



## Summer Illusion

Learning is not an illusion! Well, it could be if you were attending summer school at Springview Elementary this summer! Ninety-nine students in grades K-5 participated in a four week summer school program focused on math and language arts. As a special treat for all of their hard work, students enjoyed a magic show with Renee Hudson. She demonstrated how to cut a person in half, how to make balloon animals, how to make Mr. Piccard's dollar bill disappear, and she even hypnotized the audience! Where did she learn these tricks? BOOKS! Magic can be found in books and the students were encouraged to READ, READ, READ!



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## Three Teachers Take On New Administrative Roles

With the District's continuing efforts to downsize its administrative staff to funnel more funding towards instruction, three teachers are taking on new roles as administrators.



Ryan Coghill is the new Elementary Assistant Principal. With Steve Vanderploeg's retirement as Principal of Evergreen Elementary, the leadership positions for Springview and Evergreen have been restructured. Mrs. Jill Wilson is now the principal of both Springview and Evergreen with Mr. Coghill serving as Assistant Principal.

Mr. Coghill taught in Allendale for 10 years: 4 years at 2nd grade and 6 years at 1st grade. He is a graduate of Hope College and earned his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Phoenix. Mr. Coghill is looking forward to supporting the elementary staff, students, and parents to continue fostering a respectful and successful learning community. His reminder to the students is that "We are respectful! We are responsible! We are ready to learn!"



Brent Hadden is taking on the dual role of High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director replacing Dave Searles who became the Director of Careerline Tech Center, and Dave Chrisinske who retired. To assist Mr. Hadden with the Athletic Program, Mrs. Laurie Watson moved from her role as Middle School Secretary to full-time Athletic Department Secretary.

Mr. Hadden taught English at Allendale Public Schools in the high school and middle school over the last nine years. He also coached Varsity Boys Basketball for the last six years. Mr. Hadden earned his Bachelor's Degree from Western Michigan University and his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Grand Valley State University. He said, "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to serve the students and student athletes of AHS, and to continue the standard of high expectations for our district."



Tamika Henry is the new half-time Assistant Principal at New Options Alternative High School. Ms. Henry will also continue to teach social studies at New Options on a half-time basis. Tamika replaces Chuck Bailey who has moved to the middle school as half-time Assistant Principal and half-time at-risk teacher.

Ms. Henry earned her Bachelor's Degree from Grand Valley State University. She was hired as a high school social studies teacher for Allendale Public Schools in 2002. In 2005, Ms. Henry moved to New Options where she has been a teacher leader. She has also served as the President of the Allendale Education Association. Ms. Henry said her belief of education is grounded in this quote from John Dewey, "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."

Other administrative changes include Mr. Doug Bol taking on the district's Curriculum Leadership role in addition to his duties as Oakwood Intermediate Principal; and Ms. Peg Panici serving as the new half-time Food Service Director. Her services are being shared with Spring Lake Public Schools. All of these staffing changes for the 2011-2012 school year have reduced the district's administrative team by two full-time positions.

## WELCOME TO ALLEDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENROLLING NOW FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Enrollment for all grade levels (DK-12) takes place at the District Office located at 10505 Learning Lane - south end of Oakwood Intermediate School between the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. (Take Pierce Street west from 68th Avenue. Turn right on Learning Lane at the K-8 Campus and take the first or second drive on the left. Enter through Door A.)



Call 892-5574 for student enrollment information or 892-5570 for District Office.

Parents may also visit our web site at [www.allendale.k12.mi.us](http://www.allendale.k12.mi.us).

**EVERGREEN OFFICE HOURS:**

School Office opens on August 22  
Office Hours are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Orientation/Open House:**

DK/K: Tuesday, August 30 - 6:30-8:00PM  
Grades 1-3: Wednesday, August 31 - 6:30-8:00 PM

**First Day of School:**

Tuesday, September 6

**School Day Start & End Times:**

School begins at 8:40 AM and ends at 3:40 PM

**Student Picture Day:**

DK/K (ABC) & 1st, 2nd, 3rd - Monday, October 3  
DK/K (123) - Tuesday, October 4



**MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:**

School Office opens on August 22  
Office Hours are 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**First Day of School:**

Tuesday, September 6

**School Day Start & End Times:**

School begins at 7:55 AM and ends at 2:42 PM

**Orientation/Open House:**

Tuesday, September 6 - 6:30 to 8:00 PM

**Student Pictures:**

Monday, August 22 AND Wednesday, August 24  
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon,  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM



**SPRINGVIEW OFFICE HOURS:**

School Office opens on August 22  
Office Hours are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Orientation/Open House:**

DK/K: Tuesday, August 30 - 6:30-8:00PM  
Grades 1-3: Wednesday, August 31 - 6:30-8:00 PM

**First Day of School:**

Tuesday, September 6

**School Day Start & End Times:**

School begins at 8:40 AM and ends at 3:40 PM

**Student Picture Day:**

DK/K (ABC) & 1st, 2nd, 3rd - Monday, October 3  
DK/K (123) - Tuesday, October 4



**HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:**

School Office opens on August 22  
Office Hours are 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

**High School Pictures and Schedule Pick Up:**

**Available ONLY at Athletic Entrance**

Monday, August 22 AND Wednesday, August 24  
9th Graders: 9:00 - 10:30  
10th Graders: 10:30 - 12:00  
11th Graders: 1:00 - 2:00  
12th Graders: 2:00 - 3:00

**Grades 10-12 will be picking up laptops on these dates/times as well. Grade 9 students will not get laptops until their first day of school, Tuesday, September 6.**

**First Day of School:**

- 9th Grade ONLY - Tuesday, September 6
  - Grade Level Meeting
  - Schedule Verification
  - Locker Check
  - Technology Meeting/Laptop Pickup
  - Media Center Presentation

**School Day Start & End Times:**

School begins at 7:45 AM and ends at 2:32 PM

**9th Grade Parent Meeting:**

Wednesday, September 7 - 6:00 PM, CFAC

**9th - 12th Orientation/Open House (ALL Parents)**

Wednesday, September 8 - 6:30 PM, Begin in CFAC



**OAKWOOD INTERMEDIATE OFFICE HOURS:**

School Office opens on August 22  
Office Hours are 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Orientation/Open House:**

Monday, August 29 - 6:30-8:00 PM

**First Day of School:**

Tuesday, September 6

**School Day Start & End Times:**

School begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 3:30 PM

**Student Picture Day:**

Thursday, September 15



**NEW OPTIONS OFFICE HOURS:**

School Office opens on August 22  
Office hours are 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Student Pictures:**

TBA - (Sometime during the end of September)

**First Day of School:**

9th Graders ONLY - Tuesday, September 6  
10th-12th Graders (including 9th Graders) - Wednesday, September 7

**School Day Start & End Times:**

School begins at 7:40 AM and ends at 2:04 PM

**Orientation/Open House:**

Wednesday, September 7 - 6:30 to 8:00 PM



## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

All registrations for 3 & 4 year old Preschool students will take place in the District Office located on the south end of Oakwood Intermediate School at 10505 Learning Lane between the hours of 8:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. (Take Pierce Street west from 68th Avenue. Turn right on Learning Lane at the K-8 Campus and take the first or second drive on the left. Enter through Door A.)  
For more information, please call Nancy Brouwer at 892-5570.

## GOOD TIMES FRIENDS LATCHKEY REGISTRATION

(Before & After School Daycare)

Are you a working parent in need of a place for your children to go before and/or after school? Good Time Friends might just be the program for you! Our goal is to provide a safe, secure, stimulating environment for your child. Call Janis Lutz at 892-5579 or Evergreen Elementary at 892-3465 for information.



## "Allendale Goes Back to School" Education Fair & Safety Night



All Allendale area families are invited to attend this FUN event!

Wednesday, August 24, 2011  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Allendale Township Park

- ✍ Every child who attends this event will receive a **free book**. Hurry while supplies last!
- ✍ Several lucky students will win new backpacks loaded with school supplies.
- ✍ A parent raffle will be held throughout the evening, with many **great** prizes to be given away.
- ✍ Hungry Howie's will be on site selling pizza by the slice, so plan to have dinner at the park!
- ✍ In case of rain, this event will be held at Evergreen Elementary.



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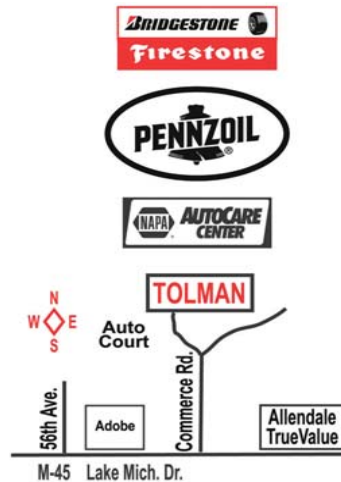
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## News from Evergreen and Springview Elementary Schools

Dear School Family,

The 2011-2012 school year is rapidly approaching and we have been busy throughout the summer months in preparation. School leadership for our lower elementary building has been modified to include myself as elementary principal and Mr. Ryan Coghill, as assistant principal. As a team, we are looking forward to leading Evergreen and Springview Elementary Schools into a more unified campus, promoting strong student achievement, positive behavior supports, and a more creative use of our connected facility. I encourage and invite you to mark your calendars for the following school events:

- **Wednesday, August 24, 5:00 – 7:00 PM**  
**Back to School Fair at the Allendale Township Park**
- **Tuesday, August 30, 6:30 – 8:00 PM**  
**DK and Kindergarten Orientation/Open House**
- **Wednesday, August 31, 6:30 – 8:00 PM**  
**1st - 3rd Grade Orientation/Open House**

Each family will receive a letter prior to the orientation with a detailed schedule for the evening. Enjoy the remainder of your summer. I look forward to welcoming you back!

Sincerely,

*Jill Wilson, Principal*

## The 3 R's at Evergreen and Springview Elementary Schools

The 3 R's have traditionally stood for Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic, which, although grammatically incorrect, remain a focus in our elementary curriculum. To accompany these traditional 3 R's we have developed the new 3 R's:

1. We are Respectful.
2. We are Responsible.
3. We are Ready to learn.

Positive behavior choices prove to be crucial in both the formation of student character and success in learning. Our students will learn the 3 R's behavioral expectations related to all areas of the school. We appreciate your support at home of both the traditional 3 R's and the new 3 R's.

## Americans with Disabilities Act

"Allendale Public Schools will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In doing so, we will take reasonable measures to comply with all aspects of this act."

If anyone has comments or concerns, please contact the Operations Department by calling 892-3480 or email Gary Torno at [tornogar@allendale.k12.mi.us](mailto:tornogar@allendale.k12.mi.us). The Operations Department is located in the District Office at 10505 Learning Lane.

## Board of Education Honors Retiring President

At its June meeting, the Allendale Board of Education honored its retiring president with a plaque. Mr. Eric Packer served on the Board of Education for ten years and was President of the Board of Education for the last three years. During his tenure on the Board, two bond issues were completed; the Board developed and implemented its first 3-year Strategic Plan; and the Board received two awards from the Michigan Association of School Boards for its commitment to professional learning.

Mr. Packer continues to serve the educational community in Ottawa County as a member of the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District's Board of Education.



Vice President, Jim Crowley  
presents retirement plaque  
to outgoing President  
Eric Packer



### Superintendent's Letter

Welcome back to a new school year for the students and staff of Allendale Public Schools. 2011-2012 promises to be an exciting year of new possibilities for learning and growth. The District is embarking on its second 3-5 year Strategic Plan. Our focus is on increasing the rigor and relevance of the educational experiences for our students while continuing to build stronger partnerships with our parents and community to support our students' learning. How can you help? We are always looking for parents and community members to serve as volunteers in our academic, athletic, and fine arts programs. You may also become an active member of one of our booster clubs or parent-teacher organizations.

We continue to work to improve our communication with our parents and community. Please take a look at our website, our Facebook pages, and read our newsletters and the Falcon Flier to keep yourself informed. Let us know how we can help you get connected with our schools.

As we begin this new school year, please encourage your children and grandchildren to do their best in school. Be a positive voice for school work and school involvement. As the world changes, we want to encourage our students to be life-long learners to adapt to the challenges they will face in the future. We are setting the foundation for success in their lives and careers. Let's work together to help our students learn more, achieve more, and graduate prepared for college and careers.

*Dr. Daniel Jonker, Superintendent*

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Ms. Mary Lanning, 2nd Grade Teacher at Evergreen Elementary, was honored by the Grand Rapids Police Department for her volunteer work as a Neighborhood Watch Coordinator in the Ridgemoor neighborhood. Over ten years, she has cultivated a vast network of contacts to distribute information to over 500 neighbors. She received a citation from the Grand Rapids Police Department for her efforts, particularly in working on a series of arsons in the neighborhood during 2010. Congratulations to Ms. Lanning for her efforts in making her neighborhood a safer place and for her commendation.

## NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Attention children and adults:

The Allendale Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, weight, or any other characteristic protected by law in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non discrimination policies:

Dr. Daniel Jonker  
Local Civil Rights Coordinator  
Allendale Public Schools  
10505 Learning Lane  
Allendale, Michigan 49401  
616-892-5570

Allendale Public Schools is committed to providing an environment for employees and students that is free from all forms of discrimination and conduct that can be considered harassing, coercive, or disruptive, including sexual harassment. Actions, words, jokes, or comments based on an individual's sex, race, color, national origin, religion, creed, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, height, weight, disability, or any other legally protected characteristic will not be tolerated. Administrators are directed to disseminate this policy statement and inform employees of complaint procedures. Copies of the policy statement will be available in all administrative, counselor, and social workers' offices.

For more information on this visit our website:  
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## SUPERINTENDENT OPEN OFFICE HOURS

Superintendent Dan Jonker is pleased to provide the opportunity for citizens of the community to meet with him privately to discuss important educational issues. During "Superintendent Open Office Hours," Dr. Jonker meets with citizens one-to-one. The meetings are not open to members of the media, sales persons, or representatives of professional organizations as the district provides other venues to accommodate these individuals.

Citizens will have up to 15 minutes to share their thoughts, ask questions, or discuss an issue. Walk-ins are welcome at these open office hours and will have the opportunity to meet with the Superintendent on a first serve basis. Citizens provide their full name, address, occupation, and the issue they would like to discuss. You may also reserve an appointment up to one week prior to open office hours by calling 616-892-5570 or sending an email to [edwardsmar@allendale.k12.mi.us](mailto:edwardsmar@allendale.k12.mi.us).

"Superintendent Open Office Hours" take place from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the same dates as the Board of Education Regular Meetings (see schedule).

District Administration Office  
10505 Learning Lane  
Allendale MI, 49401  
(616) 892-5570

## Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule

September 12, 2011  
October 10, 2011  
November 14, 2011  
December 12, 2011  
January 9, 2012  
February 13, 2012  
March 12, 2012  
April 9, 2012  
May 14, 2012  
June 11, 2012  
July 9, 2012

District Administration  
Board Meeting/Conference  
Room - #301  
10505 Learning Lane  
(South end of Oakwood  
Intermediate School)

## Student Directory Information

Under section 9528 of the NCLB Act, local school districts are required to disclose the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of high school students upon request by military recruiters and institutions of higher learning, unless individual students or their parents request the information not be released without prior written consent. This law does not require disclosure of any information that is not considered directory information under the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). School districts are obligated to provide military recruiters with the same access to secondary school students as is provided generally to post secondary educational institutions or to prospective employers of those students. Districts must release "directory information relating to pupils" or provide access to school grounds and facilities" to persons who inform pupils of educational, occupational, or career opportunities" and must provide the military with the same access. High school students and their parents must complete the student and parent consent forms sent home with students if you do not wish to have your child's name, address, and telephone number disclosed to recruiters and institutions of higher learning.

### Change of Address or Phone Number

Please notify your school office of any change in address, phone numbers, or emergency contacts as soon as possible. Updated information is important in the event a parent needs to be contacted.

## Daily Attendance Important to Student Success

Allendale Public Schools' staff believes regular and prompt attendance is essential for a child's academic success at all grade levels and that absences and tardiness adversely affect student achievement. Please make sure your child is in school and on time. If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school office as early in the morning as possible. Please review with your child the attendance policy and procedures found in the parent/student handbook.

## Asbestos Management Plan Available for Review by Parents, Teachers, and Employees

Allendale School District has conducted an extensive asbestos survey of all our buildings. Based on the findings of the inspection, a comprehensive management plan was drafted. This plan details the response actions the district will be taking regarding asbestos containing materials found in our buildings.

This plan is available for inspection at our offices without cost or restriction during business hours. If you would like a personal copy, please notify the District Office and it will be supplied to you within 5 working days. The District Office (Door A) is located on the south end of Oakwood Intermediate School at 10505 Learning Lane, or call 892-5570.

We have endeavored to make our schools a safe place in which students can learn. Our asbestos management procedures reflect that concern. Please let us know if we can answer any questions.

Gary Torno, Director of Operations tornogar@allendale.k12.mi.us or call 892-3480.



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## ADVISORY TO ALL PARENTS

### Integrated Pest Management

Allendale Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, these will only be used as a last resort. This program **does not** rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

You will receive advanced notice of the application of a pesticide, other than a bait or gel formulation at your child's school. This advance notice of the application will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to do this notification by using two methods. The first method required by law is the posting at entrances to your child's school. The second method we are going to use is posting in a common area located by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application. If you would like to be notified by mail, please call 892-3482 or email your information to andersonkat@allendale.k12.mi.us. Please include your name, mailing address, and the name of the school your child attends.

In an emergency (for example, bees nest), pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application.

You may review our IPM program or pesticide application records for your child's school by calling or e-mailing Gary Torno, Director of Operations, at 892-3480 or e-mail him at tornogar@allendale.k12.mi.us. This number or e-mail may also be used when school is not in regular session.

## Help Break the Language Barrier

We are seeking to identify students whose home language is something other than English. If you are the parent/guardian of such a child - who is not in our present ESL Program and lives in the Allendale Public School District - please send your child's name to:

Didier Couvelaire  
Springview Elementary  
10690 Learning Lane  
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616-892-3470

### Ayude A Eliminar Las Barreras Del Idioma

Estamos tratando de identificar a estudiantes que hablan otro idioma en sus hogares además del inglés. Si Ud. es el padre o guardian del niño(a)-si el niño(a) no está inscrito en el programa ESL-favor de enviar el nombre de su niño(a) y el nombre de la escuela que asiste:

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Taxpayers can generate a total contribution to the **Allendale Public School Foundation's Endowed Fund** within the Allendale Community Foundation worth almost three times its actual out-of-pocket cost! This astonishing effect is created via the Michigan Tax Credit for Community Foundations.

For more information, you can go to the APS Foundation webpage at [www.allendale.k12.mi.us](http://www.allendale.k12.mi.us) and click on "Foundation," or contact the Foundation Office at (616) 842-6378 and ask for Holly.

*\*The Allendale Public School Foundation is an Endowed Fund within the Allendale Community Foundation which is overseen by the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation.*



### Parents – Please Update Your Honeywell Instant Alert Contact Information

Allendale Public Schools subscribes to the Honeywell Instant Alert System. This system sends voice and text messages via land and cell phone, pager and/or email. Allendale Public Schools use Honeywell Instant Alert for both routine and emergency notifications. Examples of routine notifications include: activity schedules, teacher conference reminders, and truancy reporting. Emergency notifications may include: school lockdowns, weather related and mechanical breakdown closings, amber alerts, and bus delays.

If your contact information has changed over the summer, we encourage parents and guardians to go to <https://instantalert.honeywell.com/InstantAlert/Login.aspx>. You can also access this site by going to our website at [www.allendale.k12.mi.us](http://www.allendale.k12.mi.us) and click on the Honeywell Instant Alert tab under "Parents." If you experience difficulties accessing the system, there is a "Help Request" link located under Helpful Hints on the login page.

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Please give us a call at **892-5575** for more information.



**New Options High School**

6633 Lake Michigan Drive, Allendale MI 49401

**Phone: 892-5575**

## Family Educational Right to Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law which stipulates the maintenance and disclosure of students' educational records in public schools. In compliance with Federal regulations, the Allendale Public School District has established the following guidelines concerning student records:

Every parent (or student who is 18 or older) has these rights under FERPA to:

- inspect and review their student's educational records
- request the amendment of their student's educational records in order to correct inaccurate or misleading information
- consent to the disclosure of personally identifiable information in the student's educational records, except to the extent the disclosure is allowed by law without consent
- obtain a copy of the district's FERPA policy
- register any complaints regarding the district's FERPA procedures with the U.S. Department of Education.

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## fall shows



## the rock show

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011 • 7:00 P.M.

General Admission Tickets Available at the  
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Adults \$10 • Students \$6  
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The Rock Band Show features  
your favorite hits from the '80s and '90s.  
Their tribute to the band Journey  
is rivaled by few other bands.

## juice

Percussion & Variety Group

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Juice is a musical pipe bomb: an explosion of energy and invention. They make music the hard way, whether climbing xylophones, stomping on barrels, or battling with electronics or cellos. Fusing these elements together, Juice builds music to be seen as well as heard in one electrifying show.



## a capella unplugged

NOVEMBER 12 • 7:00 P.M. • TICKETS ARE \$10 ADULTS • \$5 STUDENTS

An acapella competition featuring various colleges



## sidewalk prophets

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2011

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Group Sales \$10 (15 or more)  
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