

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

~William Butler Yeats

Allen Road Elementary School

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 6/1—School Spirit Day
- 6/4—6:30—Band and Orchestra Concert @ RRMS
- 6/8—Half Day—Noon Dismissal
- 6/8—5:00—PTO Carnival
- 6/12—Jack Gramlich visiting for Kindergarten
- 6/21—Last Day for Students—Noon Dismissal

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Gator 'Tales'...

Busy. Does the word truly have any context anymore with all we are doing every minute of every day? It's as if life is so hectic that busy is now the rule—not the exception. And for us at school, 'busy' is what robs us of taking in the moment and seeing what we do with kids. Fortunately, this week I had the chance to be less 'busy' and soak in some rewards of working with the children that will someday be our leaders and caretakers.

This morning we hosted our 2nd annual Graduation Walk with Allen Road graduating seniors returning to the school in their caps and gowns and walking the halls to Pomp and Circumstance—what a sight! They have grown up to be strong, caring, smart, and successful.



And just as special, yesterday I had the pleasure of sitting back a little and watching 4th grader Elizabeth Smith be Principal for a Day at Allen Road. I'm actually afraid she may have filled my shoes a little TOO good! Elizabeth led meetings, supervised the cafeteria, led the announcements, visited classrooms, and even met with Superintendent Annette Speech to offer student feedback on

transitioning from elementary to middle school.

She was confident, intelligent, caring, and a great leader. It was amazing to take a day 'off' from being busy, and have some quality time getting to know one of our students that I have watched grow from Kindergarten.

Elementary school can be tough for staff as we rarely get to see the finished product of our work. But this week we caught a glimpse of the future, and although I will be sad to see Elizabeth and her 4th grade classmates leave Allen Road for middle school, she is ready—they are ready—and middle school should be honored to have them! I'm glad I wasn't too busy to catch a glimpse of our future, as I now know we are in excellent hands! Have a safe and happy summer!

-Dane

PTO News and Views

As we approach the end of the school year I wanted to thank all of our parents, teachers, and volunteers for an amazing year!! As we look back, please know that you were a big part in making 2017-2018 a memorable year!

A huge thank you to all those that participated in our Race for Education. It was a great day with perfect weather, healthy snacks, mascots, and fast running!!

Everyone's favorite and our last event of the year Carnival is Friday June 8th 5:00-8:00. Fun for the

entire family with new games, prizes, food trucks, ice cream, and more! Your help and participation is always appreciated and needed to make these events possible. If you can volunteer, we still need you! Click [HERE](#) to sign up—it's fast, easy, and much needed! We hope to see you all there!!

Stay in touch this summer through email arepto@gmail.com or on our Allen Road Facebook page. Have a safe and happy summer-enjoy your families!

Gina Baker
PTO president
arepto@gmail.com



To catch a glimpse of our Principal for a Day in action

[Click Here](#)

And see how NewsChannel 9 did a great feature on her experience at Allen Road!

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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:

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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

June 8th: Carnival 5-8pm

June 21: Last day - 1/2 day—Noon Dismissal

Race For Education

Thank you for sending in labels and addresses!! We are still sending and receiving donations! We are almost at \$12,000!

Box Tops

Thank you all that collected and submitted boxtops for all school. Keep collecting now throughout the summer!! There will be a fall contest!! Don't forget to download the Boxtop app for bonus boxtops for all school!!

Yearbooks

A few extra yearbooks will be available in the main office for \$15 each. Checks should be made payable to Allen Road PTO. Starting mid June.

Thank You
Gina Baker
PTO president

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repair broken
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*~Frederick
Douglass*

From the Health Office...

This month we have a lot of business to take care of.

MEDICATION PICK UP:

Last day to pick up your child's medication will be JUNE 21st through 4 PM. Any medication **NOT** picked up will be discarded.

Please have your Doctor fill out a new "**Authorization for dispensing Medication**" form for the next school year if needed. This can be printed from my website.

Health Examination Requirements: NEW REQUIREMENTS!!

New York State law requires **ALL** students entering Kindergarten, 1st and 3rd grades to have a valid Health Examination. They may be dated anytime within 12 months prior to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Forms can be printed of my website.

SUMMER HOURS:

I will be working at school at the end of August. I will post the dates and times on my website, so if you would like to drop off medication or have any questions for me - I will be available, but please call before coming! I hope you have a **GREAT** Summer - stay **HEALTHY** and **SAFE!!**

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

An interview with our ‘Principal for a Day’; Miss Elizabeth Smith...

QUESTION #1: Miss Smith, what was the most interesting thing you did across the day?

Probably visit the classrooms...because they do something different than I do.

QUESTION #2: What was the biggest surprise about being Principal?

That you are walking everywhere—you are going everywhere. Like you have to do this and that and you don't have time for anything that you really want to do.

QUESTION #3: How did it feel to meet with the Superintendent?

It was cool because she would tell stories...and she would ask me a question in a cheery voice, I like how she does that. I liked talking about how to make friends, and like what we should do to stop bullying and make more friends.

QUESTION #4: Do you think you would want to be a Principal?

Yeah! It seems pretty cool because you get to run the whole business, but you have to do a lot of work. You pretty much have to work all day and you won't get bored.

QUESTION #5: Would you do it again?

Of course! It's super cool. You get to go to classrooms and visit them. I don't get to do that. And because you are kind of in charge, I mean you can do kind of whatever you want.

Great job Elizabeth—it was a pleasure having you as the building Principal for the day!

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JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	7:00—BOE Meeting 6:30—Spring Band and Orchestra Concert @		6:00—State Report Card Information Meeting		SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Jack Gramlich visiting for Kindergarten			Half Day / 12:00 Dismissal 5:00—PTO CARNIVAL!	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Full Day for students 7:00—BOE Meeting	Full Day for students	Full Day for students	12:00 Dismissal		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Elementary School Menu

June 2018

Menu Subject to Change

North Syracuse School District is An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Available with All Lunches

Assorted Fruit Cups
Milk Choice

4 Turkey and Cheese Panini
Seasoned Carrots
French Fries

5 BBQ Rib Sandwich
Sweet Potato Bites
Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

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

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

8 ½ Day
NO LUNCH

11 Chicken Fajita w/ Lettuce and Cheese
Steamed Rice
Seasoned Green Beans
Seasoned Carrots

12 Mac and Cheese w/ Roll
Baby Carrots w/ Dip
Homemade Coleslaw
Fresh Fruit

13 Brunch for Lunch w/ Sausage
Hash Brown Patty
100% Fruit-Vegetable Juice

14 Beef Taco w/ Lettuce, Tomato, & Cheese
Refried Beans
Seasoned Corn
Fresh Fruit
Frozen 100% Juice Cup

15 Assorted Pizzas
Garden Salad w/ Dressing
Seasoned Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

18 Cook's Choice
Seasoned Corn
Seasoned Green Beans

19 Cook's Choice
Steamed Broccoli
Sweet Potato Fries
Fresh Fruit

20 Cook's Choice
Seasoned Carrots
Hot Vegetable Choice

21 ½ Day
NO LUNCH

22 Happy Summer

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

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 has ears but can't hear a thing?

A cornfield.

Summer Feeding

Roxboro Middle School will be hosting free breakfast and lunch July 5 - August 17, 2018.
Visit our website for more information