



Allamanda Elementary School

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"What's the Buzz?"

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Learning to Care...Caring to Learn!

Marilu Garcia, Principal

David Dickerson, Assistant Principal

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

There's nothing better than a South Florida cold snap to get us all in the holiday spirit. Hard to believe Thanksgiving is around the corner and winter break right behind it. Don't hate me: I already bought and mailed a gift.

The Allamanda family, starting with our Book of the Month, "Leave Me Alone!" by Vera Brosgol, will be focused on gratitude in November. Help us step away from what is wrong in our lives, to what is good and right. I am convinced that some of us are born smiling, positive, and happy. Others need some convincing to come to the bright side. (If I had a dollar for all the times I said in my house, "You'll catch more flies with honey!")

This month, as we are surrounded with thoughts of turkey, football, and family, let's shine a light on all we have been given. Ask your kids about the gratitude wall we are creating here at school. There will be the chance to share, on our wall, something or someone each of us is grateful for.

Recently, I read that "it is not happiness that makes us grateful. It is gratefulness that makes us happy." Of course, I am grateful for my three beautiful, happy children. But I am also so grateful for your children in my life. To me, this is life's best reward. Through our mindful moments and November focus, join us as Allamanda is filled with gratitude! Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours in education,

Marilu Garcia, Principal

Spotlight on Middle School Choice! School Advisory Council- ALL WELCOME!

When: Wednesday, November 15th

Where: Allamanda Media Center

Time: 2:30-3:30 p.m.

It's never too early to start thinking about where your child will attend middle school. Representatives from area middle schools, including **Watson B. Duncan, H. L. Watkins, BAK MSOA, and Jupiter Middle School** will be on hand to showcase their programs and answer any questions you might have. Hope to see you there!

We invite everyone to join us at our School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings on the third Wednesday of every month at 2:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Our meeting in December will be on the 20th.



REPORT CARDS!

Report cards are due to go home in your child's back-pack on Tuesday, November 28th. Please review the report card and contact your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a conference.

Congratulations to Aricela Gomez for being named the 5th grade Rotary Club Student of the Month! She attended a luncheon with Mrs. Wolfe October 24th in recognition of her achievement.

American Education Week

November 13 - 17, 2017

Allamanda celebrated American Education Week and the Ben Carson Scholarship Fund Reading Day Monday, November 13th. Students in various classes enjoyed guest readers and special activities.



Shop & Dine for Allamanda

Make plans to join us Thursday, December 7th, at Brio Tuscan Grille and Lilly Pulitzer at The Gardens Mall. Purchases that day at both places will benefit Allamanda. A flyer will be sent home with details.



Oh, What a Night!

Be sure to join us Wednesday, December 13th, for a great night of family and fun! Gingerbread House building, Polar Express, Santa pictures, hot chocolate, and more! Details will be sent home early next month.

Guidance Spotlight

During Guidance, we strive to improve our social and emotional wellness.

Gratitude

- *strengthens our emotions
- *reduces feelings of envy
- *makes our memories happier
- *lets us experience good feelings
- * helps us bounce back from stress

We learn how to show gratitude from those around us. Let's encourage gratitude all year long.

Mrs. Cara Blackmer, Guidance Counselor



Musically Speaking

We are so proud of our many students who are participating in our growing instrumental program here at Allamanda.

Students are involved in keyboard lab and instrumental workshops. Fourth and fifth grade students have the unique opportunity of learning the responsibility of owning a flute,

violin, clarinet, or trumpet, as they practice and maintain the instrument throughout the school year.

As early as 1st grade, students can begin learning keyboard. More than 110 students are participating in the multiple keyboard labs we hold every day of the week. Students are also able to flourish in the extracurricular music clubs, such as Chorus.

Music is an integral part of educating the whole child at Allamanda. Our music programs contribute key elements to Allamanda that help establish us as a school with a diverse educational environment.

Mr. Jason Roth, music teacher



Halloween Candy Collection

Recycle Club and PTO are partnering to collect leftover/excess Halloween candy for our Gingerbread House Night December 13th. A flyer with details was sent home. We are accepting candy through November 17th. Thank you!



Eight is GREAT!

Thank you to the many families who make school a priority and get their children to school on time! The following classes had every student arrive on time for five days and spelled G-R-E-A-T! They got to play PLINKO for a fun reward!

Mr. Arena	Mrs. Kabadi	Mrs. Stokey	Mrs. Wolfe
Ms. Black	Mrs. Metrisin	Mrs. Surgent	
Mrs. Clark	Ms. Meumann	Mrs. Vonderhaar	
Mrs. Copenhaver	Mr. Pugatch	Mr. Walker	
Mrs. DeHart	Mrs. Robins	Mrs. Warren	
Ms. Ellison	Mrs. Schlaefer	Ms. Warshaw	
Mrs. Joyce	Mrs. South	Mrs. Wilson	

What is Late?

Parents, if you are dropping your children off and they are running in the door at 7:55 a.m., they are late. Students are expected to be in their seats ready to work by the 8:00 o'clock bell. Every student in the class is affected by late arrivals.

Students may be on campus as early as 7:00 a.m. to go to the Media Center to complete their i-Ready minutes. Every Friday at 7:15, we walk in the Nature Area. Breakfast is free

to all students beginning at 7:30. There is very little traffic at 7:40. If you wait even just five or ten minutes more, you are likely to get caught in a line of cars. Please let us know if there is a special circumstance preventing you from getting your children to school on time. We want all children to have the best possible school day experience.

Healthy Life Corner

We had a great time talking to Palm Beach County Families at the Showcase of Schools October 17th, at the South Florida Fairgrounds. Thank you Mrs. Abrams and Mrs. Gorman for joining me! The application window is open for Choice and Career Academy Programs. See below on Spotlight on Choice for more information.

Congrats to our Allamanda runners for winning the North Palm Beach Ghost Run most school participation trophy for the 5th year in a row! Way to go! Our next race is the Zoe Loren 5K on November 12th at Carlin Park in Jupiter. We hope to see you there!

Allamanda's fundraising efforts continue with <http://www.thehondaclassic.com/honda-classic-cares/bfc/donate/>

Birdies for Children/Donate Now! Allamanda
110% of all proceeds come BACK TO ALLAMANDA!

Tennis, Everyone!

Our newest after school club, Tennis Aces, is on the ball every Wednesday afternoon at the North Palm Beach Country Club courts. Game, set, match!

Spotlight on Choice!

Fourth and Fifth grade students and parents are invited to join us Wednesday, November 15th, at 2:30 p.m. for the School Advisory Council meeting in the Media Center to learn about your middle school choices. For fifth grade students, the time is now to make your decision. For fourth grade students, you can get an idea for next year. Here is the link for online information and applications.

www.palmbeachschools.org/choiceprograms

Deadlines for Choice Applications:

December 1, 2017 (BAK & TCS @ NPB)

January 26, 2018 (all other middle school programs)

Please call Ms. Feinsinger at 803-7243 if you have any questions.



Come Walk with Us!

Allamanda Families: Join us every Friday morning at 7:15 a.m. when school is in session (weather permitting). Meet us at the Nature Area for a 10-minute healthy start to your day! See you there!



SAVE THE DATE!

March 11, 2018



Allamanda and Kiwanis of North Palm Beach 5K run/3K walk is at The Gardens Mall March 11, 2018. Race begins at 8 a.m. Breakfast is at Brio's following the event.

Ms. Deborah Feinsinger, Health and Wellness Program Coordinator



Girls On The Run

Starting in January, over a 10-week period, select girls in 3rd through 5th grades will participate in an after-school program like no other. Designed to allow every girl to recognize her inner strength, the Girls on the Run curriculum inspires girls to define their lives on their own terms. Throughout the season, the girls make new friends, build their confidence and celebrate all that makes them unique.

Physical activity is woven into our program to inspire an appreciation of fitness and to build habits that lead to a lifetime of health. At the end of each three-month session, the girls participate in a Girls on the Run 5K event. This celebratory, non-competitive event is the culminating experience of the curriculum. Completing the 5K gives the girls a tangible understanding of the confidence that comes through accomplishment as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals. Crossing the finish line is a defining moment when the girls realize that even the seemingly impossible IS possible.

GOTR will begin in January. Registration forms and further information will be sent home soon!

Coaches: Mrs. Natalie Joyce, Mrs. Rebecca Stockman, Mrs. Jeanene Hitchcock, and Mrs. Alexis Bastidas



CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The Kiwanis K Kids and Safety Patrols are collecting canned goods and non-perishable food through November 16th. Food collected will be shared with families for Thanksgiving. Surplus items will be given to the Bill Brooks Food for Families.

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale for \$18. Flyers were sent home and are also available in the main office. The cost increases to \$21 after December 15th, so order now!



HOLIDAY SHOP

PTO is sponsoring a wonderful opportunity for your child to experience the joy of giving during the holiday season. The Holiday Shop will be open December 11th-15th. The Holiday Shop is the perfect way for your child to select holiday gifts for their friends and entire family! The Holiday Shop will be supervised by volunteers who assist your child with making gift selections, managing money, and wrapping the presents.

The Holiday Shop makes the holiday buying experience safe, educational and fun. You will see the joy and excitement on the face of your child when you open your gifts! Over 120 different gifts will be available ranging from \$1 to \$10. Most of these presents will be \$4 and less. Your child will bring home detailed information before the store opens. This will allow you and your child to come up with a gift plan for family members and friends that fits your household budget.

Parents, please make sure your children understand that money you send with them for the Holiday Shop, Book Fair, the Bee Store, or any activity or event is for their own use only. We have very generous students who want to share their money with their friends, and this can result in misunderstandings.

Volunteer Opportunity: PTO is looking for volunteers to help with the Holiday Shop from December 11th-15th. Shifts are available Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Helen Gross at helen.gross@palmbeachschools.org.

Mrs. Helen Gross, PTO President

Adopt-A-Class

We want to thank the following businesses and families who have joined our Adopt-A-Class program:

Platinum Level Sponsors

Mr. Arena's Class	The Abrams Family
Mrs. Bee's Class	Frederick & Isabel Myers
Mrs. Copenhaver's Class	James Gebbia & Eva Brent Moody
Mrs. McComas' Class	Mike & Nancy Naramore
Mrs. Robins' Class	Joyce Engineering
Mrs. Schlaefer's Class	The Harris Family
Mrs. South's Class	The Abrams Family
Mrs. Wilson's Class	The Abrams Family
Mrs. Wilson's Class	In Memory of Brian Davidson

Gold Level Sponsors

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Mrs. Metrisin's Class	The Present of Palm Beach Inc.
Mrs. Robins' Class	The Parker Family
Mrs. Sheppard's Class	The Vonderhaar Family
Mrs. South's Class	Joyce Engineering
Mrs. Stokey's Class	The Fischer Family
Ms. Gudgell's Class	The Fazekas Family

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Mrs. Clark's Class	The Scholl Family
Mrs. Copenhaver's Class	Eva Ford
Mrs. DeHart's Class	The Blackmon/Pratt Family
Mrs. Gorman's Class	The Abrams Family
Mrs. Joyce's Class	The Houlihan Family
Mrs. Kabadli's Class	Tyson Mutchler
Mrs. Litchtig's Class	The Abrams Family
Mrs. McComas' Class	The Lichtig Family
Mrs. McComas' Class	The Inman Family
Mrs. Metrisin's Class	John & Fatima Wilkes
Mrs. Papandreas' Class	The Fischer Family
Mrs. Papandreas' Class	The Shand Family
Mrs. Robins' Class	The Fischer Family

Mrs. Robins' Class	The Shand Family
Mrs. Robins' Class	The Scaparotti's
Mrs. Robins' Class	Elaine Ealy
Mrs. Robins' Class	Davidson/Seyler Family
Mrs. South's Class	The Papandreas Family
Mrs. South's Class	John & Fatima Wilkes
Mrs. South's Class	Davidson/Seyler Family
Mrs. Stadtlander's Class	The Fischer Family
Mrs. Stadtlander's Class	The Scaparotti's
Mrs. Stokey's Class	Elaine Ealy
Ms. Horton's Class	Aaron Ratpanhya
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Ms. Warshaw's Class	The Lichtig Family
Ms. Warshaw's Class	The Inman Family

Bronze Level Sponsors

Mrs. Copenhagen's Class	The Julakantl Family
Mrs. Duckman's Class	The Sterling Family
Mrs. Mills' Class	The Sterling Family

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

11/15	SAC/Spotlight on Choice, Media Center (2:30 p.m.)
11/20-24	Thanksgiving Holiday Break
11/28	Report Cards Go Home
11/27-12/15	Diagnostic Testing Window 3 rd -5 th Gr
12/7	Brio Tuscan Grille Day
12/7	Lilly Pulitzer Day
12/11-12/15	Holiday Shop
12/13	PTO Meeting (7:45 a.m.)
12/13	Gingerbread House Night
12/20	SAC, Media Center (2:30 p.m.)
12/22-1/5/18	Winter Holiday Break - No School
1/8/18	Hurricane Make-Up Day
1/15/18	Holiday - No School
1/10/18	PTO Meeting (7:45 a.m.)
1/17/18	SAC, Media Center (2:30 p.m.)
1/22-26/18	Literacy Week
1/31/18	Health and Wellness Expo
2/2/18	Take Your Child to Work Day
2/16/18	Duty/PDD No School for Students

Thankful for Our Business & Community Partners

It truly takes a village and we are thankful for the many business and community partnerships that help Allamanda in so many ways. Here is a list of just some of those who keep us going:

American Heart Association
 BallenIsles Charities Foundation
 Barnes & Noble
 Berry Fresh Café
 Brio Tuscan Grille
 Completely Captivating Photography
 Dolphin Sprinkler, Inc.
 Frenchman's Creek
 Girls on the Run
 Honda Classic Cares
 Ibis Building Corp.
 Jupiter Medical Center
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 Miami Children's Hospital
 Millrose Foundation
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 9ROUND Fitness
 North Palm Beach Country Club
 North Palm Beach Kiwanis
 Palm Beach County Wellness Promotion Task Force
 Palm Beach Gardens High School
 Pero Family Farms
 PNC Bank
 Prestige Nursing
 Publix
 Quantum Foundation
 Raw Juice
 Stokey's VDub Photo Hub
 Teamwork USA
 Team X-Treme
 The Breakers
 Triumph Kids
 Whole Foods Market
 ZOO Gym

The School District Goes Mobile!

The School District has a brand-new mobile app! The app is intended to give parents and students the opportunity to further connect with their school, giving them access to information that is more personalized, relevant to their unique educational experience, like Edline grades, the SDPBC approved calendar, and features options to make school payments and push notifications containing important messages.

Parents will have the opportunity to see their child's scheduled school lunch menu, including pictures and nutritional values, sign up for Free & Reduced Lunch meal plans, and check account balances. Additionally, parents can locate their assigned bus route, which showcases all schools in a Google Maps format, allowing for directions if needed.

Download it for free today!

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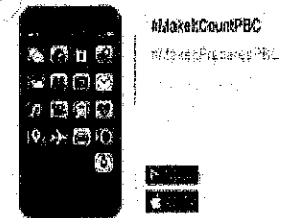
Education is incredibly personal.
Your child.
Your neighborhood.
Your community school.

The new Mobile App allows you to personalize your experience. The School District of Palm Beach County is giving you more of everything you want for your child.



La educación es extraordinariamente personal.
Su hijo(a).
Su vecindario.
Su escuela en la comunidad.

La nueva aplicación móvil le permite personalizar su experiencia. El Distrito Escolar del Condado de Palm Beach le está dando más de lo que desea para su hijo(a).



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Piti mwen.
Kalye mwen.
Lekòl kominite mwen.

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