

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

~William Butler Yeats

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 9/5—First Day of School for students.
- 9/12—Curriculum Night for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades @ 6:30.
- 9/13—Curriculum Night for 3rd and 4th Grade @ 5:30
- 9/18—PTO Meeting @ 6:00
- 9/26—Half Day for students.

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Gator 'Tales'...

Well we have survived the first day heat, tears, excitement, and nerves—and are off to a great start to another school year! While I'm guessing that your emotions are a mix of sadness and joy at having your children back in school, for us it is complete excitement.

There are some new faces and important information to share this fall, so I hope you will take a few minutes to read through this initial Gazette.

Please know **September is the only full length gazette.** Beginning in October, a modified/one page gazette will be emailed offering basic information, along with a link to 'Principals Page' which will now focus on sharing building news, procedures, parent resources, etc. **Please**



make sure we have your most current email information.

Additionally, this year we have launched a new web page intended to support our Kindergarten parents in surviving their first year at Allen Road called [Kinder-Connect](#). While this is intended for first time parents in the building, it certainly can be a resource for everyone.

PTO News and Views

Welcome to a new school year—we hope you've had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are ready for a year full of learning and fun!

With all that is going on to start off a new year, we know it can be overwhelming. Most importantly we would like you to begin the year knowing the following important pieces of information:

- Our primary goal is to support you as parents and your children through school events—please let us know what you need for the year.
- We are very proud of our Social Media presence—be

sure to 'Like' us on Facebook to stay better connected!

- Make sure to check out our new Kinder Connect page linked directly off of the buildings page.
- Check out our meetings this year which will include 1 hour of information, followed by a brief break and then optional board business.

Here's to a great year at a great school—we can't wait to connect with you!

Gina Baker
PTO President

Also consider and 'Like' us on the [Allen Road Facebook page](#), or following me on Twitter at [@AREPrincipal](#), in order to stay more connected.

In my first newsletter I always share one final thought to help us all get off on strong footing. Fall is a season of change—and new beginnings can be both scary and exciting. They require a balance of support and pressure to make sure we are equipped while we grow. For our parents, staff, and students, I continue to be committed to providing the conditions that will make us successful for the kids! I hope you will work with us to strengthen communication and have a great year! Welcome back!

-T. Jones



Each month we will spotlight something interesting happening in our building beginning in October with our first electronic newsletter.

This fall we welcome a number of new staff members to Allen Road.

Visit our **October Spotlight** next month to see and learn more.

North Syracuse Board of Education:

Michael Shusda—President

Michael Mirizio —Vice-President

Michael Donofrio

Paul Farfaglia

George Harrington

Terri Kruegger

Erin McDonald

Mary Scanlon

Mark Thorne

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*

Arrival Procedures:

To ensure student safety each day, parents and visitors are **NOT** allowed to park or idle in the **'BUSES ONLY'** lane from **9:00 - 9:30 am** and **3:15 - 3:45 pm**.

Please drop students off in the south parking lot at the end of the sidewalk, or park in this lot and walk children up to the door. When a student is tardy, an adult must accompany them into the building to sign in. **DO NOT drop students on the side of Allen Road and have them walk across to the building.**

Children should not be dropped off at school before 9:00 am, due to the fact that teachers are involved in planning for the upcoming school day or attending meetings until 9:00 am. We are unable to provide supervision for students who arrive prior to that time.

Announcements begin at 9:15. **Students arriving after 9:15 are considered tardy.** Parents should walk their child into the main office when arriving late and sign them in at the front desk.

Dismissal Procedures:

Afternoon classes end at 3:15 p.m. If you are picking your child up at the end of the day, our first all-call for students will occur at 3:20, with buses being called and walkers being dismissed immediately following.

Beginning Monday, September 17th, parents will be asked to move to the cafeteria to sign out and wait for students being picked up. Please make sure you always have identification with you for verification if necessary.

If you wish to pick up your child from school, please write a note to your child's teacher. Anytime you are picking up your child, you **MUST** sign him/her out at the front office. **We are obligated to send a child home on the bus unless we have a note from a parent/guardian.** *A blank copy of the form used for this purpose can be found on the next page.*

Please note there is NO parking along the

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*~Frederick
Douglass*

The Allen Road PTO welcomes all our new and returning students and teachers to the 2018-2019 school year! We can't wait to see you at our Back to School cookout this evening and look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming meetings and events! Some of the events the PTO hosts are:



Fall Fun Fest - 10/26

Winter Wonderland—12/13

Labor of Love – 2/7

Annual End of Year Carnival—6/14

We are always in need for volunteers to help coordinate and run each event. We couldn't do it without parents and families volunteering their time to make these events possible for our children! So thank you in advance for your time that you give to us—we appreciate it immensely!

- On our Facebook page you will see many of the events and news of the school and PTO. You may also catch a glimpse of your child at work! This is also a great resource for reminders, dates, and useful parent information—stay connected by 'Liking' the Allen Road Elementary School PTO Facebook page!
- Our first PTO meeting is **September 18th** at 6pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. It's the best way to learn about activities your children may forget to tell you about at the dinner table. We welcome your ideas and input. This year we will also have staff members and special speakers come and give us ore insight into your child's education and school. We strive to end our meetings at 7:30pm and, like always, babysitting will be available. Membership to the PTO is \$2.00 per family.

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~Frederick Douglass

PTO Officers 2018-2019

- Gina Baker** - President
- Susan Smith** -Co-Vice President
- Nikki Bomasuto** - Co-Vice President
- Jackie Raymond**—Treasurer
- Heidi Soyster** - Recording Secretary
- Melissa Brown** - Corresponding Secretary
- Lacey Leonardo** - Publicity
- Michelle Altieri-Grotto—After School Enrichment
- Brad Baker—Yearbook Coordinator
- Mike Becher—Apparel Coordinator
- Paul Ross—Donations Coordinator

PTO Meetings 2018-2019

6pm in the library

- September 18th
- October 5th
- November 13th
- January 8th
- February 12th
- March 12th
- April 9th
- May 14th

Mark your calendars now!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS TO START THE YEAR...

Healthy Habits... *Parents are welcome to visit and eat with students in the lunchroom but fast food is not permitted. In order to support healthy dietary habits, and not create situations where some students have fast food and others nearby do not, we ask that you either buy lunch from our cafeteria or bring something healthy from home.*

School Spirit you can count on... *Each month we will celebrate School Spirit by asking students to wear their blue and green, or Allen Road apparel. To keep it simple, we always hold School Spirit Day on the 1st of the month, or the first school day of the month in the event the 1st falls on a weekend. Make sure to pick up your Allen Road apparel this fall to show your spirit!*

Dress to Learn... *Please remember, the dress policy at Allen Road Elementary includes **NO** hats, short shorts, bare midriffs, backless or spaghetti strap tops. Safe shoes for school, physical education, and recess time are also extremely important. Unsafe footwear may result in limiting your child's ability to participate in PE class or on the playground. Thank you for putting safety first!*

Safe and secure... *In order to keep our children safe, we require that all visitors sign in and wear a visitor's pass while in the building. Please be SURE to have picture ID when picking up a student from the office.*

Off and On... *There has been confusion in the past regarding electronic games and cell phones. While there are situations such as the YMCA or on buses where these are allowed for specific reasons and with specific rules, once school hours begin, they must be turned off and put away. If brought out during the school day they will be confiscated by the classroom teacher and given to Mr. Lunden.*

From the Health Office...

From the Health Office.....

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

I am sending home an informational sheet with your child the first day of school explaining the NYS mandated screenings and requirements. Please make sure you fill it out, and have your child return it to school as soon as possible, only for grades: K, 1, 3 and new students.

We will continue with the Morning Wellness Wakeup Call on the morning announcements, and delicious recipes will be posted on my website monthly.

You can reach me any day during the week either by phone at: 315-218-2303 or by email: awerksma@nscsd.org

Thanks,
Mrs.Werksman R.N

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

~Phyllis Diller

Curriculum Nights!

Make sure to join us for important information about your child's classroom!

- This is intended to be a parents only evening with your teacher.
- Parents may move directly to the classroom, will view a brief welcome video from Mr. Lunden, followed by our classroom teacher presentations.
- General information about grade level curriculum and classroom procedures will be shared once in the classroom. You will have the opportunity to sign up for individual conferences at this time.
- Please note this is intended to be a parents only evening.

*Important
DATE!*

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades: 9/12 ~ 5:30-7:00

3rd and 4th Grades: 9/13 ~ 5:30-7:00

Announcement!

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.

If you **DO NOT** want your child's picture or schoolwork to be used in newspaper articles, video, and/or district publications, including our district's website, please inform your school principal in writing.

*Each day of our
lives we make
deposits in the
memory banks
of our children.*

~Charles R.
Swindoll

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Labor Day	4	5 First Day of School	6 5:30—Beck To School cookout	7	8
9	10 Maintenance and Operations Appreciation Week 7:00—BOE Meeting	11 6:00—PTO Meeting	12 5:30—7:00: Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade Curriculum Night	13 5:30—7:00: 3rd and 4th Grade Curriculum Night	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 7:00—BOE Meeting	25	26 1/2 Day	27	28	29
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Elementary Schools Menu

September 2018

Menu Subject to Change

North Syracuse School District is An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Second Choice

3 Labor Day
No School

4 Superintendents Conference Day
No School

5 Popcorn Chicken w/ Texas Toast
Sweet Potato Bites
Seasoned Corn

6 French Toast Bites w/ Sausage
100% Fruit/Vegetable Juice
Hash Brown Patty
Fresh Fruit

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

Monday – Burger or Hummus Meal
Tuesday – Popcorn Chicken
Wednesday – Hot Dog
Thursday – Chicken Patty
Friday – Cheeseburger
PB & J and Yogurt Meal also available

10 Turkey & Cheese Panini Melt
Seasoned Carrots
Sweet Potato Fries

11 Pizza Crunchers w/ Sauce
Carrot Coins
Celery Sticks w/ Dip
Fresh Fruit

12 Pasta w/ Meat Sauce
Garlic Bread Stick
Garden Salad w/ Dressing
Seasoned Green Beans

13 Beef Nachos w/ Lettuce and Cheese
Cheesy Bean Dip
Seasoned Corn
Fresh Fruit

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

Breakfast \$1.85
Lunch
Elementary Schools \$2.35
Middle Schools \$2.60
High Schools \$2.85
Milk \$0.65

17 BBQ Rib Sandwich
BBQ Baked Beans
Sweet Potato Fries

18 Breakfast Sandwich w/ Sausage
100% Fruit/Vegetable Juice
Hash Brown Patty
Fresh Fruit

19 Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Tomato Soup w/ Cheez-its
Garden Salad w/ Dressing

20 Chicken & Potato Bowl w/ Biscuit
Mashed Potatoes
Celery Sticks w/ Dip
Fresh Fruit

21 Personal Pan Pizza
Garden Salad w/ Dressing
Seasoned Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

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

24 Ham & Cheese Panini
Seasoned Carrots
Sweet Potato Fries
Rice Krispy Treat

25 Garlic Parmesan Chicken w/ Texas Toast
Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Corn
Fresh Fruit

26 ½ Day
No Lunch

27 Macaroni & Cheese w/ Dinner Roll
Seasoned Green Beans
Homemade Coleslaw
Fresh Fruit

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

What did the butter say to the bread?
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Available with All Lunches

Assorted Fruit Cups
Milk Choice