to monitor what foods are brought in due to student allergies. For birthdays, please avoid bringing in food or candy for the class. Instead, please ask your child's teacher for ideas for how to celebrate birthdays in her/his classroom this year.

KNOW YOUR BUS SAFETY...**Bus issues/questions call 734-994-2330**

- 1 Leave plenty of time to get to the bus stop. When you rush, you may not follow traffic safety rules.
- 2 Walk on the sidewalks, where available.
- 3 Remain alert at all times; don't have ear buds in or headphones on, texting, talking on your cell phone or playing handheld video games because you won't be aware of what's happening around you.
- 4 Also be careful when wearing a hood; it makes it difficult for you to see.
- 5 When waiting for the bus, stay away from the street. Be aware of traffic and follow safety rules.
- 6 Make sure the driver can see you at all times by staying 10 steps away from the bus.
- 7 Wait for the bus to stop completely before you approach it to get on or before you stand up to get off.
- 8 Clothes or backpacks should not have drawstrings, toggles or key chains. They can get caught on bus handrails and doors.
- 9 Hold the handrail so you don't trip on the stairs.
- 10 Find a seat and sit down immediately.
- 11 Know your driver's name and bus number to be sure you are boarding the right bus.
- 12 Be courteous and respectful to your driver.
- 13 Talk and laugh quietly with friends, but do not scream; it distracts the driver.
- 14 Do not put your head, arms, papers or anything else out of the window.
- 15 If you drop something near the bus, don't pick it up. The driver may not see you. Instead, ask the driver for help.
- 16 If you have to cross the street, wait until the driver lets you know it's okay to cross.

Stay away from the bus wheels at all times – especially the back wheels where it's hard for the driver to see you.

Office Information

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Kayley Meade, Teacher Clerk

Kit Flynn, Transition Support Principal

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School website:

<http://a2schools.org/Domain/10>

District website:

<http://a2schools.org>

Allen Elementary Building Updates:

<http://a2schools.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=10&ViewID=047E6BE3-6D87-4130-8424-D8E4E9ED6C2A&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=8114&PageID=1>

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