



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As October is here and fall is settling in, so too are our teachers and students. We are well on our way to another great year, in which we will continue with the tradition of excellence. We are continuing to implement rigorous standards throughout our math, reading, writing, social studies, science and enrichment curriculums. We are committed to increase parent involvement through our volunteer program, membership in PTA, and FACT (Family and Child Time) sessions. Continue to watch for flyers of the many special events and activities throughout the school year.

We had our first FACT session last week. Ms. Gaylynn St. Pierre, our Family Center Literacy teacher presented an extremely informative session focusing on the stages of writing development from kindergarten to second grade. We had 18 family members in attendance and they were able to work with their children on a writing activity while Ms. St. Pierre provided guidance and support. All of those in attendance shared how beneficial the session was in helping them learn how to support their children at home. Our next FACT session will be held on November 16 at 10:00. The focus will be on Reading Comprehension. Please mark your calendars because you will not want to miss this session.

Parent Visitation Days are scheduled for this month. We are looking forward to seeing all of our parents here on the scheduled day for their child's grade level. Due to the limited space in the cafeteria, parents will not be able to eat with their child on the day of Parent Visitation.

The first quarter will come to a close on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Your commitment to attend this conference will truly make a difference with your child's upcoming progress. You will receive your child's report card during the conference. You will also be able to discuss your child's progress while gaining insight on how you can reinforce your child's learning at home. More importantly, you can talk about ways to work together to make this year as rewarding as it can be for your child. This week you will be receiving information regarding the scheduling of the conference. If for any reason you have difficulty making an appointment for a conference, please contact me or the teacher. We will work together to make arrangements for a conference convenient to your schedule.

We thank you for helping your child with their homework and helping to foster that love of learning we instill in each child, every day. We have so much to be proud of at our school and family support is always at the forefront. Please do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions you may have.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

### October 2016

- 3 Fall Break/No School
- 4 School Pictures
- 5 1:00 PTA Board meeting
- 6 Battle for the Paddle  
(Westbank Bridge Park)
- 10-12 Book Fair
- 10 9:15-10:30 Parent Visitation  
for 4 Year Olds &  
Kindergarten
- 11 9:15-10:30 Parent Visitation  
First Grade  
5:30-7:00 Family Night at the  
Book Fair  
3:30-7:00 Blood Drive
- 12 1st Quarter Ends  
9:15-10:30 Parent Visitation  
2nd Grade
- 14 12:35 Dismissal  
Fire Department visits during  
Enrichment classes
- 18 Kindergarten students go to  
the orchestra
- 20 12:35 Early Dismissal  
1:15-6:15 Parent Teacher  
Conferences
- 21 12:35 Early Dismissal  
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- 26 6:30 St. Charles Parish  
School Board Meeting
- 28 9:15 Community Morning  
Meeting
- 31 2:00 Trunk or Treat

#### Vision

The faculty of Allemands Elementary School embraces the education of all students as 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.

## **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

Kindergarteners are making great progress! In math, they are learning many skills. They are learning to identify, count, and write numbers 0-10. We have been practicing more challenging skills such as finding embedded numbers in whole numbers. This means, they are able to find 2 and 3 in the number 5. They may even be able to write a number sentence ( $2+3=5$ ). In reading, our students are learning to be active listeners. They should be able to focus on a story read aloud and answer questions about details from the story. Our students are learning what kind of readers they are by choosing books that interest them. Some skills that our students have learned to help them become better readers and writers include listening for sounds in a word and blending them together to form words. During the first month of school we practice the different kinds of handwriting strokes that help us write letters. Now, we are moving into using those strokes to help us form letters correctly. Continue to complete homework assignments with your child nightly. Homework is a review of what your child has worked on in their classroom. Homework will assist you as a parent in becoming familiar with your child's kindergarten curriculum. The kindergarten teachers appreciate all that our parents do at home to help our students become successful!

## **FIRST GRADE NEWS**

The month of October will be a busy one for us. This month we will be learning more about characters, character traits, character feelings, and setting (when and where). Reading with your child at least ten minutes a day is extremely beneficial. It not only helps them with the use of strategies, it also helps them become more fluent when reading. Please make sure that students are practicing their tricky word list each night. It is also important that students complete any math homework that is sent home. This will help them be more successful when the district assessments are given. Students will need to be fluent with addition and subtraction facts to ten by the end of the year. Students need to be able to solve word problems to twenty by using manipulatives and strategies. Please practice at home. We have begun our unit on plants in science. The students will be involved as we learn about the parts of a plant and learn what a plant needs to stay healthy. We even planted our own class garden! Parent conferences will be this month. Please make every effort to attend. We are striving for 100% participation. Your support is essential to your child's education. Thank you for your continued support!



## **SECOND GRADE NEWS**

Happy Fall Y'all!

October will bring many exciting treats! Reading regularly at home is a very important step in becoming a good reader and thinker. The fall is a great time to welcome the cooler weather with a wonderful book. You may want to treat your child to a visit to the library to check out a fall book like: Biscuit Visits the Pumpkin Patch, Why Do Leaves Change Color?, or How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin? After reading, have your child retell what was read in sequential order. You can make connections. Discuss what you thought about while reading. Students have practiced procedures and expectations during the first six weeks of school. Please encourage your child to continue to meet expectations listed in the blue conduct folder. Your child is also practicing legible writing daily. Be sure to encourage your child to form letters correctly with proper spacing between words when writing. Assignments should always be completed with quality. Students are learning math fact strategies for addition and subtraction. It is vital that he/she practices these facts regularly in order to memorize all facts. Help your child understand the process in adding and subtracting basic facts, by having a number talk with them (listening to how the numbers in the facts make sense to them). Also, remember to use basic fact flashcards as often as possible. Students are also learning about place value in math. In Writer's Workshop, students will wrap up personal narratives and begin writing fictional narratives. We're looking forward to observing the creativity of our 2nd graders through their fictional writing! Our second grade scientists are exploring animal habitats, life cycles, and food chains. All classes have enthusiastically set up aquariums to inquire about and observe the living things in an aquatic habitat. Please ask them about it. Parent conferences will be this month. Please make every effort to attend. We are striving for 100% participation. Your support is essential to your child's education. Thank you for your continued support.

# News from Reading Recovery and Literacy

First grade Reading Recovery students and Literacy Group students in K, 1st and 2nd grade are working during each lesson to use their skills in reading and in writing. We would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to our Allemands families that are helping with reading and writing at home. Reading familiar books only take a few minutes but the practice it provides is most valuable!

We will be hosting **Parent Information meetings** following classroom visitations. You are encouraged to attend the meeting to get new ideas and advice, and to have questions answered about helping your Allemands reader at home with reading and/or writing.

**K Literacy - Oct. 10**

**1st Grade Literacy and Reading Recovery - Oct. 11**

**2nd Grade Literacy - Oct. 12**



**SPOOKY** times lie ahead for us all as the holiday breaks are fast approaching. Please remember that practicing these emerging reading and writing behaviors each and every day is so important in helping the students continue on the path of steady progress. Reading Recovery and Literacy students will be given extra books to take home over these breaks. Please see that a little of their “down time” is spent practicing.

If your AES student is a participant in Reading Recovery, you are encouraged to contact his or her teacher as soon as possible to observe a lesson. Observing your child working and hearing the teacher’s language can be most helpful in learning the easiest way to meet your child’s needs at home. Happy Reading and Writing!

# FRENCH NEWS

Bonjour! Bienvenue a l'automne! Welcome to Fall! We will have a "spooktacular" October as we learn Halloween vocabulary and sing a Halloween song. Kindergarten will continue to learn greetings and numbers. First grade will focus on learning classroom related vocabulary words in French. Second grade will also continue to work on their "All About Me" books.



## Nurses Corner

### Reminders:

**All immunization records must be updated and on file. Please be sure to send in an updated copy of your child's immunization record if they have recently received immunizations.**

**Hearing and vision screens will begin this month for PK, K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. If you receive a referral for either screening, it is highly recommended that you schedule an appointment with your child's doctor for further recommendations.**

**Please be sure to continue to update the school/nurse if your child requires any special accommodations to his/her diet. Proper documentation must be of file for each special consideration.**

**If your child requires medication during the school day, please contact me to further discuss necessary paperwork and procedures.**

**Healthfully yours,  
Sonya Robinson, RN  
School Nurse**





# Allemands Elementary Family Center

## Home & School: Together We Can Make a Difference

Gaylynn St. Pierre: [gstpierre@stcharles.k12.la.us](mailto:gstpierre@stcharles.k12.la.us)

Phone: 985-758-7427

Hours: 8:30 – 3:30

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences may be the first opportunity to sit down one-on-one with your child's teacher to talk about school progress. It's important to use this time to share your impressions of the school year, and to ask any questions you might have.

Here are some questions that might help set the tone for a productive and positive conference:

Can you describe my child's reading? Is it fluent and expressive? Does my child read at an appropriate pace? What type of growth have you seen so far this year?

At home my child enjoys reading \_\_\_\_\_. Can you make any other recommendations for reading material?

At home we try to talk about what our child has read. What other things can we do at home to help with comprehension?

The homework you assign typically takes about \_\_\_\_ minutes to complete. We feel the homework load is (too challenging, not challenging enough, just right, etc). What strategies can you recommend to make homework as effective as it can be?

What sorts of things can we do at home to keep our child motivated about his/her schoolwork?

Did you run out of time? It's often hard to fit it all in during one conference. If you still have unanswered questions, follow up with a written note, or schedule a second face-to-face meeting. Develop a solid relationship with your child's teacher — consider it your homework for the year!

**If you are interested in a parent-teacher conference checklist, please visit the family center webpage.**

## Reunión entre padres y maestros

El reunion entre padres puede ser la primera oportunidad de reunirse individualmente con el maestro/a de su hijo/a para conversar sobre el avance en los estudios. Es importante que aproveche la reunión para compartir sus impresiones del año escolar y para hacer todas las preguntas que tenga.

A continuación le sugerimos algunas preguntas que pueden ayudar a iniciar la conversación para una reunión productiva y positiva:

¿Puede describir cómo lee mi hijo/a? ¿Lee con fluidez y expresividad? ¿Mi hijo/a lee a una velocidad adecuada? ¿Qué tipo de crecimiento ha notado hasta ahora en el curso del año?

En casa a mi hijo/a le gusta leer \_\_\_\_\_. ¿Puede recomendarme algún otro material de lectura?

En casa tratamos de conversar sobre lo que ha leído nuestro hijo/a. ¿Qué otras cosas podemos hacer en casa para ayudarlo/a con la comprensión?

Completar la tarea que usted le da generalmente le lleva cerca de \_\_\_\_ minutos. Nos parece que la cantidad de tarea es (excesiva, no demasiado, correcta). ¿Qué estrategias nos recomienda para que la tarea resulte lo más eficaz posible?

¿Qué tipo de cosas podemos hacer en casa para mantener la motivación de nuestro hijo/a por la escuela?

¿No le alcanzó el tiempo? Suele ser difícil hablar de todo en una reunión. Si le quedan preguntas sin responder, escriba una nota o arregle un segundo encuentro frente a frente con el maestro/a. ¿Cree un vínculo sólido con el maestro/a de su hijo/a; considérela como su tarea para este año!

**Hay más recomendaciones en la página de internet de la centro familiar.**



# 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:

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Your name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## School Pictures

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

All students will have their picture taken for the yearbook on this day! Students must wear school uniforms.





# Counselor's Corner

The week of October 24-28 is **Red Ribbon Week**. During this week we have theme days planned to remind the students about being **drug free** and the **importance of making good choices**.

"Parents are the most important role model in their children's lives." What you say and do about drugs matters a lot when it comes to the choices your children make. You can:

Set a positive example and get involved in your children's lives.

Get involved in their activities, know their friends and know where they're going and what they're doing.

Create clear, consistent expectations and enforce them.

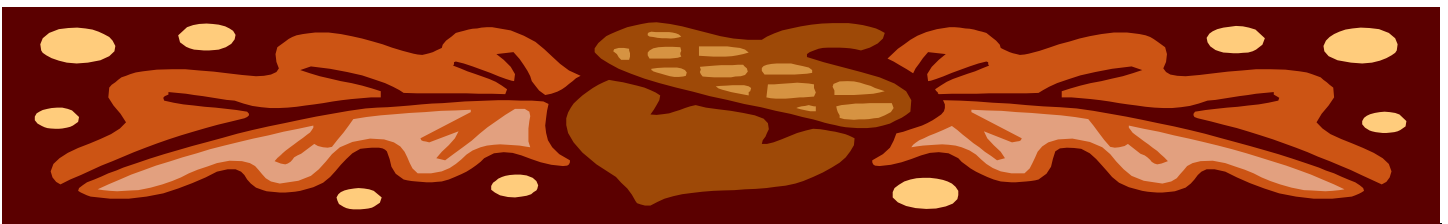
Talk early and often about drugs.

Discuss the consequences of drug use.

Show you care enormously about what choices your children make about drugs.

"Children learn by example. They adopt the values you demonstrate through your actions."

([www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov).)



## PARENT VISITATION DAYS!!!

October brings new learning opportunities and Family Events:

Time: 9:15a.m. – 10:30a.m.

October 10th - Kindergarten and 4yr. old students

October 11th - 1st Grade students

October 12th - 2nd Grade students

At Allemands we earn an honor called "Cabin of the Week." This is earned by one class in each grade level by showing C.A.R.E.S. and the Essential 11 while in the cafeteria. This is Ms. Tiffany Theriot's Kindergarten class having lunch at the "Cabin of the Week" table.





# PTA NEWS

**Allemands Elementary School PTA** is a service organization that provides volunteer services and raises money to support various initiatives throughout the school year for our children and faculty members. Our PTA will be sending all of the members a monthly newsletter via email. The newsletter will include information on upcoming events. Should you have any questions or would like to become more active in our PTA, please leave a message with Ms. Sandra for any one of our board members listed below.

**President-----Brandy Bruno**

**Vice President-----Gaylynn St. Pierre**

**Secretary-----Renee Lirette**

**Treasurer-----Jessica Lemoine**

**Fundraiser Coordinator---Kasie Cabral-Perry**

**Grade Representatives----Sara Justice, Brittney Kubelka, Julia Rogers, Danielle Babin, Kristy Hogan, Rechelle Champagne, Stephanie Champagne**



**October 10-12, 2016**

**9:00-12:00**

**Family Night**

**October 11, 2016**

**5:30-7:00**



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