



ALLEMANDS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Baitline News

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year at Allemands Elementary School. It was so exciting to see all of our returning and new families at Meet and Greet. We had over 160 parents that attended Meet and Greet and 58 families attended the kindergarten conferences. We also had 95 parents that attended Open House. What a way to start off the school year!

As principal I am energized and deeply committed to making a positive difference in the lives of every child, every day. This will be accomplished by expecting greatness from our faculty, our students and our stakeholders. By addressing school culture, setting high standards for teacher performance, increased academic expectations for all students and engaging the community, it is our mission at Allemands Elementary to build the foundation of enthusiastic life-long learners in a safe, respectful environment.

I am looking forward to another exciting school filled with opportunities for success! You can be a part of this endeavor by joining us for Volunteer Orientation on September 7 at 1:00. A PTA meeting will also be held at that time. Please plan to attend so you can see all of the ways to get involved in your child's learning. Being active in your child's education is the best way to show that education is a priority in life.

Please join me in welcoming the following members to our Allemands family:

Ursula Gaines-Special Education teacher

Stephanie Corley-Special Education teacher

Anitra Dabney-Paraeducator

Kimberly Hidalgo-Paraeducator

Bernadine Howard- Cafeteria

Jennifer Silas-Cafeteria

Again, I consider it an honor to be a part of such a supporting and caring community. Allemands Elementary is a great place to be-thanks to all of our stakeholders. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to come by the school and speak to me personally. As always, thanks for your support!

Marsha Walters

September 2016

- 2 Bus Driver Breakfast
- 7 1:00 Volunteer Orientation
- 16 12:35 Early Dismissal
- 20 Progress Reports
- 21 10:00, 6:00 Family and Child Time sessions
- 28 12:00-12:30 Presentation for parents to prepare for conferences with teachers
- 12:30-3:30 Volunteer Day
- 29 9:15 Community Morning Meeting

Vision

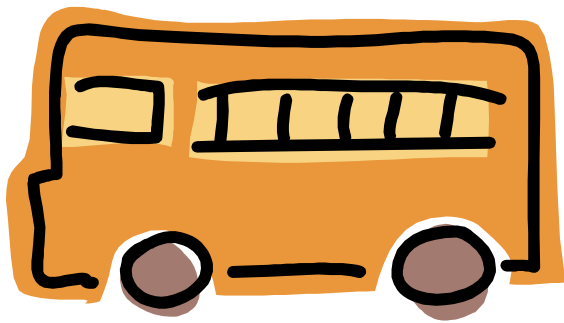
The faculty of Allemands Elementary School embraces the education of all students as a top priority by providing a positive foundation for success to prepare students to meet the challenges within the changing society of the 21st century. There is a commitment from stakeholders to help all students to become college and career ready creating life-long learners. Our school provides a safe, stimulating, atmosphere that is created through respect for self, others, and our environment. Actively engaged students aspire to reach their full potential, reflecting the high expectations among our faculty, family and community.

Mission

Allemands Elementary School is committed to building the foundation of life-long learning for all students in a safe, respectful environment.

PRE-K NEWS

Our new preschoolers have been working hard to learn classroom and school-wide routines and procedures. They have been practicing walking in a line, sitting on their spot, taking responsibility for their belongings and classroom materials, and so much more. It is sure to be an wonderful year in Pre-K at AES!



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Welcome Kindergarten!

We look forward to this exciting time. As a kindergartener, you will have the opportunity to meet many new friends who will share this wonderful time of learning. This is a time of celebration! During this school year we will explore new topics by reading both fiction and non-fiction stories. In writing, you will begin by stating your opinion about shared stories. We will use many different tools to become skilled in math, reading, and writing. During our study of science and social studies, we will begin establishing the rules and routines of our classroom. Get ready for learning!



FIRST GRADE NEWS

Welcome back! We would like to take this time to welcome you to first grade. It is hard to believe that another school year has begun. Even though your child has only been in school for a few weeks, they have been very busy. We have been spending a lot of time establishing routines and procedures. We have enjoyed getting to know each other and building a classroom community.

During the first few weeks of school, we have developed hopes and dreams for the year as well as create classroom rules. Your child has been learning book handling skills and how to choose a “just right” books. In writing, we have been writing complete sentences focusing on capital letters and periods. In math, our focus has been finding parts of numbers and solving word problems. Our science kits will be arriving soon. In our first unit, we will be learning about plants.

By working together, your child’s first grade year will be a success. Please don't hesitate to call with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a great school year.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

We are proud to welcome you to the beginning of a great year of teaching and learning! Our second graders joyfully participated in many activities in order to build a classroom community. Each student developed “hopes and goals” for this exciting school year. In order for everyone to reach their hopes and goals, students along with their teachers have been busy creating classroom routines, procedures, and rules. Embracing an academically challenging curriculum, students are learning geography and map skills, practicing math strategies like decomposing and composing numbers to solve addition and subtraction facts, writing narratives with complete sentences and proper form and spacing, word building, and using reading strategies when reading texts including decodable text. Homework is essential to reinforcing skills taught. Please have your child complete quality homework paying careful attention to accuracy and neat handwriting. Working together, this year is sure to be a success!

French News

Bienvenue! Welcome back to school! Kindergartners are learning school rules and routines. They are also learning simple greetings. Our first and second graders are busy reviewing French greetings and numbers, making class rules and sharing their Hopes and Goals for French class this year. I'm looking forward to a great year of French!!



Nurse's Corner

Just a few reminders from your school nurse:

- Please be sure the school has a current copy of your child's current immunization record.
- If there are any special diets that require modifications, please contact me as soon as possible. **All diets are required to be updated annually.**
- If your child requires medication during the school day, please contact me immediately to discuss the school medication policy.
- Students are **not** allowed to bring medication to school.
- All medication must be checked in with the school nurse by a parent/guardian/designee.

I am available on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays. If ever there's a question or concern, please don't hesitate to call.

We are off to a healthy start!

Sonya Robinson, RN
School Nurse
Allemands Elementary



Ask Finley

Finley would like to hear from parents that might have suggestions for school improvement. Each month we will feature this section. Finley is interested in hearing your input. Please write suggestions, positive comments or concerns and return it with your child. Finley (via the Parent Involvement Committee) will print a follow up letter in our next monthly issue.

Questions or Suggestions for School Improvement:

Your Name (optional) _____

Library News

Our Fall Book Fair is right around the corner! The event will take place Monday October 10th, Tuesday October 11th and Wednesday October 12th. We will be open from 9:00 am – 12:00pm.

We will also host a Family Night Event on Tuesday October 11th from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Come and join us for a visit from Clifford the Big Red Dog, pizza, and great books!

More information will be coming home soon.

If you are interested in volunteering during this wonderful event, please email tashcroft@stcharles.k12.la.us.

Box Tops for Education

We are off to a great start collecting many box tops. Each completed sheet is worth \$5.00. Please continue to send them in so we can reach our goal of \$1,000.00. Since the Bonus Box Tops do not fit on the sheets, please send them in a separate envelope or baggie. The first shipment of Box Tops is due to the corporation on **November 1, 2016**. We will continue to collect Box Tops until the second shipment that is due on March 1, 2017. Thank you all for participating and supporting the library.

Monthly Reading Program

"Reading is Where it's Hat" reading logs are beginning to trickle in. Any books, whether from school or home, can be written on the logs. Students that turn in completed logs will have their names announced during morning announcements and receive a reading certificate and a pencil. Be sure to turn your logs in to get credit for all of the reading I know you are doing!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss

Love,

Mrs. Tonya Ashcroft Turgeon



Counselor's Corner

Welcome to a new school year!

Did you know that elementary school counselors...

- ...teach classroom lessons on a variety of topics?
- ...counsel students as needed?
- ...consult with teachers/parents to assist them in meeting students' needs?
- ...help coordinate the School Building Level Committee (SBLC)?

Counseling services are available to all students. Please feel free to call if you have a concern or a question. I am looking forward to working with you and your child/children.

Lori Hogan (758-7427 or lhogan@stcharles.k12.la.us)



School Pictures

October 4, 2016

Students must wear school uniform.



*Allemands Family Center**Home & School: Together We Can Make a Difference*Gaylynn St. Pierre: gstpierre@stcharles.k12.la.us

Phone: 985-758-7427

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

Hours: 8:15am – 3:45pm



Easing Back Into School

Welcome back! At the Family Center, families are invited to join other parents and children for activities, information and resources. All programs and activities are free. Highlights of the family center include weekly playgroups, educational resources, workshops, volunteer days, and much more. We hope you are able to join us throughout the year or that we can be of service to you and your family.

Back to School is an exciting time for students and parents. A few tips might help you and your child get off on the right foot.

Take advantage of opportunities to get to know your child's teacher. Attend the orientation meeting and Open House. Use those times to meet your child's classmates and families. It might also be helpful to set up a play date with a child or two from your child's new class.

Clear the decks

Clear away a special area in your house for your child's book bag, lunchbox, and jacket. Establish a routine that puts your child in charge of clearing out and hanging up the backpack each day. This will make the morning rush a little less hectic.

Read all about it

Be sure to review the papers from your child's backpack each day. Lots of schools use student backpacks and "take home folders" as ways of communicating with families. This is especially true during the first few weeks of school when lots of forms come home.

Good Night, Moon

Now that your child is in school, she may feel too old for some of her childhood favorites, but find some quiet time at the end of each day to share a book or two. Take a few minutes to talk about her feelings and her day at school.

Have a fun day today!

Small love notes tucked inside a lunchbox or book bag can really bring a smile to your child's face. In addition to reinforcing reading skills, you're also modeling the power of writing.

Please visit the Family Center webpage for more parent tips.

Facilite el regreso a clases

Bienvenidos! En el Centro Familiar, están invitados a unirse con otros padres y niños para participar en actividades y para compartir información y materiales. Todas las actividades y la información son gratis. El Centro Familiar ofrece actividades educativas, una biblioteca, materiales educativos, talleres, días de trabajo voluntario y mucho más. Esperamos que puedan ser parte del Centro Familiar durante el año escolar y esperamos poder ayudarles a usted y a su familia también.

El regreso al salón de clases puede ser un tiempo emocionante. Estos consejos le pueden ayudar a usted y a su hijo a empezar bien el año escolar.

Aproveche cualquier oportunidad para llegar a conocer al maestro/a de su hijo. Asegúrese de ir a la junta de orientación (orientation meeting), recepción general (Open House). Utilice estos eventos para conocer a los compañeritos de su hijo y a sus padres. Puede aprovechar para organizar, con un par de padres, una tarde de juegos con sus hijos (Playdate). También es un buen momento para averiguar si hay alguien que habla español en la escuela preescolar, así se puede presentar para pedir ayudar en caso de necesitar traducciones.

Un rinconcito especial

Haga un espacio especial en su casa donde guarden la mochila, lonchera, y chamarra de su hijo. Establezca una rutina en la cual su hijo se responsabilice por limpiar y guardar su mochila cada día. Esto ayudará a que sus mañanas no sean tan apresuradas.

Léalo todo

Asegúrese de revisar los papeles que trae su hijo dentro de su mochila todos los días. Muchas escuelas usan las mochilas de los alumnos (o un "fólder para la casa") como una forma de comunicarse con las familias; sobre todo durante las primeras semanas de clases cuando se requiere que llenen varios formularios.

Cuento de buenas noches

Si ya practican el hábito de leer todas las noches: ¡continúe haciéndolo! Tal vez su hijo se crea "muy grande" para sus libros infantiles, pero puede pedirle a la nueva maestra unas buenas recomendaciones.

¡Qué tengas buen día!

Si quiere traer una sonrisa a la cara de su hijo, ¿por qué no ponerle una notita de ánimo y amor en la mochila?

Para más información visite la página en el internet del centro familiar.

Social Studies Corner

First Quarter Report Card Grade Level Expectations

Kindergarten

- Rules at home and school.
- Responsibilities of being a good citizen at home and school.
- People in the community and their roles.

First Grade

- Describe a list of rules for the classroom and describe their benefits and consequences.
- Examples of rules and laws in the home, school and community.
- Identify jobs within the school and community .
- Compare traditions/celebrations, customs, languages, and food within the community.
- Describe the students role, rights and responsibility as a citizen of the class, the school, and the community.
- Identify the current president, governor, and parish president.

Second Grade

- Interpret maps using title, key, symbols, compass rose.
- Construct maps
- Identify major geographical features in the local region, state, and country.
- Locate and identify the poles, 1 equator, continents, oceans, the United States, Louisiana, and local community.
- Describe changes in the characteristics of the local community over time.
- Describe how locations, weather and physical features affect where people live and work.
- Compare present day community to the past using primary resources.
- Compare basic land use and economic activities in the urban, suburban and rural environments.
- Identify natural disasters, predict where they may occur, and explain their effect on the people and environment.
- Identify natural resources and cite ways people conserve, protect, and replenish them.

Due to federal regulations, I am responsible to notify you annually of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) management plan at your school. Please communicate to parents through your school newsletter the following notice regarding the AHERA publication:

***Notice:** In 1986 all asbestos materials were identified in all school buildings. A management plan was developed for each school as per the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The management plan is located in a binder in the main office of each school. The binders are available for review upon request.*

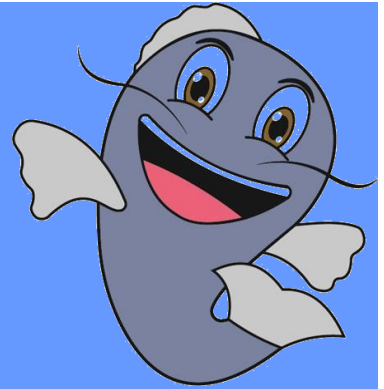
Since the plan was developed, most of the asbestos has been removed. In a few buildings, some floor tile still remains that contains asbestos. All of the schools meet the health requirements that pertain to the regulation. If you have any questions concerning this topic, please contact Kevin Barney, Director of Physical Plant Maintenance at 985-331-3600 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

You must copy the notice verbatim to include as an article in your newsletter. A similar notice will appear in the August 18th and August 25th editions of the St. Charles Herald Guide and on Channel 8, the district cable channel.

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