



SEPTEMBER

ALLENTON PARENT NEWS



Welcome Back! The 2017/18 school year is off to a wonderful start at Allenton Elementary!

We had a very exciting summer with all of the construction projects. We are close to the finish line and are looking forward to revealing the new areas at our Grand Opening on Thursday, September 21st from 4:30-6:00 (community)

Our theme for the 2017-2018 school year is...

Allenton Elementary: Where We Grow Together!

But the school's vision will remain the same...

Together Everyone Achieves More!

As a TEAM, we will work on being Respectful, Responsible, Ready and Safe in all situations here at school. Teachers kicked off the school year with reviewing our rules and expectations. As part of recognizing positive behavior, we will continue to hand out coupons for good behavior that can be cashed in for prizes from the coupon cart.

I am looking forward to a great year!

Angie Wickus
Principal

MEET the NEW ALLENTON OWLS

4th grade teacher- Mrs. Amy Elsbernd

5th grade teacher- Mrs. Amber Sippel

Aide- Mrs. Sarah Lanfear

GRAND OPENING

There are still a few final touches needed but the construction is almost complete! There will be a Grand Opening on Thursday, September 21st from 4:30-6:00 for Allenton Families and then from 6-7:00 for community members. Hope to see you then!

PBO GLOW WALK

The first big, PBO event of the year will be on Friday, October 13th from 6:30-8. You're invited to go on a mile long hike, illuminated with glow

sticks and flashing lights. The details will be sent home soon!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 12- PBO meeting @ 6:30 in The Owl's Nest
(new room near the gym)

FREE childcare available!

Sept. 14- Picture Day (packets were sent home)

Sept. 21- Grand Opening, 4:30-6:00

Sept. 21- Spirit Day-show your Allenton/Slinger pride!

September 25- School Board Meeting, 7:00

October 7- Allenton Community Fall Fest

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Our holiday program is scheduled for Thursday, December 21st.

Students in grades 5K-5th grade will perform at both the 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. concerts. Parents with last names



beginning M-Z are encouraged to attend the 10:00 a.m. program. Parents with last names beginning with A-L are encouraged to attend the 2:00 show. We do still have a full day of school on Friday, December 22nd.

The 4K classes will have a program on Friday, December 15th.

SCHOOL HOURS, 8:40-3:40

The building is locked from 8:40 to 3:40. During these hours, please push the button by the far left door, and we'll let you in.

VISITORS WELCOME

Visitors are always welcome, and we appreciate your understanding with checking in at the office, supplying us with a driver's license or picture ID, and wearing a yellow lanyard while on the school grounds.

We ask that if you need to walk in with your child at the start of the day, please sign in, drop off your ID, and get a yellow lanyard from the office before walking past the entrance. Thank you!

READING SUPPORT

Reading Specialists will be having flexible reading intervention groups starting September 11th. They will be meeting with students based on year-end data. After STAR testing and additional assessments are given during September 18-29, we will begin formal interventions in early October. You will receive notification if your child will be part of a formal intervention.

MEDICAL INFORMATION REMINDER

It is very important that the school office receive communication regarding any health condition your child has which may require extra attention. This information will be kept completely confidential. If you did not indicate important medical information on your child's registration form or a medical condition has occurred over the summer, contact the office right away.

LUNCH & BREAKFAST MENUS

You can find the menus on the Allenton School website:

www.slinger.k12.wi.us/schools/allenton/ Click on the Breakfast and Lunch Menus tab. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office and a menu will be sent home with your child.

DAILY ATTENDANCE

As part of our requirement to keep accurate attendance records on all students, we want to be sure you know how we keep track. The cumulative attendance record on the report card will summarize all days absent and all days arriving late and/or departing early. A tardy is recorded for students who arrive late or depart early by missing less than 90 minutes of class time. Over 90 minutes, it is considered a half day absence. Students leaving during the day and returning are also marked accordingly. We know it is challenging, but we encourage parents to schedule whatever appointments they can outside the 8:40 a.m.-3:40 p.m. school day. It is expected that children do not miss more than 10 days for the academic year.

END OF THE DAY

Whenever there is a change in your child's destination at the end of the day, (example: they are going to a friend's house on the bus, or you are picking your child up after school instead of riding the bus) please send a note to the teacher. If plans change during the day, please be sure to call the school **BEFORE 3:00 p.m.** in order to have that message given to your child.

If you call after 3:00, the message may not get to your child before dismissal.

CLASSROOM TREATS

Please remember to send easy-to-eat treats or snacks for birthdays, celebrations, etc. that do not require cutting, scooping, paper plates or napkins. Also, be aware that there are individual students at Allenton Elementary who have allergies to certain foods so contact your child's classroom teacher in advance to plan accordingly for treats being shared within the classroom.

HOMework FOR SICK STUDENTS

We have found that most students who are sick for one day can manage getting caught up the next day rather comfortably. Therefore, we would suggest that students and parents focus on getting better and not worry about requesting homework for a one-day absence. On the second day of absence, we are glad to have homework ready for parents to pick up at school so the student can try to keep up with what was assigned.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Welcome back to school! It is so great to see all of the returning students again and to meet the new students. During my visits to each classroom this month, I will review Bucket Filling with all of the students. The idea is based on the book: Have You Filled a Bucket Today? In the book, the students learned that everyone carries an invisible bucket, and people feel happy



when their buckets are full and they feel sad when their buckets are empty. So how do you fill a bucket? You fill a bucket when you do or say something kind to someone. The students will be

challenged to think about their actions and make an effort to fill others' buckets with kindness

every day. We will also start working with Zones of Regulation. This is a program that encourages children to self-monitor their emotions and teaches them skills to help regulate emotions. Look for more information about this program throughout the school year.

~Mrs. O'Brien, School Psychologist/Counselor

PBO UPDATE

Allenton's outstanding PBO (People Behind the Owls) has lots of great plans for the school year. The first meeting of the year will take place September 12th at 6:30 in The Owl's Nest (a new room by the gym). Our new staff members will be there to meet you! Parents, you are encouraged to attend and get involved. There is FREE childcare during every PBO meeting!

(If you have your Babysitting Certification and would be interested in helping out with childcare at our meetings, please contact the PBO at allentonpbo@yahoo.com)



PBO thanks the following volunteers:
Rebecca Letourneau- SchoolKids Kits
Julie Kline - Teacher Welcome Back Breakfast

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

2016/17 PBO Officers

Co-Presidents: Christine Thomas & Lori Evert
Vice President: Jamie Wiedmeyer
Treasurer: Lisa Heiden
Secretary: Lori Arts

*Continue to collect BoxTops for a chance at our monthly raffle drawings! New sheets are in the lobby.