



September 2018

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Mission

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

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Allemands Elementary School. I am Lisa Perrin, principal of this fabulous school. This year is off to a magnificent start and promises to be a most remarkable year in the lives of our students. Our faculty and staff are committed to excellence. Our teachers work hard to provide powerful and engaging opportunities for our students on a daily basis. We put children first in everything we do here at AES.

We look forward to meeting all of our wonderful parents. We have many events planned throughout the year in order to promote and encourage parental involvement. Our Family Center is a wonderful place for you to visit at anytime. It has an abundance of materials for you to check out as well as workshops and play groups for preschoolers. Please feel free to contact Ms. Dunia Kennedy at 985-758-7427 if you have any questions about our center. You will find a list of dates for events in the center in this newsletter. Also look for many other exciting opportunities for parents to become involved in what we do. You are a very important part of our school and your child's life. We hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities to get involved in our academic and social programs. It truly makes a difference in our children when parents work as our partners to foster a love of learning. Our theme for this year reflects our belief system: "Up, up, and away...Reaching New Heights."

As always, Allemands Elementary will continue to promote a positive and caring environment in which our students thrive and experience success. Our family atmosphere is what makes this the best place in the world for children. Stop by and visit, we know you'll love what you see!

Lisa Perrin

Principal

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

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.

Kindergarten News

We are so excited to have our young friends at school with us. In the first couple of weeks, kindergarteners have had the opportunity to meet new friends and learn about their new surroundings. During this school year, we will explore new topics through fiction and nonfiction stories. We will use many different tools to become skilled in math, reading, and writing. Right now, we are establishing the rules and routines of our classroom and school. We look forward to working close with the families of our students to ensure progress for each child. Parents and guardians can assist by continuing to work on any kindergarten readiness skills at home. Let's 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 short weeks, they have been very busy. We have been spending time establishing routines and procedures. We have enjoyed getting to know one another.

During these first few weeks, we have developed hopes and dreams as well as create classroom rules. Your child has been learning book handling skills, how to choose "just right" books, and learning all about independent reading time. In math, our focus has been finding parts of a number as well as solving word problems. One thing you can do at home is to practice these skills. By working together, your child's first grade year will be a success. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have. We are looking forward to soaring to new heights with your child this year.

Second Grade News

Welcome to 2nd Grade! Our 2nd graders have been busy learning classroom routines and procedures. 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 developing an understanding of the relationship between people and their physical environment using geographic tools, technology, and 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 English -Language Arts, students will respond to text read and compose personal narratives while paying close attention to writing with complete sentences and using legible handwriting. They will also be using reading strategies to show understanding of fiction texts. Learning about Louisiana barrier islands while being scientist and engineers will be fun. Visiting our new Finley Science lab, will provide opportunities for students to enhance their science experiences. To reinforce skills taught, we would like to stress the importance of completing quality homework every night. Let's work together to reach higher heights this year!

French News

Bonjour and Bienvenue! Welcome Back to school! This month all grade levels will be choosing French names and learning each others' new names! Did you know that up until 1993, France had rather strict laws on what a child could be named - a statute first created by Napoleon Bonaparte? Parents had to choose their child's first name from a preapproved list. Very interesting!

We are also reviewing calendar and conversation words and learning new ones. 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. (758-7427).

I am looking forward to working with you and your child/children.

Lori Hogan, School Counselor



Please donate your gently used school uniforms.



According to Act 369, parents must be provided the following important information about internet safety.

ATTENTION PARENTS: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT INTERNET SAFETY FOR YOUR CHILD



As access to technology and the Internet continues to grow, children are increasingly interacting with strangers online, accessing Internet pornography, and experiencing cyberbullying. This is extremely dangerous. Most parents routinely warn their children not to talk to strangers, but did you know that many video games have chat features that allow your child to converse and share images with strangers? Children may think they're playing with other children, but the person on the other computer could be anyone.

Children also have greater access to pornography, particularly on the Internet, than ever before. Research has shown that pornography can harm children for many years through adulthood. The effects of pornography can be addictive, traumatizing, and lead to unhealthy or abusive sexual relationships as children grow up.

Cyberbullying also becomes a real issue as children begin using social media. Louisiana state law defines cyberbullying as "the transmission of any electronic textual, visual, written, or oral communication with the malicious and willful intent to coerce, abuse, torment, or intimidate a person under the age of eighteen", and also includes sexually charged content such as revealing photos and messaging of a sexual nature. Louisiana has enacted strong laws to address bullying and cyberbullying by public school students ([R.S. 17:416.13](#), [Act 369 of the 2016 Regular Session](#), [R.S. 17:100.7](#)).

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?



KNOW what technology your child uses and how it works. Does the device connect to the Internet? Does game or app allow for online upgrades or purchases, or include a chat feature or multiple players? Is your child required to have an account to play the game or use the app that will include their personal information?



MONITOR how your child uses technology and restrict the time they spend on the Internet by establishing ground rules. If your child interacts with strangers or accesses inappropriate material online, talk to them about the dangers of doing so and take steps to prevent it from happening again.



TALK regularly with your child about how he/she uses technology and how to do so safely. Tell your child what to do if contacted by a stranger, if inappropriate materials are accessed, or if your child feels bullied. Tell your child to never share personal information or photos with stranger, and encourage open communication so that he/she feels comfortable coming to you with questions or concerns.

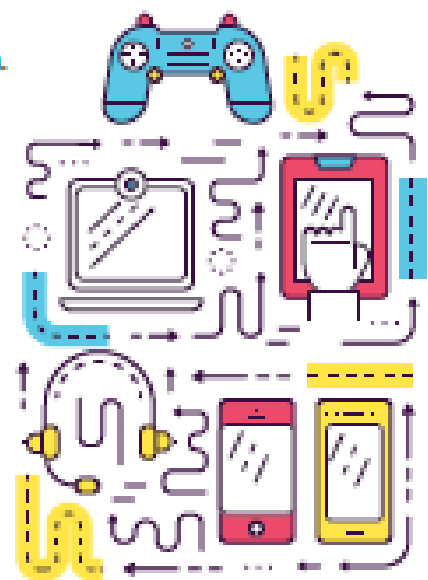


REPORT any suspicious communications to the police and speak with school administrators about possible cyberbullying so that action can be taken.

WHAT RESOURCES CAN HELP?

There are many resources to support parents in protecting their child from dangerous online content and communications, including:

- NetSmartz.org offers information, tips, and advice for parents and educators on safe technology use.
- Louisianabelieves.com, the Louisiana Department of Education's website, contains information and procedures to follow in the event that your child is experiencing bullying. (Type "bullying" in the search box.)
- Stopbullying.gov offers tips on how to identify and safely stand up to bullying.
- www.fbi.gov/resources/parents, FBI resources for parents that address cyberbullying, advice for kids, social networking sites, child sexual exploitation, missing children, and more.
- Free Internet filters you can install at home: cleanbrowsing.org, OpenDNS Family shield (<https://www.opendns.com/home-internet-security/>), K9 Web Protection (<http://www.k9webprotection.com/>), and Windows Live Family Safety (account.microsoft.com/family).



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 4:00 p.m.

School Pictures

September 26, 2018

Students must wear school uniform .



E-Newsletter

As part of our efforts to embrace technology, take care of our environment, and monitor spending, we will transition from paper to electronic newsletter delivery. Beginning in October, Allemands Elementary will deliver the monthly school newsletters via email. Additionally, the school newsletter will be posted to the school's web page. If you would like a printed copy of the school newsletter, please notify Lokia Butler at Lbutler@stcharles.k12.la.us and a copy will be sent home each month with your child. Thank you.

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.

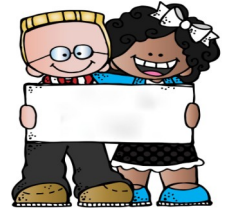
La Educación del Migrante provee ayuda dentro del programa educacional del distrito, como también servicios educacionales suplementarios y servicios de apoyo.

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.

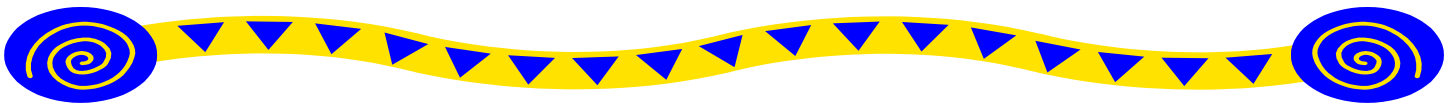
Allemands Elementary Family Center

Together We Can Make a Difference



Dunia Kennedy: dkennedy@stcharles.k12.la.us
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

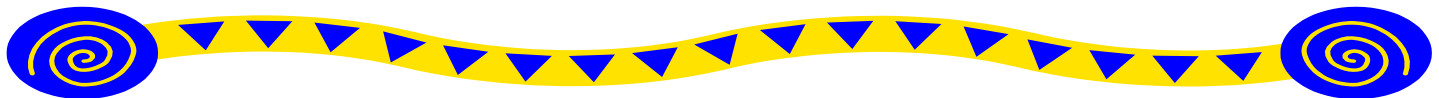
Phone: 985-758-7427
Hours: 8:30a.m. – 3:30p.m.



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. We hope you are able to join us throughout the year so that we can be of service to you and your family.

Playgroups will meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Center beginning on September 12th. 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 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The staff will be very happy to help you. You can also contact Mrs. Dunia Kennedy at 985-758-7427.

We are looking forward to seeing you!!!!



Bienvenidos de regreso a un nuevo año de diversión y aprendizaje en el Centro Familiar Titulo 1. En el Centro Familiar, las familias están invitadas a unirse con otros padres e hijos en actividades, información y recursos. Todos los programas y actividades son gratis. En el Centro Familiar se incluye grupos de juego semanales, recursos educativos, cursos de aprendizaje para adultos, días voluntarios, y mucho mas. Esperamos que ustedes puedan compartir con nosotros durante el año o que podamos ser de servicio a usted y su familia.

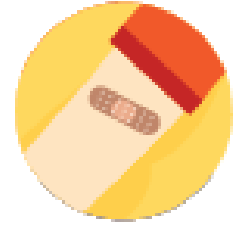
Los grupos de juego se reunirán cada miercoles a las 10:00 a.m. en el Centro Familiar empezando el 12 de septiembre. El Centro Familiar también brinda muchos recursos que se pueden prestar para que usted pueda ayudar en el aprendizaje de sus hijos. Por favor no dejen de venir a visitarnos dentro las horas de 8:30 a 3:30 el lunes, miercoles y viernes. Estaremos felices en ayudar. Tambien pueden contactar a Mrs. Dunia Kennedy al número 985-758-7427.

Anticipamos verlos en el centro!!!!



The Flu:

A Guide for Parents



Influenza (also known as flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. Flu is different from a cold, and usually comes on suddenly. Each year flu viruses cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospital stays and thousands or tens of thousands of deaths in the United States.

Flu can be very dangerous for children. CDC estimates that between 6,000 and 26,000 children younger than 5 years have been hospitalized each year in the United States because of influenza. The flu vaccine is safe and helps protect children from flu.

What parents should know

How serious is flu?

While flu illness can vary from mild to severe, children often need medical care because of flu. Children younger than 5 years and children of any age with certain long-term health problems are at high risk of flu complications like pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections. Some health problems that are known to make children more vulnerable to flu include asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system.

How does flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

What are flu symptoms?

Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, feeling tired and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults). Some people with the flu will not have a fever.



Protect your child

How can I protect my child from flu?

The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your child.

- Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination.
- It's especially important that young children and children with certain long-term health problems get vaccinated.
- Caregivers of children at high risk of flu complications should get a flu vaccine. (Babies younger than 6 months are at high risk for serious flu complications, but too young to get a flu vaccine.)
- Pregnant women should get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and their baby from flu. Research shows that flu vaccination protects the baby from flu for several months after birth.
- Flu viruses are constantly changing and so flu vaccines are updated often to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season.

Is flu vaccine safe?

Flu vaccines are made using strict safety and production measures. Millions of people have safely received flu vaccines for decades. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination. Different types of flu vaccines are licensed for different ages. Each person should get one that is appropriate for their age. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend an annual flu vaccine for all children 6 months and older.

What are the benefits of getting a flu vaccine?

- A flu vaccine can keep you and your child from getting sick. When vaccine viruses and circulating viruses are matched, flu vaccination has been shown to reduce the risk of getting sick with flu by about half.
- Flu vaccines can keep your child from being hospitalized from flu. One recent study showed that flu vaccine reduced children's risk of flu-related pediatric intensive care unit admission by 74%.

- Flu vaccine can prevent your child from dying from flu. A study using data from recent flu seasons found that flu vaccine reduced the risk of flu-associated death by half among children with high risk medical conditions and by nearly two-thirds among children without medical conditions.
- Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.
- Getting yourself and your child vaccinated also can protect others who may be more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain long-term health problems.

What are some other ways I can protect my child against flu?

In addition to getting a flu vaccine, you and your child should take everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs.

Stay away from people who are sick as much as possible to keep from getting sick yourself. If you or your child are sick, avoid others as much as possible to keep from infecting them. Also, remember to regularly cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and clean surfaces that may be contaminated with flu viruses. These everyday actions can help reduce your chances of getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others if you are sick. However, a yearly flu vaccine is the best way to prevent flu illness.

If your child is sick

What can I do if my child gets sick?

Talk to your doctor early if you are worried about your child's illness.

Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks enough fluids.

If your child is 5 years or older and does not have a long-term health problems and gets flu symptoms, including a fever and/or cough, consult your doctor as needed.

Children younger than 5 years of age – especially those younger than 2 years – and children with certain long-term health problems (including asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system), are at high risk of serious flu complications. Call your doctor or take your child to the doctor right away if they develop flu symptoms.

What if my child seems very sick?

Even healthy children can get very sick from flu. If your child is experiencing the following emergency warning signs, you should go to the emergency room:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish or gray skin color

- Not drinking enough fluids (not going to the bathroom or not making as much urine as they normally do)
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu symptoms improve, but then return with fever and worse cough
- Fever with rash



Is there a medicine to treat flu?

Yes. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines that can be used to treat flu illness. They can shorten your illness and make it milder, and they can prevent serious complications that could result in a hospital stay. Antivirals work best when started during the first 2 days of illness. Antiviral drugs are recommended to treat flu in people who are very sick (for example, people who are in the hospital) or people who are at high risk of serious flu complications who get flu symptoms. Antivirals can be given to children and pregnant women.

How long can a sick person spread flu to others?

People with flu may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to up to 5 to 7 days after. Severely ill people or young children may be able to spread the flu longer, especially if they still have symptoms.

Can my child go to school, day care, or camp if he or she is sick?

No. Your child should stay home to rest and to avoid spreading flu to other children or caregivers.

When can my child go back to school after having flu?

Keep your child home from school, day care, or camp for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C) or higher.

For more information, visit

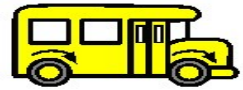
www.cdc.gov/flu

or call 800-CDC-INFO



U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

Dismissal/Transportation



All bus changes / car rider requests need to be submitted in writing by 2:30 to **aes-bus@stcharles.k12.la.us**. Bus changes need to include the student's name, teacher's name, bus number or animal (if known) and the physical address of where the student will be dropped off. Car rider requests need to include the name of the student, teacher's name, and the person who will be picking him/her up. Please try to keep your child's schedule as consistent as possible.

DRESS CODE

The following guidelines have been established and are included in the Code of Conduct 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).

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.

Dear Parents,

We're excited to share that our school is part of the Coca-Cola Give program. This opens up Allemands to new funding opportunities to help purchase more library books.

The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you make Coca-Cola purchases, you simply enter the product codes here: <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/> and our school receives a donation.

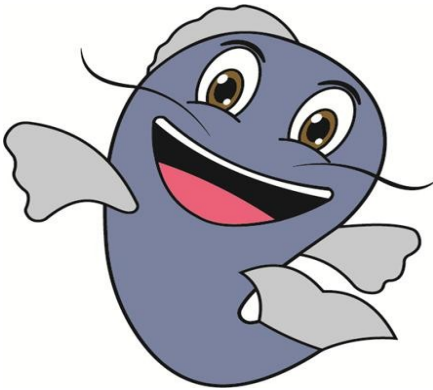
Allemands Elementary make the most of this program and learn more at Coke.com/give.

Sincerely,
Tonya Turgeon



EARLY DISMISSAL

Any bus rider wishing to become a temporary car rider **must** complete a Change of Transportation Form. All requests must be made in writing i.e., handwritten notes, faxes (758-2221) or e-mailed (aesbus@stcharles.k12.la.us), **prior to 10:30** of the early dismissal day(s) requested.



PARENT VISITATION

We are so excited to have our parents observe their child's class. In September, we will hold the following sessions:

Monday	9/10	Pre K	9:15-10:15
Tuesday	9/11	Kindergarten	9:15-10:15
Wednesday	9/12	2nd Grade	9:15-10:15
Thursday	9/13	1st Grade	9:15-10:15

During your visit you will learn about your child's report card and how they are assessed, Maker Spaces & visit your child's class. We hope you can join us on this special day!



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) _____

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