

FALCONER NEWS

ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****Please continue to check our website for the most up-to-date information on events taking place****

- MARCH 9-11 High School Musical Little Shop of Horror, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
- MARCH 11 PTO Glow Dance (Mom/Son), 6:00-8:00PM, High School Gym/Cafeteria
- MARCH 13 Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
- MARCH 14 1st Grade Music Program, 7:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
- MARCH 15 1st Grade Music Program, 7:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
- MARCH 21 Elementary Fine Arts Fair, 6:30-8:00 PM, Evergreen Elementary School
- MARCH 24 MSVMA State Solo & Ensemble, 4:00-5:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
- MARCH 25 MSVMA State Solo & Ensemble, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
- MARCH 27 Board Work Session, 6:00 PM, location TBD
- MARCH 27 4th Grade Fine Arts Fair, 6:30-8:00 PM, Oakwood Intermediate School
- MARCH 28 5th Grade Fine Arts Fair, 6:30-8:00 PM, Oakwood Intermediate School
- MARCH 31-April 7 Spring Break, No School



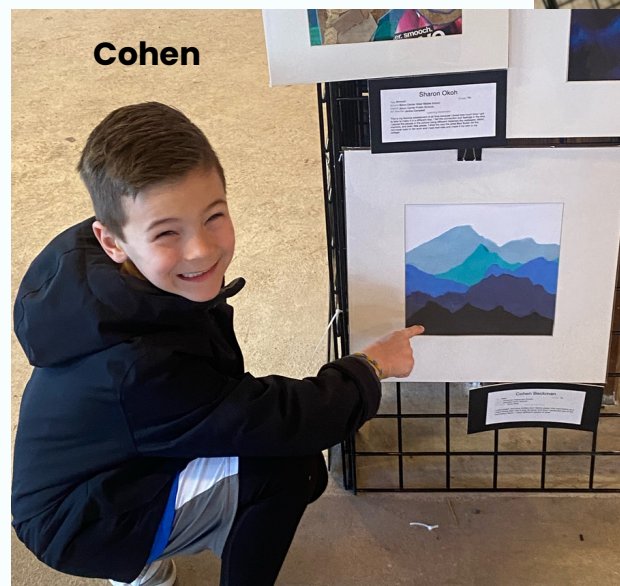
HS Musical Little Shop of Horror

March 9 & 10 at 7 PM and March 11 at 3 PM.

Tickets are \$15 Adult and \$10 Student

<https://allendalefinearts.ludus.com/index.php>

Congratulations to five of our young artists who were chosen to have their artwork in the Michigan Art Education Association's Region 9 show on display at the Western Michigan University- Grand Rapids Downtown Campus. The students chosen were Smith (Y5) and Rylie (K) from the Allendale Early Childhood Center, and Owen (1st), Finnley (1st), and Cohen (1st) from Evergreen Elementary. In addition, Smith and Finnley's art was also selected from the regional exhibition to move on to the state-level competition.



Allendale High School Varsity hockey players came to Evergreen to read to classes! Allendale High School is in a Hockey co-op with Jenison and Zeeland High Schools. All three school districts play on the same team wearing Jenison's hockey jersey. Seniors Brayden Eddy and Gavin Stanfill and Junior Charlie Meyer read *Z is for Zamboni* by Matt Napier. They read to Mrs. Saagman (1st grade), Mrs. Dykstra (2nd grade) and Mrs. Oslund (3rd grade) classes. The AHS Varsity hockey players did an amazing job reading and engaging with the students. It was an awesome experience for all of them!!



PTO Sweetheart Dance

- Over 750 parents and Young 5-5th grade daughters and sons attended this event. The theme was A Night in Paris and it was held at AHS. Face painting, a picture booth, dancing and snacks were enjoyed by all.
- For more pictures, check out: <https://www.facebook.com/allendalepublicschoolspto>



**Athletic Boosters Student-Athletes of the Season
Congratulations to these students!**

Varsity Boys Basketball- Grady Schippers
JV Boys Basketball- Jacob DeVito
Freshman Boys Basketball- Kaleb Gould
Varsity Girls Basketball- Sami Harris
JV Girls Basketball- Marissa Maycroft
Freshman Girls Basketball- Bella Beck

Competitive Cheer- Claire Wittlieff
Varsity Wrestling - Reece Meyers
JV Wrestling - Eli Dumond
Girls Wrestling - Addison Schmidt
Boys Bowling- Nathan Diephouse
Girls Bowling- Laura Yates



In February, our 4th grade students had the pleasure of hearing from members of our community about the role that INTEGRITY (our character trait of the month), plays in their careers. Thank you to our February 'Character Counts' presenters: Mr. Busman (Transportation Safety Specialist), Mr. Flis (Marketing Director), and Mr. Harms (Meteorologist).



Allendale Wrestling 2/6/23 Update



2023 OK Blue Conference Champions!



Last Week results: Last week the team went 2-0 in duals and our team record improved to 28-0. The team also claimed 7 individual champions at the Varsity OK Blue Conference, 3 individual champions at the JV OK Blue/Green/Silver tournament, and 1 individual champion at the Midland Girls Invitational.

AHS Select Choral Ensembles competed at Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) Choral Festival Tuesday, February 21st. Both ensembles received a first division rating and are advancing to MSVMA State Choral Festival in May. Congratulations to all!



Six talented middle school singers spent last week in downtown Cincinnati preparing for incredible performances in the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) National Elementary and Middle School National Honors Choirs! Allendale Middle School was the only school in Michigan that had students selected for the National Elementary Honors Choir. We were also the only public school from Michigan that had a singer selected to participate in the National Middle School Honors Choir. Our students met the challenge with joy and resilience, rehearsing for hours each day, led by an internationally celebrated conductor, leading up to their performance on Saturday, February 25th. Honors Choirs performed for audiences of more than 3,000 choir directors and family members from around the country in the beautiful Cincinnati Music Hall. Allendale has so much to be proud of in our students that attended! We are so proud of Hunter Brower (8th grade), Addie Bliss, Aaron Bauer, Thomas Cisler, Caleb Crane, and Ben Visser (6th grade)!!



On February 20, AHS hosted the Save A Life Tour. Our students took part in a virtual reality impaired driving simulator that illustrated the dangers of impaired driving from a sober perspective by showing how alcohol and drugs can affect a driver's reaction time, motor skills and judgment. They were also able to utilize a distracted driving simulator, complete with a smartphone that the students used to send and receive text messages, this showed how distraction affects reaction time with a split-second delay that caused participants to demonstrate tendencies similar to that of a distracted driver. There were two large monitors displaying real life statistics and testimonials on the dangers of both impaired and distracted driving.



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The local Ottawa/Kent County chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Society International has launched a new program titled "Teachers Helping Teachers". They "adopted" two first year teachers to help with their "wish list" of items they would like purchased for their classroom. Next semester they will mentor these teachers, and plan to help in the classroom when needed. Riley Feenstra is a 3rd-5th grade Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) teacher at Oakwood Intermediate School. Charlotte Szakal teaches 2nd grade at West Godwin Elementary. Mrs. Feenstra was surprised at Christmas time to receive gift cards totaling \$290 for classroom supplies. Plus, each student in Mrs. Feenstra's room also received a \$20 gift card for their parents to get them a gift.



Our DKG chapter consists of educators from many classroom fields, as well as educators in various business occupations who are retired or still working. The mission of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. If you would like to learn more about this organization, call Deb Herrick at 616-209-5540.

High School Blood Drive

Blood supplies have reached a critical shortage in our state and in our community. High school blood drives contribute 20% of the overall blood supply. Allendale High School's most recent National Honor Society (NHS) sponsored Blood Drive was held in the lobby of the CFAC from 8a.m. - 2p.m. on February 1. Allendale High School holds a few blood drives each school year. We are proud of our AHS students, our NHS members, our staff, and our community for exceeding our goals for the February blood drive that our NHS sponsored. Please see below for our results:

Goal: 24 donors

Number of Donors: 31

Successful Donations: 25 whole blood, 1 double red = 27!

First Time Donors: 9!

- Jerry Hooker, 4 gallons
- Dawn Vandyken, 1 gallon

Lives saved in our community: 76!

Great job AHS and Allendale Community for exceeding our goal!



APS Mental Health Committee

presents:

"INQUIRING MINDS"

*Understanding your student's needs,
and guiding them to success*

WHEN:

Thursday,
March 16th

WHERE:

Allendale Oakwood
Intermediate School
10505 Learning Lane
Allendale, MI



JIMMY JOHN'S SUPPER PROVIDED

5:30-6:00 PM

Supper & Child Care Sign Up

6:00-6:40 PM

Intro: Mental Health Trends

Laura Buitenhuis, Community Mental Health

6:50-7:15 PM

Elementary Workshop: Stress Management

Secondary Workshop: Suicide Prevention

Vicki Kavanaugh, Arbor Circle

7:20-7:45 PM

Elementary Workshop: Mental Health 101

Vicki Kavanaugh, Arbor Circle

Secondary: Vaping- Health Impacts & Early Interventions

AHS Community Officer, Deputy Ortman

DAYCARE PROVIDED

**RESOURCE
TABLES**

RAFFLES

summer



SUMMER LEARNING CAMP

Get ready for summer fun learning activities, singing camp songs, learning challenges, and outdoor games.

No matter their age, it's important for ALL kids to keep learning over the summer! APS proudly provides opportunities for children to reinforce skills in literacy and math as well as explore ways to extend their learning progress through targeted instruction and fun learning activities. The camp theme will provide a sense of community as students work together to strengthen their skills under the direction of qualified instructors. Class sizes are limited to provide direct, targeted instruction.



FREE

Includes camp t-shirt, transportation, and all activity supplies!

JUNE 20 - AUG 10
Tues, Wed, Thurs only
8:30 am - 12 noon

OAKWOOD INTERMEDIATE

10505 Learning Ln,
Allendale, MI 49401



Sign Up



MORE INFO

616-892-5595



APS SUMMER LEARNING CAMP

APS is proud of our summer learning opportunities for students! For the past several summers MathCamp and LitCamp have been offered during different weeks and for different lengths of time (MathCamp met for 3 weeks as soon as school was finished for the year and LitCamp met for 5 weeks after the July 4th holiday). **This summer we'd like to offer an even better opportunity for students in Y5 through 8th grades!**

There are so many benefits to engaging your child in structured summer learning. One of the most effective strategies is regular attendance over a longer period of time. That's why APS is offering MathCamp and LitCamp **at the same time** for a full 7 weeks throughout the summer! For students that can benefit from lessons designed to narrow a learning gap in Math or Literacy, their camp experience will be tailored specifically to their needs. Students that would benefit from a challenge of extending their on target progress during the school year will have a schedule tailored to their needs, too.

All students will still enjoy large and small group time together singing and playing games and building meaningful relationships throughout their summer camp experience. Our team of teachers, staff, and student mentors will communicate your child's progress in weekly newsletters with pictures and stories of what was learned and focused on for that week.

Free transportation is available for families that live in the APS district. Details of the bus route will be scheduled once enrollment is complete. A note will be mailed to you prior to summer school with transportation details and other important information. Please note your transportation preference using the registration link below.

Registering your child or children is on a first come first served basis. Families will be notified if they are on the waiting list if an opening becomes available.

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APS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Food Service

Nicole Utter - Food Service

Nicole has worked for Food Service for 4 years, starting in Evergreen and then moving to the AECC, when it opened. She is a mom of five kids with one in every building this year! She has been married to her husband Kris for 18 years.

When she is not at work you can find her on the beach with her five kids or doing anything outside. She loves gardening, flowers and going to as many concerts as she possibly can. Nicole is also a former graduate of Allendale class of 1998!

Michele Losse - Food Service

Michele has been working in Food Service for about 3 years. She started as a sub in the Oakwood kitchen and then moved to the Evergreen kitchen two years ago. You may also see Michelle as a crossing guard as she fills in when needed. She has 2 children attending Allendale Schools one at Oakwood and one at the High School. She enjoys camping and attending music events. "Working at Evergreen elementary has been a great experience!"



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Allendale Early Childhood Center

Kelly Scholten - Kindergarten

Mrs. Scholten is a veteran teacher at the AECC, and she has been teaching in Allendale since 2001. Mrs. Scholten is a leader in the Kindergarten hallway, and is often found doing things that help benefit her fellow teachers and her students. Mrs. Scholten has a tremendous impact on her students on a daily basis, as she does whatever it takes to help her students learn how to be successful at school and how to fall in love with learning. We are truly blessed to have Mrs. Scholten as a part of the Kindergarten team at the AECC!



Carol Rhodes - WRAP Around Aide

Carol Rhodes is a dedicated member of the WRAP Program at the AECC, which she has been a part of for the last two school years. Carol is always willing to interact and have fun with her students, often planning engaging lessons that her students enjoy. Her energy and passion for her students is always visible, as she brings joy and excitement to the WRAP Around program. We are blessed to have Carol as a member of the WRAP Around program at the AECC!



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Evergreen Elementary

Evergreen Elementary School would like to recognize Kristin Oslund as our staff member of the month. Mrs. Oslund has worked for Allendale Public Schools since 2018 and is currently serving as a third grade teacher. The Evergreen third grade team, as well as the entire Evergreen staff, has benefited from Mrs. Oslund's team mentality, calm demeanor, and joyful outlook on life. Recently, Mrs. Oslund has fostered a relationship between her Explorers students and the residents of Green Acres Senior Community. Her students are researching, interviewing, and writing biographies on residents of Green Acres. Mrs. Oslund, and her students, have found great value in the relationships they have formed with their friends from Green Acres. Thank you Mrs. Oslund for the gifts and talents you so readily share with the Allendale community!



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Oakwood Intermediate

Oakwood Intermediate is proud to recognize Mrs. Janet Busman as our staff member of the month for February. Mrs. Busman teaches 4th grade and always goes above and beyond for her students. She empowers and motivates them by setting high expectations for herself and for them. She exhibits a calm confidence for those around her and truly wants what is best for her students.

Mrs. Busman has been teaching for 10 years, five years in Arizona and five years at Oakwood. She loves teaching all subjects, but favors Social Studies and Science. Mrs. Busman is married and has two children who attend Allendale Middle School. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family camping and visiting National Parks all over the U.S.

Thank you, Mrs. Busman, for your commitment and dedication to the students of APS.



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Allendale Middle School

The middle school would like to recognize Shannon Snyder as our staff member of the month. This is Mrs. Snyder's 4th year in the district as a middle school secretary. Her positive attitude and infectious laugh can be heard through the halls. Mrs. Snyder is a very hard worker but knows how to make the workplace fun! She is a huge asset to this building! February is also Mrs. Snyder's birthday month. This year she "turned 29...again". Thank you, Mrs. Snyder, for all that you do for the kids, families and staff! We are so proud and happy to have you as part of our AMS family!



The middle school had a very successful Change War the week of February 13 leading up to the White Out Cancer basketball game against Coopersville on February 17. The 7th grade class was the winner and got to pick a staff member to pie in the face!

Mr. Winters was the recipient of the pie in the face and the Snyder family was the recipient of almost \$800 from the Change War! The husband of our amazing secretary, Shannon Snyder, is battling a very rare form of cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and we hope the money raised can somehow relieve some of the stress and hardship that goes along with such a long tough battle.

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Allendale High School

Mr. Jason Fogel is our AHS Staff Member of the Month! Mr. Fogel organized our Winterfest Dance and helped our Rotary Interact students fundraise for the house project they will build in El Salvador this spring break. Mr. Fogel spends his spring breaks building homes for people in need in the country of El Salvador. Mr. Fogel is a class advisor and also serves our students as one of our two high school counselors. Mr. Fogel supports our students' mental, emotional, and social needs as he guides and advises them through their four years as AHS Falcons. Mr. Fogel puts our students first, and he has an amazing heart for our school and community. Mr. Fogel is a great part of the AHS Team! Please read Mr. Fogel's bio below:

This is my 21st year as a school counselor for Allendale High School. I am also a class advisor and the advisor for the Rotary Interact Club. I have been very fortunate through my Rotary connections to be able to take spring break trips down to El Salvador to build houses with other service minded, caring, and hard working adults and students. This spring will be my 4th trip down to El Salvador on our District Rotary Interact service trip. I grew up and still currently live in Spring Lake, MI. My wife, Bridget, is the administrative assistant for Spring Lake Intermediate School. My son, Drew (23), graduated from Albion College and now lives in Royal Oak and works for Agree Realty Corp. in their finance department. My daughter, Marley (20), is in her junior year at Central Michigan University studying elementary education. My daughter, Alyssa (16), is a junior at Spring Lake High School. My daughter, Calleigh (14), is in the 8th grade at Spring Lake Middle School. My happiest moments outside of school are doing things with my family. We are a very active outdoor family with boating and camping in the summers and I love attending all of their extracurricular events (swimming, soccer, cross country, basketball, lacrosse, and theater).



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Transportation

NINA ZUNIGA – Bus Driver

Nina has been driving a bus for APS for the past 5 years. She drives Bus 12 and has a Middle School/High School route and an Elementary route.

Nina has two children, both in the High School, a sophomore and a senior. Nina always has a smile on her face and is a terrific asset to our transportation department.

