



May 2021

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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

It is hard to imagine that our final month of school has arrived! This has been a different year, but it has been filled with wonderful learning for all students. Our faculty and staff would like to thank our entire school community for your continued support of our efforts especially during the new pandemic guidelines. Your support truly makes a difference in our school!

We have so much to celebrate this school year. Our students have continued to strive for excellence and have reached new heights. The faculty and staff have worked hard to provide a high quality learning environment for our students. It is amazing to see the smiles on our children's faces at the end of the day. It is most obvious that our teachers love what they do and share their love for learning with our students. Parents have supported us in so many ways. Teachers truly appreciate all you do.

During the summer months, we hope that you and your families enjoy a summer filled with relaxing and enjoyable moments with your child. Remember to visit the library over the summer and have your child practice those good reading strategies. Having your child keep a summer journal of special days would be a great way to keep those writing skills developing. Practicing math facts appropriate for your child's grade level would also be a great boost for the next school year. See you in August!

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

It's May! We made it to the end of a full school year. That's something to celebrate. We have grown in so many ways! Our students have developed the ability to complete tasks independently and their confidence has blossomed. We are decoding unknown words when reading and applying the sounds that we hear when writing. In math, we are identifying and writing numbers 0-20. We are working on composing and decomposing the numbers 11-19. This skill helps to find a group of 10 and some more. Keep working hard as the end of the year approaches. This month, we will have a modified end of the year beach day celebration with our own classroom. Thank you for all of your support in preparing your child for future learning.

First Grade News

It's hard to believe that the school year is already coming to an end. With the rigor of the first grade curriculum, the students have worked extremely hard this year. It is important for students to continue to try their best so they can finish strong! We appreciate all you have done to help your child in first grade thus far; however, the year is not over yet! These last few weeks of school are very important. Please continue to read with your child nightly and practice skills on the parent information sheet. Also, continue to practice math facts. You can continue this practice throughout the summer months as well. Keep a summer writing journal at home to practice writing skills. We hope you all have a happy and safe summer!

Second Grade News

It's Show Time!

We are approaching the end of our 2020-2021 school journey! As we come to the close of a great school year, second graders should be showing what they know about all that they have learned this year. Students are reading chapter books and should be retelling or summarizing each chapter including the central message. All reading strategies should be actively used when reading. When listening to your child read, be sure to have them monitor their reading. Students are writing various genres and will write nonfiction writings in response to a text in CKLA Unit 6. Correct grammar and conventions should be used at all times when students write. Students have used standard and nonstandard tools to measure length. Our final math topic is geometry and telling time in five minute intervals. Please enjoy noticing various geometric shapes at home and telling time with an analog clock with your child. It's been a great year of teaching and learning. Remember to read and write daily over the summer break. Students are less likely to forget the essential second grade skills they've learned if they continue to have fun while practicing over the summer break. Thank you for your continued support in your child's success! Have a super summer of home learning!

French News

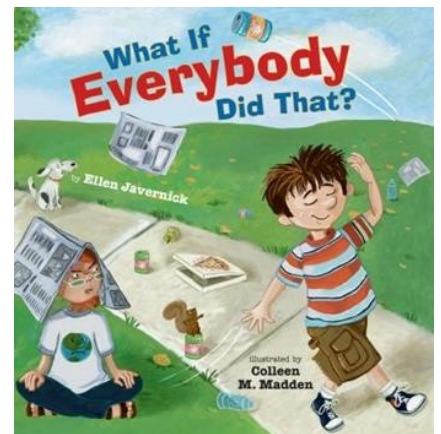
Bonjour! Happy May! It is hard to believe that our school year is coming to an end. We will be making a French card for Mom on her special day and learning some related vocabulary.



Character Trait

This year our School Improvement Team has decided to designate a character trait for each month and teach our students an Essential 11 Trait each week that is aligned with this trait. In May, we will focus on responsibility. Our teachers will read the book, "What if Everybody Did That?" by Ellen Javernick and review the following traits during the month. Please help us to reinforce these character traits at home and in the community.

- Week of 5/3 Be a Good Listener
- Week of 5/10 Pick it Up
- Week of 5/17 Responsible Decision Making



Stakeholder Action Group

Our Stakeholder Action Group met on 2/1 after the PTA meeting. We reviewed the fall events and discussed how to plan the spring virtual events. We also discussed the goal to have more parents on committees next year. Our committee brainstormed ways to keep parents involved during the pandemic. If you have any suggestions for our school, please email Mrs. Perrin at lperrin@stcharles.k12.la.us



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 addicting, 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. 17:418.13, Act 369 of the 2018 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.

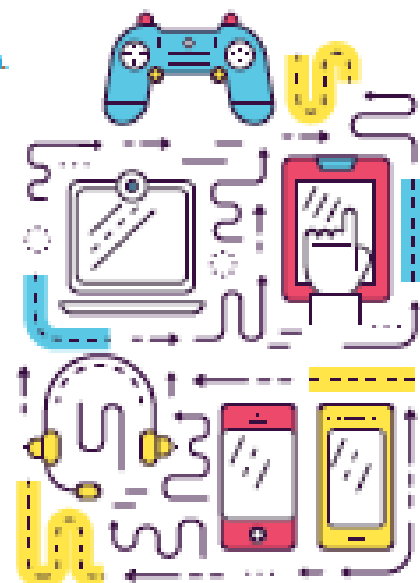


REPORT any suspicious communications to the police and speak with school administrators about possible cyberbullying so that action can be taken.

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).



District and State Young Authors Winners

State Winner Sophia Fonseca First Place Poetry	State Winner Bella Comardelle First Place Poetry	Luke Bernaird Third Place Poetry	Gavin Crawford Third Place Fiction
Gavin Crawford Second Place Poetry	Jace Matherne Third Place Fiction	State Winner Desmond Martin First Place Non Fiction	Corey Grant Second Place Non Fiction
Kaylee Cortez Second Place Poetry	Elise Troxclair Second Place Non Fiction	Addison Boudreaux First Place Poetry	

**Allemands Elementary now has a
 Twitter page. Follow us
 @Allemands_Elem to keep up with the
 latest news and upcoming events!**



E-Newsletter



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 Lakia Butler at Lbutler@stcharles.k12.la.us and a copy will be sent home each month with your child. Thank you.

Nurse Notes



Keeping your body clean is a very important part of keeping you healthy and helping you feel good about yourself.

Step 1: Get wet! Taking a shower or bath every day is an important step in keeping yourself clean.

Step 2: Soap and Shampoo Whether you take a shower or bath you need to use soap when you are washing yourself. Just plain water will not get you clean. You need to take extra time on certain parts of your bodies that sweat more, like your feet, private areas, and underarms.

Step 3: Drying After you shower, be sure to dry yourself completely with a towel. Remember: Bacteria LOVES moisture!

Step 4: Hair In order to keep your hair looking nice, you will need to brush or comb it every day. If you do not brush it every day, you will get tangles in your hair that will be hard to remove.

Step 5: Deodorant You will need to apply deodorant to your underarms. During the day we sweat. When our underarms sweat, they produce a bad odor. If you use deodorant every day after you shower, you can keep your underarms fresh and smelling good.

Step 6: Teeth It is very important to take care of your mouth. Bacteria grows in our mouth and can make our breath smell very bad! You need to brush your teeth at least twice a day to keep it clean. You should also floss daily. When we eat, food can get stuck between our teeth. Floss will help remove it. You also need to see your dentist twice a year for good dental health.

Step 7: Laundry Clothes can get dirty and stained, so you need to change and wash them often. Underclothes are right next to your skin and collect dead skin cells, sweat, and other stains. Overnight, bacteria start to work on these stains, so your clothes do not smell as nice on the 2nd day of wearing. Remember to wash your mask daily or get a new one each day if you are using a disposable one. Stay away from cigarette smoke - the smell will get into your clothes and hair. Ask your family not to smoke in the house or car.



ASK FINLEY

Finley would like recognize students who are showing positive character traits at home and in the community. These students will be recognized on a bulletin board and on the announcements. Tell us how your child has shown **Responsibility** at home and in the community.

Your name (optional) _____

Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Early Dismissal
12:45

Friday, May 21, 2021

Monday, May 24, 2021

Tuesday, May 25, 2021



Teacher and Staff Appreciation
May 3rd-7th

Student Appreciation
May 10th-14th



Dismissal/Transportation



Car rider requests need to be submitted in writing by 3:30 to aesbus@stcharles.k12.la.us. 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.

STEAM

Science Technology Engineering Art Math

As we approach our time at home, here are some links that you can use to have fun with STEAM activities with your child.

<https://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/education/blog/simple-stem-activities-for-kids/>
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<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/steam-activities/>



Try these sites for online research:

PebbleGo:

www.pebblego.com

username: allemands

password: read

World Book Kids

www.worldbookonline.com

username: allemands

password: catfish

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Chromebook returned
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Last Day for
students
Half day 12:45

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inco de Mayo (Spanish for "May Fifth") is a time to celebrate Mexican-American food and culture in the U.S. It's a much bigger deal here than it is in Mexico!



**Your name is so big on this page because
your influence is so big in our lives and
your place is so big in our hearts.
Mother's Day * Sunday, May 9**

Available Daily

**With all meals:
Low Fat White Milk
Fat Free Flavored Milk**

At Lunch: Sandwich Choice



Monday, May 3	Tuesday, May 4	Wednesday, May 5	Thursday, May 6	Friday, May 7
<u>Breakfast</u> Grits w/Sausage Link Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<u>Breakfast</u> Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<u>Breakfast</u> St. Charley Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<u>Breakfast</u> Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<u>Breakfast</u> Biscuit Sticks Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice
<u>Lunch</u> Red Beans & Rice w/Ham Seasoned Mustard Greens Steamed Carrots Biscuit Stick, Applesauce	<u>Lunch</u> St. Charley's Chili Tortilla Chips Shredded Cheese, Salsa Garden Salad, Steamed Corn Apple Wedges	<u>Lunch</u> Soft Tacos Steamed Corn Taco Salad Cup Salsa & Cheese Apple Wedges	<u>Lunch</u> Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Garlic Bread Pineapple Tidbits w/Cherries	<u>Lunch</u> Mini Corn Dogs Fresh Veggies w/Ranch Dip BBQ Beans Orange Wedges
Monday, May 10	Tuesday, May 11	Wednesday, May 12	Thursday, May 13	Friday, May 14
<u>Breakfast</u> Fresh Donut Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<u>Breakfast</u> Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<u>Breakfast</u> St. Charley Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<u>Breakfast</u> Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<u>Breakfast</u> Chicken Waffle Bites Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice
<u>Lunch</u> Oven Fried Chicken Loaded Mashed Potatoes Steamed Carrots Tropical Fruit	<u>Lunch</u> Manager's Choice Entree Veggies Fruit	<u>Lunch</u> Pork Stew w/Rice Candied Yams Steamed Cabbage Banana Brownie w/Icing	<u>Lunch</u> Sweet Chili Thai Chicken Lo Mein Noodles Stir Fry Veggies Asian Chopped Salad Mandarin Oranges	<u>Lunch</u> Breaded Chicken Sandwich Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Crinkle Cut Fries Baked Beans Orange Wedges

STRANGE

BUT TRUE!

THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS ARE ACTUALLY THE EXPOSED TOPS OF THE **WORLD'S HIGHEST MOUNTAINS**. THE TALLEST, MAUNA KEA, MEASURES NEARLY 14,000 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL, BUT FROM ITS BASE TO ITS PEAK IT TOWERS 33,000 FEET -- **4,000 FEET HIGHER THAN MT. EVEREST!**

MAUNA KEA

SEA LEVEL

KAUAI

OAHU

MAUI

HAWAII

What's on **YOUR** plate?



Q: In ancient Egypt, which vegetable did people place on their hand when they swore an oath?



A: This is one from the time of the pyramids! Ancient Egyptians swore on an onion, because they believed the onion's round shape represented eternity and truth.

Learn more at www.CHOOSEMYPLATE.gov or http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay_healthy/food/pyramid.html

Monday, May 17	Tuesday, May 18	Wednesday, May 19	Thursday, May 20	Friday, May 21
Breakfast Powdered Donuts Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast St Charley Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Pop Tart Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch Shepherd's Pie Steamed Broccoli Florets WW Roll Apple wedges	Lunch Spaghetti w/Meatballs Seasoned Green Beans Garden Salad Garlic Bread Banana	Lunch Manager's Choice Entree Veggies Fruit	Lunch Mini Corn Dogs Fresh Veggies w/Ranch Dip BBQ Beans Pineapple Tidbits w/Cherries	Lunch Fresh Hot Pizza Marinara Sauce Garden Salad Orange Wedges

Monday, May 24

Breakfast
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Bosco Sticks
Marinara Sauce Cup
Fresh Veggies w/Ranch Dip
Fruit

Tuesday, May 25

Breakfast
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Popcorn Chicken
Fries or Potato Coins
Fruit

*"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."*
— Robert Frost

Get outside. Keep your eyes open. And enjoy!

We look forward to serving you again next year!

AND ONLY!



Only one creature can claim to have both the longest neck AND the longest tail of any land animal - the giraffe. Its neck can grow to 7 feet long and its tail up to 8 feet long!