



ALLEMANDS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Baitline News

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new school year! This year at Allemands Elementary School we will be "Growing Great Learners." The faculty, staff and administration worked very hard this summer to prepare for the school year, and we are thrilled to focus with you on our core business: teaching and learning. Thank you to the families who attended our first events of the year: Meet and Greet, Kindergarten Orientation, Kindergarten Conferences, and Open House. Developing relationships with our families is a great way to begin our year and is one of our priorities; by working together, we will be able to celebrate your child's success. Our dedicated teachers and staff met over the summer to develop a strong School Improvement Plan focusing on academic and social growth and success. Please review this plan on our school's website. An action step in our School Improvement Plan is holding Stakeholder Action Group meetings. Please contact me if you are interested in being part of this group. We are always looking for new ways to include parents and family members in our school. If you would like to learn about other ways to support your child and our school, please contact Gaylynn St. Pierre, Family Center Teacher. We know this is "growing to be a great year!"

Lisa Perrin
Principal

Values/Beliefs

At Allemands Elementary School we believe...

- A physically and psychologically safe environment is essential to promote student learning.
- A student's self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships, open and honest communication, and mutual respect among peers, families, community members and school personnel.
- All students and staff meet high expectations for achievement and success by engaging in challenging and relevant work.
- All children can learn at higher levels when supported daily by a variety of instructional **strategies** and resources within their school, families, and community.
- Student achievement and teacher effectiveness increase when teachers and students use a variety of questions and/or prompts to advance high level thinking.
- We are...One School, One Team, Making a Difference!
- Excellence is worth the cost.

September 2017

- 4 Labor Day Holiday
- 6 10:00am Playgroup
- 9 Child Search Screening
- 13 10:00am Playgroup
- 15 12:35 Early Dismissal
- 18 9:10 Parent Visitation PK & K
- 19 9:10 Parent Visitation 1st
- 20 9:10 Parent Visitation 2nd
10:00am Playgroup
- 27 School Pictures
9:00am Playgroup
10:30 Fact Session & Parent Learning Walk

Vision

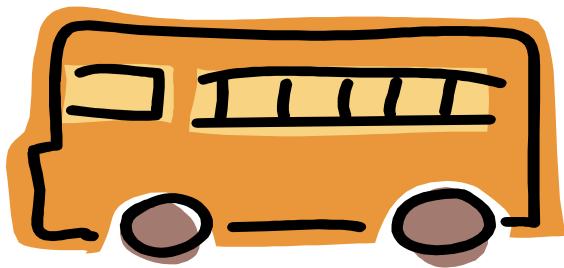
The faculty of Allemands Elementary School embraces the education of all students as top priority by providing a positive foundation for success to prepare students to meet the challenges within the changing society of the 21st century. There is a profound commitment from stakeholders to help all students 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, families, and community.

Mission

Allemands Elementary School is committed to building the foundation of enthusiastic life-long learners in a safe, respectful environment.

PRE K NEWS

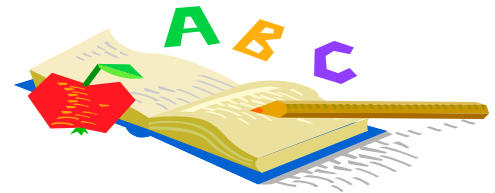
Pre-K students are having a great start to the year! They've been learning how to walk safely in the hallway, go through the line in the cafeteria, be a listener on the rug, use outside materials, and much more. On top of learning all the important things they need to know to be a student at Allemands, they are also making lots of new friends and building a great classroom community. We know it's going to be a great year at Allemands!



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Welcome to 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 in reading, writing and math. In math we will use many new materials which will help us in our learning. We will listen and read both fiction and non-fiction stories. In writing, you will begin telling about yourselves and experiences through a personal narratives. We will take these first weeks of school to establish routines and procedures in our classroom. We look forward to a wonderful year!



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. 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

Our 2nd graders have been busy learning classroom routines and procedures. We are proud of the way they are transitioning between two classrooms. They participated in many activities in order to build a classroom community. Each student developed "hopes and goals" for this year. We're glad that you were able to see your child's "hopes and goals" displayed in the classrooms at Open House. Parents, teachers and students working together, will help students meet their "hopes and goals". This month is filled with exciting foundational lessons. In social studies, students are learning map skills. Students will use strategies to add and subtract within 100, solve one-step problems and measure length using the metric system in math. In Writer's Workshop, students will compose personal narratives while paying close attention to writing with complete sentences and using legible handwriting. During Reader's Workshop, students will be using reading strategies to show understanding of fiction and nonfiction texts. We would like to stress the importance of completing quality homework every night. Let's work together to have a successful year!

Migrant Education Services Available!

Any child, ages 3 through 21, who moves with parents or guardians to seek or obtain temporary or seasonal employment in agriculture, or fishing-related activities is eligible for the Migrant Education Program. Families qualify if they have moved to work in traditional crops such as: vegetables, dairy, poultry, livestock, fishing and shrimping, and/or timber. Migrant Education provides student advocacy within the school district's educational program as well as supplemental educational and supportive services. If you believe that your child might qualify for this program and are interested please call the school secretary or stop by the office to complete the Migrant Survey.

St. Charles Parish Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability.

Servicios disponibles para la Educación de Migrantes

Cualquier niño entre las edades de 3 a 21 años, cuyos padres o representantes legales buscan obtener un empleo temporal o de estación en agricultura o en actividades relacionadas con la pesca, es elegible para el Programa de Educación del Migrante. Las familias califican si se han movido al área para trabajar en las cosechas tradicionales como las siguientes: vegetales, lecherías, aves de corral, ganado, pesca, camarones y madera. La Educación del Migrante provee ayuda dentro del programa educacional del distrito, como también servicios educacionales suplementarios y servicios de apoyo. Si usted cree que su hijo/a puede calificar para este programa y usted está interesado, por favor llame a la secretaria de la escuela o visite la oficina para completar la Encuesta del Migrante.

Las Escuelas Públicas de la Parroquia de St. Charles no discriminan por raza, color de piel, nacionalidad, orientación sexual y/o discapacidad.

Welcome our new faculty and staff

Lisa Perrin, principal

Janel Ryan, special education teacher

Kay Henderson, special education para educator

Jennifer Moore, special education para educator

Pamela Williams, special education para educator

Jolene Hartman, special education para educator

Roxann Doucet, cafeteria manager



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!!



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 September 27, 2017



Students must wear school uniform.



DRESS CODE



The following guidelines have been established and are included in the Handbook. Any apparel for males or females should be worn as designed, i.e. belts, pants at waist, shoestrings tied, etc. All students must conform to the official dress code guidelines below:

Shirt - Collared white or navy blue dress/oxford or polo-type shirt. The official PTA school spirit shirt is allowed every day of the week. If a child has another AES school event or spirit shirt, they may wear it on Fridays only if it is white or navy blue. Please contact Mrs. Perrin if you have questions.

Pants/Shorts/Skirt/Skort/Jumper - Navy or Khaki (no shorter than 2' above the center of the kneecap). Cargo pants or cargo shorts are not allowed.

Code of Conduct

We encourage all students to show their school pride by wearing spirit shirts with jeans on Fridays; however, the jeans must be solid blue, without tears and decorations.



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



Welcome back to a new year of fun and learning in the Title 1 Family Center! 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. I hope you are able to join me throughout the year or that I can be of service to you and your family.

The beginning of a new school year is somewhat of a relief as families resume more normal routines. But reestablishing those routines can sometimes be challenging. There are many ways you can support the school and your child here are a few tips:

- Quickly return to reasonable bedtime and morning rise and shine. Children need at least 9 to 10 hours of sleep nightly.
- Provide healthy foods and snacks. A child's mind and body require a balanced diet. Family meals are a great time for parent and child to communicate.
- Exercise daily. Children need to have at least 30 minutes of daily physical activity to help promote a healthy mind and body.
- Talk to your children about the importance of homework and set guidelines for completing school assignments.

Implementing these ideas may lead to a happy and healthy school year.

Playgroups will meet every Wednesday beginning at 10:00 am in the Family Center located in room 2. The Family Center provides many resources that can be checked out to help your child learn. So please do not hesitate to come visit us between the hours of 8:30 and 3:30. The staff will be very happy to help you. You can also contact Ms. Gaylynn St. Pierre at 985-758-7427.

I looking forward to seeing you!!!!



Dismissal/Transportation

All bus changes / car rider request need to be submitted in writing by 2:30. Bus changes need to include the students name, teachers name, bus number or animal (if known) and the physical address of where the student will be dropped off. Car rider request need to include the name of the student, teacher name, and the person who will be picking him/her up. Please try to keep your child's schedule as consistent as possible.

Visitors

St. Charles Parish Public Schools will continue using the visitor management system, Raptor, in all district schools to build on the district's program of campus safety for students and staff. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our building at all times and the Raptor system allows us to do that. The Raptor system better allows us to track visitors in our schools providing us with a safer environment for students and staff.

Upon entering a school, visitors are asked to present a valid state-issued ID, which will be scanned into the system. The Raptor system checks to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not entering our buildings. It is important to note that the Raptor system only scans the visitor's name, date of birth and photo for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. Additional visitor data from the driver's license is not gathered nor is the system connected to any other system such as the Department of Motor Vehicles. Therefore any other information on the ID is not scanned by the system and is not accessible to any of the users. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit. If you are interested in learning more about the Raptor visitor management system, please visit the Raptor Technologies website (www.raptortech.com). The safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance. Therefore, all visitors to the school must be scanned into the system and obtain a visitor badge. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and support of enhancing school safety protocols in St. Charles Parish Public Schools.

Online Meal payment

An online school meal payment system is available allowing parents to make payments to students' school meal accounts and check account balances via the internet or telephone. This service allows parents to deposit funds directly into their children's school meal account via on-line transactions. In addition to convenience, this system provides several other benefits to parents:

- * View student account balance and history
- * Email reminders and low balance notifications
- * Eliminates check handling
- * Pay one fee per family (\$2.50) per transaction
- * Daily account posting
- * Secure credit card payment transactions
- * Student account security and data protection

A fee will be charged for payments made with a credit card, debit card, checking account, or savings account. There is NO charge for viewing account balances, and parents can request to receive low balance notices through email. Anyone having questions or problems can get technical support via the website or by emailing parentsupport@myschoolbucks.com or by calling 1-855-832-5226.

"The procedure for paying for meals is to PRE-PAY by the day, week, month, or year. To save time, monthly payments are preferred. A check, cash, or money order should be sent in a sealed envelope with the student's first and last name and the amount enclosed written on the outside of the envelope. Payment envelopes can also be obtained from the cafeteria manager. Money must be in the account before receiving a meal. NO CHARGES will be accepted. This policy is for everyone: students, staff, and visitors. To ensure that all checks for meal payments clear prior to the end of school, no checks will be accepted after May 1, 2018. There will be a \$15.00 charge for all NSF checks. At the end of the school year, parents may receive a refund of unused money from the student's account by requesting it, in writing, from the cafeteria manager prior to the last day of school; or the funds may remain in the student's account for use in the following school year.

www.myschoolbuck.com

Student attendance documentation and requirements

It is necessary that your child attend school every day he/she is not ill. We will provide your child a variety of opportunities to develop language and social skills, to problem solve and learn scientific principles and behave appropriately. In order to achieve this goal, you can best help us by sending your child to school every possible day. Please be aware that by state law, a student must be present at school for a minimum of 167 out of 177 school days. Please be aware that for elementary schools:

Students shall be in attendance a minimum of 167 days a school year.

Students may be absent **ONLY** 10 days.

Students who accrue more than 10 absences will not be eligible for promotion. The Parish Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance can make an exception only in the event of personal illness or extenuating circumstances, as approved. Absences of 2 or fewer consecutive school days due to a personal illness or serious illness in the family may be excused.

Two days per 9 weeks may be excused by submitting a parent note if total days missed do not exceed 10 days per school year.

The Supervisor of Child Welfare requires documented excuses for each and every day or partial day of absence.

For more information, please refer to the 2017-2018 Student Code of Conduct: District Handbook.

Please contact St. Charles Parish Public Schools Child Welfare and Attendance Department at 985-785-3120 for further clarification.

New Science Standards

St. Charles Parish will be teaching the new Louisiana Student Standards for Science. These standards focus on problem solving and working as engineers and scientists in lessons. You can find the new standards at <http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/academic-standards>. Download the file labeled K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for Science (2017). If you would like a printed copy, please contact Mrs. Perrin.

Allemands Elementary School won a social media contest sponsored by Sign Gypsies St. Charles. On the first day of school, students, faculty, and staff were welcomed with a wonderful message.



Essential 11

“Yes ma’am” “No sir” “Please” “Thank you”

When responding to any adult, you must answer by saying "Yes, Ma'am" or "No, Sir." Say “Please...” and “Thank you...” when appropriate.



Eye-Contact

Make eye-contact. When someone (adult and/or peer) is speaking, keep your eyes on him or her at all times.

“Hello”

Greet faculty and staff, especially if you are greeted first by any faculty and/or staff member. It is such a nice gesture to also greet your peers and visitors to our school.



“Excuse me”

If you and another person accidentally bump into one another, say "Excuse me." It doesn't matter who's at fault if the bump was truly an accident.

Hurt or Harm

If ANYONE (peer, faculty/staff member) in our school hurts, harms you, or makes you feel uncomfortable, let the nearest adult know immediately. We are here to care for you and to protect you!

Honesty

Always be honest, no matter the circumstance, even if you have done something wrong. “Honesty is the best policy!”



Good Sportsmanship

If someone in the class wins a game or does something well, we will congratulate that person.

Random Acts of Kindness

Surprise others by going out of your way to do something surprisingly kind or generous for them.



Pick it Up

If someone drops something, pick it up for them. If you drop trash, pick it up and put it in the garbage. Keep our school beautiful!

Accept Mistakes

Accept that you are going to make mistakes. Learn from them and move on.

Be the Best

Be the best person you can be! By being the best you can be, we will be the best school that we can be!

Administrators and teachers at Allemands Elementary School are interested in hearing how our students are applying our Essential 11 and CARES at home and in the community. Please share with us ways that you child applies what he/she has learned at school at home. In August, we focused on saying Hello to others and replying back to someone when they greet you. Return the section of this page to our school office with your child. We want to celebrate them!

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

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 4:30 p.m.

Master Meter Gas System—Public Awareness Notice

St Charles Parish Public Schools owns and operates master meter natural gas distribution systems on several school properties. The purpose of the gas system is to provide a reliable and safe economical source of energy for heating purposes to the buildings adjacent to the underground gas pipelines. The pipeline system has the capacity to reliably deliver natural gas to the building on the campus.

The hazards of natural gas are that it is odorless, colorless, tasteless, lighter than air and can ignite and/ or explode with tremendous force when mixed with the right amount of air. Prevention measures taken include testing the odorant level each calendar quarter and performing annual gas leakage surveys. Odorant is added to the gas by the gas supplier to give it that distinctive smell, similar to rotten eggs, to warn us of its presence. Anyone who may smell this odor on school properties or notice any unusual conditions on or near gas mains, vents, service lines, meter sets, or especially inside of a building should call the Physical Plant Maintenance Department immediately at (985) 331-3600. If you smell a strong gas odor inside a building, notify everyone in the building to leave. Do not create any ignition sources such as operating the fire alarm system, electrical switches, or using the phone. Go a safe distance away upwind of the gas smell and call the Physical Plant Maintenance Department at (985) 331-3600. With any gas leak, protect life first then property, then notify the Physical Plant Maintenance Department.

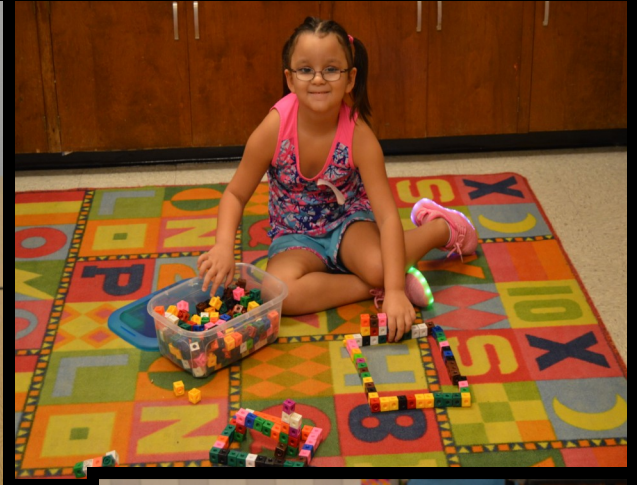
State and federal laws require excavators to notify the state LA One-Call-Center (811 or 1-800-272- 3020) 48 hours before digging. To obtain information concerning the pipeline location call the Physical Plant Maintenance Department. If any excavation is planned, you must notify the LA One-Call-Center which will notify the Physical Plant Maintenance to locate any gas lines. Call 48 before digging.

To obtain additional information, report gas leaks, or report other gas related information please contact the Physical Plant Maintenance Department at (985) 331-3600. This information is provided as a public awareness notice.

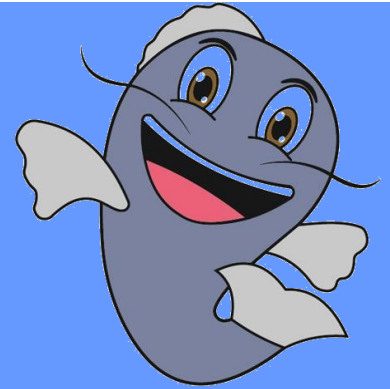
Free and reduced lunch application deadline

A new application is needed for the 2017-18 school year regardless of whether a child was receiving free or reduced price meals the previous school year. To ensure that a child continues to receive free or reduced-price meal benefits in the 2017-18 school year without interruptions, a new application must be received by **September 8, 2017**. Parents who do not return an application on time will be required to pay full price for their child's meal until an application is approved. The application approval process can take up to 10 working days. Please send money for your child's meals during this period.

Welcome Back



September 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	5	6 10:00am PLAYGROUP	7	8	9 CHILD SEARCH SCREENING
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