



ALLENTON ELEMENTARY  
**DECEMBER 2017**  
 PARENT NEWS



*Happy Holidays from Allenton Elementary School! We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and is well rested and ready for everything that comes with the month of December.*

*We are certainly thankful for your continued support here at Allenton Elementary. Your involvement and partnership in your child's education is something we do not take for granted, so please know that the staff is appreciative of all of your efforts.*

*We look forward to seeing you again soon at the holiday program! I hope you have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season with family and friends!*

*Angie Wickus, Principal*

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

*December 4-14: Toy Drive (new, unwrapped toys)*

*December 15: 4K Holiday Program, 9:30 & 2:00*

*December 19: Ugly Sweater Day*

*December 21: 5K-5<sup>th</sup> Holiday Program, 10:00 & 2:00*

*December 22: Pajama Day*

*December 23-January 1: No School*

*January 4-18: STAR Testing in Reading and Math \*watch for schedule in January*

*January 19: PBO Dance @ 6:30*

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

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**HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

The Allenton School Holiday program is on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Students in grades 5K-5th grade will perform at both the 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM concerts. Parents of students with last names M-Z beginning

are asked to attend the morning program and parents of

A-L students should plan to attend the 2:00 show. The 5K-5th grade students will be singing a finale all together for the Holiday Concert. You don't want to miss it!



The **4K** Holiday Programs will be at 9:30 and 2:00 in the cafeteria on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. **Due to the set-up needed in the cafeteria, we will not be able to accommodate any parents for lunch on this day, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**PROGRAM PARKING**

Even with our larger parking lot, we will still run out of spaces! We have arranged to have parking at the Addison Town Hall located on First Street. There will be a shuttle bus to pick you up and drop you off at the school's front doors. This bus service will be starting 45 minutes before the start of each concert for 5K-5<sup>th</sup>. (The shuttle is not available for the 4K programs.) Busses will return you to your car immediately after the program. Please take advantage of this alternative to parking far away or illegally on Weis Street. Also, please do not park in the factory parking lot across the street or in the apartment parking lots near the school.

**HOLIDAY BREAK**

All schools in the Slinger School District will be in session through December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The holiday break starts on Saturday, December

23<sup>rd</sup> and school resumes on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Happy New Year!

### DRESS FOR THE OUTDOORS

Now that the winter temperatures have officially arrived, please remind your child(ren) to dress appropriately for recess. Students should be wearing hats, mittens/gloves, snow pants and a separate pair of winter boots. We ask students to have a different pair of shoes to wear indoors. Boots will keep their feet warm and dry when outside and a separate pair of shoes for inside will keep the floors dry (the tiled floors get very slippery with the melted snow). Please contact the office if you need assistance in finding winter gear.

### FAMILIES IN NEED

Families finding themselves in need over this holiday (or at any time throughout the year) are encouraged to contact us at school for assistance. We are here to assist in any way that we can.

### WEATHER RELATED EMERGENCIES

Occasionally during the winter, weather conditions can influence the school day. Three things can happen:



- 1) **Two hour delayed start.** The start of school is delayed two hours to allow road crews to get roads cleared so children can safely get to school. Children in 4K do not have class when there is a delayed start.
- 2) **School cancellation** for severe weather. If road conditions are so hazardous that safe passage is not possible, or temperatures are too frigid school is closed for the entire day.
- 3) **Early dismissal** happens at times when a severe storm starts after the children arrive. If things intensify, school could be closed early to ensure that all children get home safely. Please be sure you have completed the Emergency Early Dismissal Form, and

make certain your child knows what to do if school were to close. Should there be an early dismissal, the automated phone call and/or email message will go out to the designated phone numbers and email address that were listed on your child's Emergency Early Dismissal Form. Once the calls and email have been sent out, we will have your child go to the place you designated on that form. Parents have several other ways to learn about school delays or closures too. They can listen to local radio stations, Milwaukee TV channels, check the school website for immediate information, or call the attendance line at 629-1302.

### COLD & FLU SEASON

The holiday season has officially begun! It's that time of year when families and friends are gathering together making memories and sharing in the joy of the season. However, it's also the time that many are inadvertently sharing their GERMS! Washing your hands is the best and easiest way to avoid getting sick. Please remind your children and work with them on how to properly wash those hands! Hopefully we'll all have a happy and healthy holiday!



Merry Christmas!  
Kelly Soik, RN

Here are a few guidelines to follow from the Washington County Public Health Department to assist parents in making an informed decision as to whether to keep a child home or send them to school:

1. **FEVER:** A fever is a warning sign that something is not right with the body. Any child with an oral temperature of 100 degrees or higher should not be sent to school, even if given a fever reducing medication. **Children should remain at home until they do not have a fever for 24 hours, without Tylenol or any other fever reducing medication.**

2. **COLDS**: Children with a hacking/barking cough or heavy nasal congestion belong at home, even if no fever is present. Children with a sore throat and no other symptoms may go to school. If white spots are present in the back of the throat or a fever is present, keep the child home and call your doctor.
3. **VOMITING & DIARRHEA**: A child that vomits during the night or before school should be kept home until he/she can keep food and liquids down. Children with diarrhea should be kept home as well. Call your doctor if prompt improvement does not occur.

### **FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE**

If your child bumped his/her head, would you know the signs to look for if he/she had a concussion? Some symptoms are more obvious than others. Per the CDC, all concussions are serious and most occur without being "knocked out." If symptoms are recognized right away, it aids in recovery and can prevent further injury, or even death. If your child bumps his/her head at school, we will evaluate the child's injury and a letter may be sent home and/or a phone call to you. Sometimes, a call to their doctor is recommended for further evaluation. Please take a look at the link below, and seek medical care if you are ever concerned your child may have a concussion.

[https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/pdfs/schools/tbi\\_factsheets\\_parents-508-a.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/pdfs/schools/tbi_factsheets_parents-508-a.pdf)

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to these volunteers who helped out with vision screening: Heather Baker, Rebecca Breuer, Laura Demien, Stephanie Pearson, Carrie Ray, Heather Stensaas and our district nurse Kelly Soik.

### **LOST & FOUND**

The amount of items in the Lost & Found cabinet is increasing everyday! If your child

is unable to find a sweatshirt, hat, coat, mittens, lunchbox, etc., please have him/her look in the Lost & Found cabinet.

### **COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

The Character Trait for the month of December is **GENEROSITY**. Classroom counseling lessons this month will be focused on kindness. Our 5th grade leadership group, The Fifth Grade Kindness Club, will be organizing a holiday toy drive. Families are asked to donate new, unwrapped toys that will be donated to the Kids 2 Kids Christmas Toy Drive. Toys can be brought to school December 4 to December 14.

Mrs. O'Brien

### **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY**

You are welcome to check out the holiday books in the Little Free Library by the playground equipment. Take a few home to read with your child and return them when you're done!

### **PBO**

Check out the PBO Facebook page at...

<https://www.facebook.com/AllentonPBO>

#### **Shopping Tip from PBO:**

Do you use Amazon to do your Christmas shopping? Earn money for our school while you shop!

Simply type the following URL into your browser:

<http://www.amazon.com/?encoding=UTF8&tag=allelepbo-20>

There is no need to register or designate a school — we've already done it for you, login as you normally would, and purchase your items. Be sure to bookmark the link and use it every time you want to visit Amazon.com. Feel free to share the link with family and friends!



Looking Ahead...

January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 is the PBO dance!