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Allendale Public Schools

Board of Education Seats Open

The Allendale Public School Board of Education has two open board seats (both 4-year terms) for the May 3, 2011 School Election. President, Eric Packer has chosen not to run for a seat on the board this year, but incumbent Jim Crawley will run again for a 2nd term.

Deadline to file is 4:00 p.m. February 8, 2011.

Please call Candy Kraker, Township Clerk, at 895-6295 for filing requirements.

Please Take Our Parents & Residents Survey

Allendale Public Schools is conducting a survey in January available to all parents and residents as part of our community research to guide our district's next 3-year strategic plan.

Your opinions are invaluable to our planning, and we genuinely want and appreciate a response from everyone, which will remain confidential.

The survey for **Parents & Residents** is available online, with a link posted on our district's website at www.allendale.k12.mi.us. The survey may also be found at: <http://vovici.com/wsb.dll/s/405cg48524>. Printed copies of the survey in English and Spanish are also available in our school buildings. Deadline to complete the Parent & Residents survey is January 31. Final results will be available on our website sometime in February.

Kids Hope USA

Kids Hope USA from 2nd CRC of Allendale had its annual Christmas Dinner on Thursday evening Dec. 9 at the church. All 21 of the KHUSA students, their mentors, prayer partners, families, and some of the school staff attended. Over 120 people were in attendance.

Besides a great meal, the children made a craft and took part in an interactive Christmas story where they followed the star to Bethlehem. They ended the evening sitting on Santa's lap with each child receiving a present.

Kids Hope USA from 2nd CRC of Allendale has been in partnership with Allendale Public Elementary Schools for 10 years now. Each mentor is paired with one child and

they meet at school for one hour each week during the school year. Great friendships are formed as they follow the child through 5th grade. This Christmas Dinner is one of the highlights of the year for all who come.



Samantha (Sammy) McGraw, Santa & Carol Scholten

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Allendale Public Schools
Kindergarten & Developmental Kindergarten Registration

- Tuesday March 1, 2011
- 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Evergreen/Springview Cafeteria 10690 Learning lane

PARENTS, your child must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2011 to enroll in Kindergarten or Developmental Kindergarten for the upcoming school year.

Registration Requirements

1. Your child's original Birth Certificate w/Raised Seal (no copies)
 2. Proof of Residency ~utility bill, lease or mortgage is best.
We cannot accept driver's license, auto or voter registration, magazine subscriptions as proof of residency.
 3. Immunization record (DPT, Polio, MMR, Varicella, Hep B) or Waiver
 4. Physical Health form completed by physician
 5. Vision/Hearing Screening
- All items listed must be provided BEFORE your child begins school.

➔ Children whose birthdays fall between June 1 and December 1 will be required to take the Kindergarten Readiness Screening in order to determine their best and most suitable placement. The screening schedule will be available to parents at Kindergarten Registration.

Enrollment forms will be available at Registration or online for your convenience at www.allendale.k12.mi.us

For additional questions, call Evergreen Elementary at 892-3465 or Springview Elementary at 892-3470.

Family Reading Literacy Night

Family Reading/Literacy Night will be held **February 24** in the Ceglarek Fine Arts Center from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Three authors will be there to share their work and thoughts on reading.



Author/Illustrator Amy Young has written the *Belinda the Ballerina* series, *The Mud Fairy*, and has illustrated several books for other authors. You can read about her at <http://amyyoungart.com/index.html>



Amy Young

Mark Newman (not pictured) is the author of *Sooper Yooper*, which tells the story of environmental superhero Billy Cooper, who does everything in his power to safeguard the Great Lakes from his headquarters in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. <http://sooperyooper.com/index.html>



Laurie Keller, another award winning author/illustrator has written, among other books, *The Scrambled States* and *Do Unto Otters*. You can find more information about Ms. Keller at <http://www.lauriekeller.com/>

Laurie Keller

Family Reading/Literacy Night promises to be filled with fun and the celebration of books and reading. Please come to meet the authors and look over the books being offered for sale (ahead of time and that night). More information will be coming in building newsletters and on the Media Center webpages.

Amazing Reading Bus Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner



Come Thursday, February 24

5-7 PM

Allendale High School

Cafeteria

***Before Family Reading/Literacy Night at
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APS Foundation News

Happy New Year! We are pleased to announce the Allendale Public School Foundation Fund grew by several thousand dollars during 2010. This fund is part of the Allendale Community Foundation and is growing to support educational programs at Allendale Public Schools. As this fund grows exponentially, more grants will be available for school programs, projects, and scholarships.

Our first major fundraising events of the year included our Gala Reception and our popular Roadkill Sandwich Tailgaters at Varsity Football games, which will resume in the fall.

Some of the things we have planned for 2011 include a Golf Outing in June, to be held at the Meadows at Grand Valley State University, and our inaugural Allendale Hall of Fame induction ceremony. If you know of anyone who is worthy of induction into the inaugural class of the Allendale Public Schools Hall of Fame, please contact Dan Remenap at remenapdan@allendale.k12.mi.us or call 892.5585 for more information. Also, watch upcoming Falcon Fliers for our surprise fundraiser coming soon!

If you are interested in making a tax deductible contribution to the Allendale Public School Fund, and need further information, please contact Dan Remenap at remenapdan@allendale.k12.mi.us.

Support the Allendale Public School Fund.
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Allendale's Got Talent Competition

The Class of 2014 cordially invites you to attend the **Allendale's Got Talent Competition** on Thursday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ceglarek Fine Arts Center.

The show will feature students performing their unique talents while competing for cash and prizes. The event is sponsored by the Class of 2014 and proceeds from the show will be used for future school related functions.

General admission tickets are \$3.00 and will be sold the night of the show. Please mark your calendar! It's going to be an awesome performance that you won't want to miss!

**Allendale's Got Talent Competition • Thursday, January 20, 2011
7:00 p.m. Ceglarek Fine Arts Center • \$3 General Admission**

2010 High School Holiday Pops Concert



Preschool Open House

**February 7, 2011
6:00-8:00 pm**

Come join us on Monday, February 7th at Evergreen Elementary to see what opportunities are available for your preschooler (ages 3-4). We have many program options. Check out our facilities and learn about our curriculum.

This open house is for visitation only; we will not be enrolling preschoolers at this time. In the near future, registration dates and tuition fees will be posted on our website (www.allendale.k12.mi.us) We look forward to seeing you and your preschooler on February 7th!

Early Childhood Special Education

The students in Mrs. Smith's Early Childhood Special Education class took a field trip to the RiverTown Crossings Mall to visit Santa and ride the carousel on December 9th. Each year, the children make Christmas Wish Lists to show Santa.



Santa with Blake DeYoung



Hailey DuCharme loves the carousel



Santa with Madison Brown

News from Evergreen Elementary

Evergreen Elementary first grade students engaged in a special celebration on Veterans Day. They had the privilege of communicating with Bryan Sampson, the husband of Mrs. Sampson, one of our first grade teachers, via Skype. Bryan is currently serving our country in Afghanistan. He is also an APS employee working in the Technology Department. He is on a one year "leave of absence" because of his deployment. The first graders created a banner honoring Bryan for his service to our country and sent it to him (See photo).

Our first graders and their teachers continued their support for Bryan and his unit by sending Christmas cards to each of these soldiers. It is great to know that our students and teachers are remembering those serving our country in the armed forces. Thank you first grade students and teachers!



Bryan Sampson with the banner made by our first graders

5th Grade Narratives

Fifth graders in Miss Lam's and Mrs. Fields and Lema's classes have spent the last couple of months working on personal narratives. They have been working hard on bringing their stories through the writing process. As a way to celebrate finishing their stories, they walked over to Springview to share their stories with Mrs. Borst's and Mrs. Herrmann's first grade classes. This gave the fifth graders the opportunity to buddy up with a first grader and share their story. The first graders were also able to share the personal narratives they've been working on. All of the students had a lot of fun sharing their stories!



Aric & Emily Suboski



Reading Intervention

Richelle Rybinski demonstrates a reading intervention lesson to GVSU students in a Teaching of Reading class led by Dr. Janet Navarro. The GVSU students prepare tutoring lessons for several of our elementary students each semester.

Leisure Classes at Allendale Community Education

Youth:

- Snowmobile class
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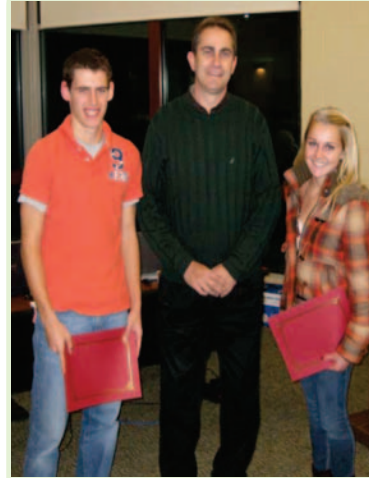
Allendale Middle School's Chocolate Lego Bus competed with 46 teams from around the state at the FIRST Lego League competition in Flint. While the team did not advance to the World final, the team was awarded the first place trophy for Robot Programming. This is the first trophy our team has been awarded at the state level and we are very proud of their hard work and achievements.



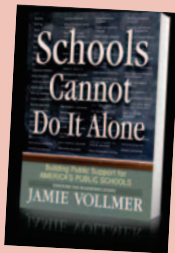
Members include Sam Austin, Tyler Gifford, Tyler Greeley, Grant Hildreth, Jason Marshall, Erin Sickrey and Katelyn VanderMate. The team is coached by David Austin and mentored by Nicki Bonczyk.

All-State Cross Country Athletes

Thomas Bambach and Ali Wiersma received certificates from Board President Eric Packer at the December Board of Education Meeting acknowledging their accomplishments this fall at the Division 3 State Championship Cross Country Meet. Thomas finished in 9th place in the Boys' race and Ali finished 1st in the Girls' race



School Board Sponsors "One Community—One Book" Event



In an effort to increase awareness about the need for community involvement in public education, the Allendale Board of Education is sponsoring a "One Community—One Book" event with the book, *Schools Cannot Do It Alone* by Jamie Vollmer. Over the winter months from January through March, community members and staff are encouraged to check-out the book at any of our school buildings or at Allendale Township Library. In March, several discussion groups will be held about the book. In addition, discussion questions are currently posted on a link at our website—www.allendale.k12.mi.us.

Schools Cannot Do It Alone tells of Jamie Vollmer, businessman and attorney, as he travels through the land of public education. His encounters with blueberries, bell curves, and smelly eighth graders lead him to two critical discoveries. First, we have a systems problem, not a people problem. We must change the system to get the graduates we need. Second, we cannot touch the system without touching the culture of the surrounding town; everything that goes on inside a school is tied to local attitudes, values, traditions, and beliefs. Drawing on his work in hundreds of districts, Jamie offers teachers, administrators, board members, and their allies a practical program to secure the understanding, trust, permission, and support they need to change the system and increase student success. (Excerpt from Amazon.com)



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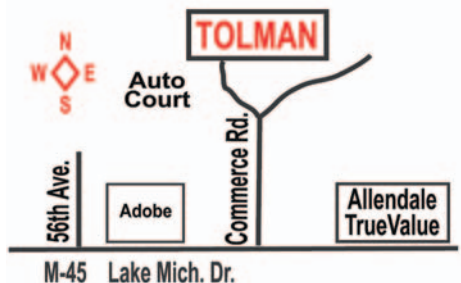
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Video Conference with Author



Ryan Coghill's 1st grade class at Evergreen Elementary participated as a "studio audience" in a video conference with author/illustrator Laurie Keller. Ms. Keller spent two days broadcasting sessions to classes from New York to California from the District Board Room. One of the highlights of the session was a mini-lesson in drawing the otter characters from her book *Do Unto Otters*. Mr. Coghill's class was also able to spend some extra time with her between sessions and share their work.

Chili Cook-Off

Allendale Music Boosters and the Allendale Rotary Club's

9th Annual Chili Cook-Off & Auction

👉 **Saturday, January 29, 2011** • 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

👉 High School Cafeteria

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Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 20 Allendale's Got Talent Competition - Ceglarek Fine Arts Center 7pm
 22 Competitive Cheer Invitational - High School Gym - JV at 10am/Varsity at 12:30pm
 29 Chili Cook-off & Auction - High School Cafeteria - 11am to 2pm

FEBRUARY

- 4 MS Drama Performance - *Alice in Wonderland* - Ceglarek Fine Arts Center - 7pm
 5 MS Drama Performance - *Alice in Wonderland* - Ceglarek Fine Arts Center - 2pm
 5 High School Winterfest Dance - High School Cafeteria - 7:30pm
 7 Preschool Open House - (not registration) - Evergreen Elementary - 6-8pm
 8 Half Day for grades 6-8 - MS Parent/Teacher Conferences - 12:30-3pm & 5:30-8pm
 10 MS Band Concert - Ceglarek Fine Arts Center - 7pm
 15 MS Choir Concert - Ceglarek Fine Arts Center - 7pm
 18 & 21 No School for DK-12 (Mid-Winter Break)
 22 No School for DK-8 (Staff Development Day)
 24 Amazing Reading Bus Spaghetti Dinner - High School Cafeteria - 5-7pm
 24 Family Reading/Literacy Night - Ceglarek Fine Arts Center - 6:30-8pm

MARCH

- 1 No School for grades 9, 10 & 12 - Junior Class takes ACT - (Staff Development Day)
 8 Half Day for grades DK-3rd AM - Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-3:30pm & 5:30-8pm
 11 Half Day AM for grades 9-12 - (Exams)
 14 No School for grades 9-12 (Records Day)

Springview 3rd Graders Donate to Humane Society

Springview third grade classrooms are donating items to the Humane Society in lieu of doing a gift exchange. The students voted on a charity and the Humane Society was chosen.



The students will have firsthand experience with the joys that come from giving rather than receiving. Many items from the Humane Society's wish list are already coming into the classrooms.

On December 8th, the Humane Society's education coordinator talked with the children about what they do, how they help animals, and also gave them many interesting animal facts. The students were able to ask questions about the Humane Society, as well. Hemingway, the education dog, also visited the children. All donated items will be brought to the Humane Society by teachers, students, and parents over the holiday break.

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