

"Education is not filling a pail but the lighting of a fire."

~William Butler Yeats

Allen Road Elementary School

Gator Gazette E*News

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 4/2—School Spirit Day
- 4/10—4/12—3rd/4th Grade NYS ELA Testing
- 4/13—Report Cards available online
- 4/17—4/19—Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences (4/18 Half Day)
- 4/23—4/27—Spring Recess

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Gator 'Tales'...

Welcome to April! While we expect to see a break in the weather this month, what we WON'T see is a break in the excitement here at Allen Road!

Looking back for a moment, I want to send out a huge thank you to our staff for putting together a fantastic PARP month and Literacy Night! Thank you as well to you as parents for modeling the importance of literacy at home by reading with your child and creating some fantastic PARP projects! Check out these great [follow up parent resources!](#)

Looking ahead to what April holds, there are a few very important items to mark on the calendar to stay informed as parents. These include:

- Next week is NYS ELA testing. Our students have



worked hard and are going to do a great job showing the state all they have learned across the year!

- Wednesday April 11th is our PTO meeting where Assistant Superintendent Don Keegan will visit to share an [overview of this years budget.](#)
- On Friday, April 13th, 3rd quarter report cards will be

available online, followed by parent/teacher conferences April 17th, 18th, and 19th. Click here for an article on how to prepare for these.

- [Race For Education](#) kicks into high gear this month as students complete mailers and we begin to send them out. This event is critical to the success of everything else we do across the year for our students, as it is our ONLY fundraiser. Please take the time to take advantage of the [online feature](#) this year to get labels ready, and donations coming in—the more families that participate—the more we can offer our students.

Here's to the final arrival of spring and the final stretch of the year!

-1 Dave

PTO News and Views

Happy Spring!! Thank you to those who purchased yearbooks and Square One Art! Race For Education is now underway and new this year is the option for online labels. Check out [arepto.org](#) and click create/manage your labels. So far we have 151, but our goal is 2500 labels. This event is critical as it is our ONLY active fundraiser for the playground we need. Watch your child's folder, or our Facebook/Twitter pages for updates and information over the next few weeks! We are also starting to plan this years Carnival!! If you would like to be a part of planning,

or have some ideas please reach out to arepto@gmail.com or via Facebook.

At the end of this year, some of our PTO board members and coordinators are moving to the middle school, leaving open positions. Nominations take place in April, with voting in May. Please visit the ARE PTO Facebook or webpage for full information on positions and what you can do to help our Allen Road kids. Our PTO meeting this month is on April 11th at 6pm in the school library. Child care is available for the evening.

Gina Baker
PTO president



PARP month also includes some great classroom writing celebrations!

Don't forget to follow

[@AREPrincipal](#)

to see tweets of great student work being shared from our Writer's Workshop model!

North Syracuse Board of Education:

Michael Shusda—President

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NORTH SYRACUSE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The students, residents and staff of the North Syracuse Central School District will work collaboratively to ensure a respectful and diversified learning environment. Our collective focus is to provide educational experiences and opportunities that inspire students to reach their individual potential as productive citizens.



Adopted by the Board of Education, August 11, 2014

Central Office Administration:

Ms. Annette Speech

Superintendent of Schools

Donald F.X. Keegan

Associate Superintendent for Business Services

Jason Nephew

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Daniel Bowles

Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

Dawn Wilczynski

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Valerie DiFlorio

*Executive Director for Diverse Learning
and Student Support*

Donna Marie Norton

Executive Director for Data and Accountability

Allen Road Elementary Office Staff:

David M. Lunden

Building Principal

Kathy See and Robin Floyd

Secretaries

218-2300

Fax: 218-2385

Anna Werksman

School Nurse

218-2303

School Hours: 8:30-4:00

Student Hours: 9:00-3:20

*A leader is a
dealer
in hope.*

*~Napoleon
Bonaparte*



Important Dates

April 11th: PTO meeting at 6pm in the school library

May 17th: Race for Education

June 8th: Carnival 5-8pm

Minutes from March Safety Meeting found here <https://drive.google.com/open?id=16vpRnYgAUjrca1RmPHi9WWtX9T1P0KI5>

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Our last quarter of After School Enrichment starts the beginning of May. We are always looking for new and exciting ideas for next year. Please reach out to the PTO if you have an idea that you'd like to see available to the students next year.

Race For Education

Our Race Day is Thursday, May 17th. Our students will be able to enjoy the nice spring weather while raising funds for our school! As usual, profits from the Race help fund our school's events, field trips for every grade level and more! We also will be saving funds to replace the old part of the playground as a capital project.

Thank You
Gina Baker
PTO president

*It is easier to
build strong
children than to
repair broken
men.*

*~Frederick
Douglass*

From the Health Office...

Sometimes it can be difficult for a parent to decide whether to send children to school when they wake up with early symptoms of an illness or complaints that they do not feel well. In general, unless your child is significantly ill, the best place for them to be is in school. However, there are some situations in which it is best to plan on keeping your child home for a day of rest or to arrange for an appointment with your health care provider. The following are a few such situations that warrant watching and possibly conferring with your health care provider:

- ✦ Temperature greater than **100°**, or a fever that requires control with medication. A child with fever should not return to school until they are free of fever for **24 hours** without taking fever reducing medication
- ✦ Vomiting or diarrhea - child should not return to school until the symptoms have resolved for **24 hours** and the child is able to keep down food and liquid
- ✦ Child is too sleepy or ill to profit from sitting in class all day
- ✦ Significant cough that makes a child feel uncomfortable or disrupts the class
- ✦ Sore throat that is severe, accompanied by fever and/or feeling ill, that persists longer than 48 hours
- ✦ Honey-crusted sores or a rash especially if accompanied by other symptoms or illness
- ✦ Red or draining eyes –**if student is diagnosed with pink eye (conjunctivitis) they must be on antibiotic drops/ointment for 24 hours before returning to school**
- ✦ Large amount of discolored nasal discharge, especially if accompanied by facial pain or headache
- ✦ Severe ear pain or drainage from the ear
- ✦ Severe headache, especially if accompanied by fever
- ✦ Any condition that you think may be serious or contagious to others.

Wellness Wakeup Call: This month we will be learning about “The Power of Plant Protein”

Look for a healthy recipe on my website.

As always – you can contact me at any time either by email @: awerksma@nscsd.org or call 315-218-2303.

Enjoy your Spring break!!

Mrs. Werksman RN
315-218-2303 or awerksma@nscsd.org

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.

~Phyllis Diller

ADA-PEP NEWS From Miss Thome

PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

A district wide program is underway again this year to help ease the transition of 4th graders to middle school. The Peer to Peer program matches 4th grade students with 5th grade student pen pals. The program is designed to help decrease the anxiety that some 4th graders feel as they begin to think about leaving the elementary school they have called home for five years and venturing out to their new middle school.

During the first part of the program, 4th grade students write letters to their 5th grade pen pal asking questions about middle school life. The 5th graders respond answering the questions and introducing themselves to their new friend. On Wednesday, May 30th, 4th grade students will visit Roxboro Road Middle School, meet their pen pals and participate in a special building tour prepared by their 5th grade "buddies."

As part of the tour, 4th graders will have an opportunity to practice opening lockers, learn about after school activities and clubs and meet some of the middle school staff. After the tour, 4th graders will be familiar with the building they will be entering in September and have their first friend at the middle school. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at Allen Road at 218-2300.

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IMPORTANT PARENT NOTIFICATION

PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES~

During the school year, your son or daughter may have the opportunity to have his/her photo taken, video image and voice recorded, and/or art and written work published in connection with a school district activity or program. Your child's photo (image) and school work may be published in local newspapers, posted (displayed) on the district's Internet site, or used by the requesting organization (local TV or print media) for their programming, i.e., backup and their news stories.

APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!					
	7:00—BOE Meeting					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			3RD/4TH GRADE NYS ELA TESTING		Report Cards available online	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	7:00—BOE Meeting		Parent/Teacher Conferences (Half Day)			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			SPRING RECESS			
29	30					

Elementary School Menu

April 2018

Menu Subject to Change
 North Syracuse School District is An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

MONDAY

2 Chicken Ring Things w/ Dinner Roll
 Baked French Fries
 Seasoned Carrots
 100% Fruit Juice

9 BBQ Rib Sandwich
 Potato Gems
 Seasoned Carrots
 Coins

16 Toasted Cheese Sandwich
 Baby Carrots w/ Dip
 Tomato Soup w/ Crackers
 100% Fruit Juice

23 Spring Recess
 No School

30 Pizza Crunchers w/ Sauce
 Sweet Potato Gems
 Baked Beans
 100% Fruit Juice

TUESDAY

3 Beef Nachos w/ Salsa
 Cheesy Bean Dip
 Seasoned Corn
 Fresh Fruit

10 Mini Pancakes w/ Sausage
 Hash Brown Patty
 100% Fruit-Vegetable Juice
 Fresh Fruit

17 Baked Rotini w/ Cheesy Breadstick
 Garden Salad w/ Dressing
 Seasoned Green Beans

24 Spring Recess
 No School

WEDNESDAY

4 Pasta & Meatballs w/ Texas Toast
 Seasoned Green Beans
 Garden Salad w/ Dressing
 Whole Fruit Slushy Cup

11 Macaroni & Cheese w/ Dinner Roll
 Seasoned Green Beans
 Baby Carrots w/ Dip
 100% Juice Cup

18 ½ Day
 Grades K-4

25 Spring Recess
 No School

THURSDAY

5 Ham & Cheese Bagel Melt
 Sweet Potato Gems
 Homemade Coleslaw
 Fresh Fruit

12 Soft Beef Taco w/ Lettuce, Cheese and Salsa
 Refried Beans
 Seasoned Corn
 Fresh Fruit

19 Hot Turkey w/ Gravy & Biscuit
 Mashed Potatoes
 Seasoned Carrots
 Fresh Fruit

26 Spring Recess
 No School

FRIDAY

6 Assorted Nardone's Pizza
 Garden Salad w/ Dressing
 Seasoned Broccoli
 Fresh Fruit

13 Homemade Pizza
 Garden Salad w/ Dressing
 Seasoned Broccoli
 Fresh Fruit

20 Assorted Nardone's Pizza
 Garden Salad w/ Dressing
 Seasoned Broccoli
 Fresh Fruit

27 Spring Recess
 No School

Second Choice

Monday – Burger
 Tuesday – Popcorn Chicken
 Wednesday – Hot Dog
 Thursday – Chicken Patty
 Friday – Burger

PB & J and Yogurt Meal
 also available

Breakfast \$1.75
 Lunch
 Elementary Schools \$2.25
 Middle Schools \$2.50
 High Schools \$2.75
 Milk \$0.65

Visit our website to print an application and to view menus.
www.nscsd.org

What did the leopard say after lunch?

That hit the spot.

Available with All Lunches

Assorted Fruit Cups
 Milk Choice