

# FALCONER NEWS

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

September 1-4	No School Y5-12, Labor Day Break
September 5	School Resumes
September 11	Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room
September 25	Board Work Session, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room
September 29	No school Y5-12



### High School Parents:

"Parents please remind your students to regularly check their emails for important information regarding National Honor Society invitations, Student Council events, college enrollment information, classwork/homework deadlines, and more."

Each student will receive one breakfast and one lunch every school day FREE for the 2023/2024 school year. If you have not received a Free/Reduced Benefit letter and usually qualify, please fill out an application at [allendale.familyportal.cloud](http://allendale.familyportal.cloud) The State has only budgeted for this year, it is very important to fill out an application yearly.



Breakfast is served at each building as students arrive by bus or the posted drop off time until the starting bell. All menus available: <https://www.allendale.k12.mi.us/district/foodservices/>  
Please contact Food Service with any questions. 616-892-5591





## Summer Learning Camp

Our Summer Learning Camp was a great success! Over 150 learners reinforced their skills in literacy and math as well as explored ways to expand their academic progress through targeted instruction and fun learning activities. Most importantly, the learners enjoyed their time engaging with their friends and the staff. What a great summer for training our brains!





## Oakwood Happenings

### Readers Are Leaders

Oakwood Intermediate recently received a grant from the Allendale Community Foundation for a Book Vending machine. Students will be able to dive into the world of stories and knowledge with just a token. In addition, each student will receive a FREE book on their birthday. Plus, there are plenty of other exciting ways for students to earn tokens and unlock their favorite reads. Thank you to the Allendale Community Foundation for supporting our students with this gift of reading! It is the gift that keeps on giving!



### Allendale Back to School Fair Drawing Winners

The Allendale Back to School Fair, held on Thursday, August 17, was a HUGE success! The Allendale Public Schools booth enjoyed a lot of visitors to their tables. At the Oakwood Intermediate table, a drawing was held for all students who stopped by and entered to win a back-to-school prize. The prize basket contained several books, snacks, school supplies and more. The winners for those prizes were Ashlyn Rickerd (4th Grade) and Amelia Fortune (5th Grade). Congratulations to both winners.



### Playground Upgrade

The playgrounds received an upgrade over the summer. A section of poured rubber playground surface was put down so anyone in a wheelchair or scooter of any kind can access the swing area. Six new bucket swings were added so children with all ability levels can enjoy the swing set. What a nice addition to the our playground space!



## High School Emergency Training



APS Transportation Director Michael Nyboer lead the middle school and high school staff through an emergency reunification training during our opening days of professional development. The hope is to never need to put this type of training to use, but it is important that in an emergency situation, all school personnel understand the process. There are multiple reasons why students might need to be evacuated to an off-site location in an emergency, and reuniting students with their parents will be a critical part for managing that event. This training gave all of our secondary staff a chance to see the different elements that will be involved in the process, so in an emergency event we will be better prepared to handle it as a team. We will be providing this training for our elementary staff at a later date this school year.



# APS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

## New Special Education Staff



Judy Benham – SXI Aide



Molly Bingham – Special  
Education Teacher



Rachel Blanchard – Special  
Education Teacher



Anastasia Bussis – ASD Aide



## **New Special Education Staff Continued**



Madison Craddock - Lead  
GSRP Preschool Teacher



Maria Fenicle - Speech and  
Laugage Pathologist



Emily Joswick - Special  
Education Aide



Holly VanKlompberg -  
ASD Aide

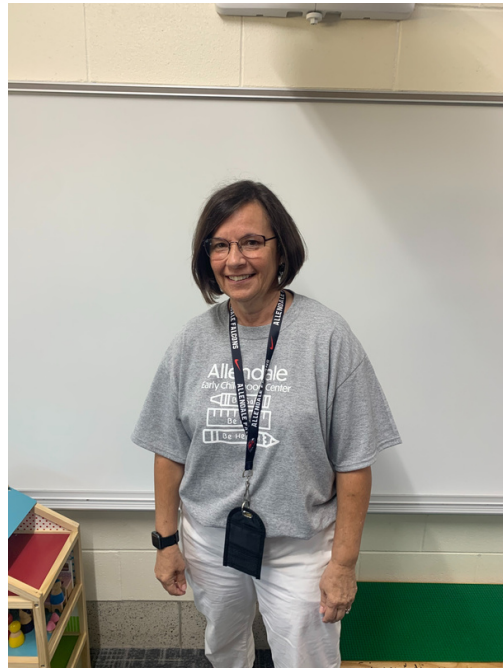


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## **New Allendale Early Childhood Center Staff**



Jenny Barnwood - Lead GSRP  
Preschool Teacher



Connie Miller - Associate GSRP  
Preschool Teacher



Gail Piccard - 4's Preschool  
Classroom Aide



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## New Evergreen Elementary Staff



Molly Bingham – Special  
Education Teacher



Rachel Blanchard – Resource  
Room Teacher



Allison Timmerman –  
3rd Grade Teacher



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## **New Oakwood Intermediate Staff**

Molly Bingham - Special Education Teacher



Paige Caliguri - Counselor



Megan Czarnecki - 4th Grade Teacher



Courtney Farber - Music Teacher



## **New Oakwood Intermediate Staff Continued**

Christina Licari - 4th Grade Teacher



Remington Rohrer - 4th Grade Teacher





# APS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

## New Allendale Middle School Staff



Maggie Hummel - Social Worker



Mike McClure - 6th / 7th Grade  
Social Studies Teacher



Morgynn Reedy - Media Center  
Aide



Roger Wgner - Band Teacher

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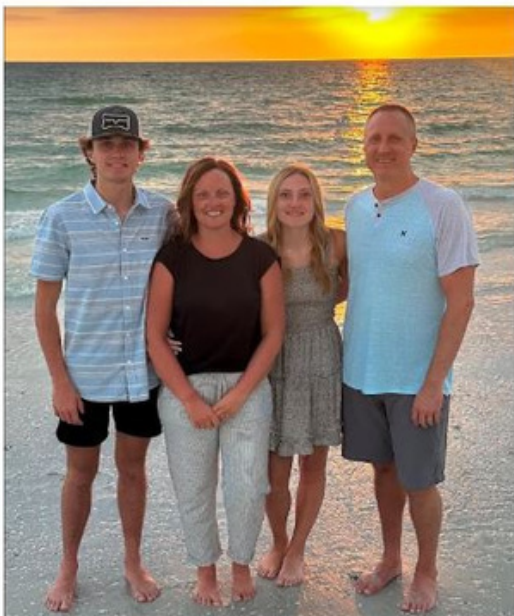
## New Allendale High School Staff



**Ms. Brianna Lee** - *Science Teacher*



**Mr. Miller Johnson** - *English Teacher*



**Mrs. Kelly Koeze** - *Social Worker*



**Mr. Jason Dykstra** - *Athletic Director*



## **New Allendale High School Staff Continued**



**Mrs. Taylor Evans** - *Athletic Department Secretary*



**Mrs. Naomi Nyboer** - *Interventionist Aide/para*