



Allamanda Stingers Press

"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

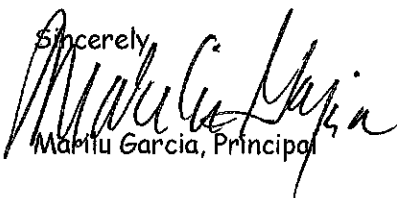
Dear Parents/Guardians:

What an over-the-top beginning of our school year! From natural phenomena like eclipses to hurricanes, to exciting events like our Boosterthon, to the normal nervousness of meeting new kids and new teachers. Will things ever calm down, return to normal; even humdrum? My mom says there is some beauty in boredom. I agree!

Many years ago, I remember being huddled in the corner of my townhouse, single mom, with my children, sheltered against the coming hurricane. I would have done anything to protect them. The stress and worry are real, and I worked like crazy to hide it from them. After all, kids take their cue from us. All will be fine! And it was.

It seems like the timing could not be better to add another link to the chain that is our Health and Wellness program. Our children are learning that they cannot control everything in their lives, but can control their reaction to it. Mindfulness, in its best form, helps us reduce stress, practice tolerance, and tune in to our surroundings. We are happy to have the MindUP for Success program here at Allamanda. Ask your child about it. And, we are happy you are all back with us, safe, sound, and ready to learn.

Sincerely,


Marilu Garcia, Principal

School Advisory Council

Our SAC meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month to discuss our School Improvement Plan goals and targets, as well as the school's financial report, school improvement funds and school recognition dollars, and our inter-local agreements and/or business partnerships. Everyone is welcome to attend. We met Wednesday, September 20th, and discussed the School Improvement Plan, SAC By-laws, and the Sunshine State law. All meetings start promptly at 2:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

October 18, 2017

November 15, 2017

December 20, 2017

January 17, 2018

February 21, 2018

March TBD, 2018

April 18, 2018

May 16, 2018

Curriculum Night For All Grades

Curriculum Night for all grade levels has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 27th. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. (Gift card for the first 50 that sign-in!!) Classroom visits will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. See the flier sent home with students for more details!



Ready for i-Ready!

Students may complete their i-Ready minutes in reading and math at home, at school in the Media Center any school morning beginning at 7:00 a.m., or in Aftercare, if they are enrolled in Aftercare. Please let us know if your children need any assistance logging in at home.



Good News for Lunch!

The School District of Palm Beach County has received a waiver to offer free meals to all students from Monday, September 18th through Friday, October 20th, due to the impact of Hurricane Irma on the District and the state of Florida.

Breakfast is always free in Palm Beach County, and for the next month, the District is pleased to be able to provide lunch meals at no cost as well.

These meals are still claimed under the National School Lunch Program and complete meals must be selected in order to be provided at no cost. Snack items will be available at normal prices.

For more information about the District's food service program, or details on what is included in the meals, please visit www.palmbeachschools.org/sfs



Picture Day, At Last!

Pictures have been scheduled for Wednesday, November 1st. You must prepay if you want to order a picture packet. Please send exact change; neither the school office nor the photographers are able to make change. If you write a check, make it payable to Life Touch, and please make sure your child's name and your phone number are on the check. You may also pay online at www.mylifetouch.com. Use code FT407001Q0 for Allamanda. If you paid previously or sent in payment before the hurricane, you are all set. Students do not have to wear dress code on picture day, but please have them dress appropriately for school. We always encourage sneakers or tennis shoes.

Yearbook Orders

Yearbook pre-order forms were sent home. Order yours now!

Health and Wellness News

Our goal is to support our educational mission through a culture of wellness and building lifelong healthy habits in our children. We strive for classrooms that integrate health and wellness into their day through movement, physical activity, and nutrition education, including healthy rewards and celebrations.

- **After School Clubs** are swinging into action. Check backpacks for individual club flyers.
- **MindUP for Success** is helping us to increase our focus, reduce our stress, and show more

compassion. A BIG Thank You to The Honda Classic Cares for the grant, written by Ms. Feinsinger, providing our teachers with researched methods of mindfulness training.

- **Birthdays - We LOVE CELEBRATIONS!** Please join us on our healthy life birthday journey with these thoughts in mind: smaller portion sizes, Gogurts, frozen fruit bars, (keeping in mind, some children have allergies), non-edibles such as pencils, dollar-store items.
- **Please do not plan a personal party at school for your child. Save these family events for home.**
- **Try-Day Fridays** will be coming to Allamanda's cafeteria soon. Stay tuned! What healthy foods will YOUR children be trying this year?

Healthy Life Fundraisers

Birdies for Children- Donors pledge \$20 or more for the opportunity to guess the number of birdies at the 2018 Honda Classic. Donors are eligible for many prizes, including the grand prize, a brand new 2018 Honda vehicle. One hundred percent of the donation PLUS a 10% matching donation will benefit Allamanda's Health and Wellness programs. Look for flyers coming home or go to www.thehondaclassic.com/birdies-for-children/about/ (click on "Birdies for Children Donate Now"; then click on Allamanda).

Help us provide our classrooms with additional Stand Up Desks, yoga ball seating, fitness equipment for recess, and many other healthy life initiatives benefitting ALL Allamanda students.

Community Races

Join us as we defend our title for the 5th year at the **NPB Ghost Run, Saturday, October 21, 2017**. Help us continue the Allamanda winning streak as the largest group at the event!

SAVE THE DATE: March 11, 2018

Allamanda's 3rd Annual "Strive 5 for the Hive"
at The Gardens Mall.

Have a Healthy, Happy Day.

Deborah Feinsinger

Health and Wellness Program Coordinator



Attendance Awareness Month

September is Attendance Awareness Month. Schools all across Palm Beach County, in fact, the country, are focusing time and effort to improve daily, on-time attendance.

Did You Know:

Kids who miss too much school in Pre-K and Kindergarten are less likely to be reading on grade level by 3rd grade. By working with students, parents, and teachers on promoting daily, on-time attendance, you are supporting the District's strategic focus on increasing reading on grade level by 3rd grade.

Coming to school on time and every day is important to your child's academic success now and in the future. Missing even two days of school per month predicts:

- Poor academic performance as early as kindergarten
- Difficulties in reading by 3rd grade
- Lower overall academic achievement by 5th grade
- Increased dropout rates in high school

For safety's sake, cell phone usage is not allowed while driving on school grounds.



Important Arrival Reminders:

- Pull ALL THE WAY forward!
- NO Cell Phones
- Students should ALWAYS EXIT the car unto the sidewalk side. NEVER unto the road.
- If you MUST cross, use the crosswalk ONLY
- BUT to keep traffic flowing: STOP, DROP, & ROLL

Adopt-A-Class

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

Platinum Level Sponsorships

Mrs. Kabadi's Class	Suraj Kabadi
Mrs. Moore's Class	Altavilla Family
Mrs. Robin's Class	The Kahn Family
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	Ray Premuroso Mortgage Resources
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	Ibis Building Corp.
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Mrs. Wilson's Class	Ibis Building Corp.
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Ms. Hitchcock's Class	Lorenjatos Family
Ms. Horton's Class	Palm Beach Motorwerks
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Ms. Miranda's Class	Charlie Chase
Ms. Warshaw's Class	Palm Beach Motorwerks

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Ms. Gudgell's Class	Nicolas Nashville

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Ms. Horton's Class	The Fielder Family/F-5 Consulting Group
Ms. Warshaw's Class	The Campbell Family

Bronze Level Sponsorships

Mrs. Wilson's Class	Fernanda Oliveira
Ms. Miranda's Class	Tom & Leo Magllaro/Fritzlo
Mrs. Metrisin's Class	Gavin Saade and Family
Ms. Ellison's Class	Mary Consolino

Volunteering?

All volunteers (classroom, field trip drivers, chaperones, etc.) **MUST** register **PRIOR** to volunteering. Volunteer registration is done on a school district computer. The front office must scan your driver's license to complete the process. **ONLY** new volunteers must register (if you volunteered last year you do not need to do it again.) You can register as a volunteer at Curriculum Night on September 27th.

REMINDERS!

The back gate will be opened daily at 7:30 a.m. and closed promptly at 7:55 a.m. It will reopen at 1:55 p.m. and close promptly at 2:15 p.m. Please plan your travels accordingly! We want all students on time and in class learning. After 8:00 is late!

Please label your child's backpack, lunchbox, student agenda and other personal items with their name. If an item gets lost or left behind, we will be able to return it.



Book of the Month

What is the Book of the Month? The Allamanda family is sharing a common book each month of the school year. Why? We love books and the sense of community fostered by reading and sharing. The books we choose for each month focus on a different and important character education trait. We can have discussions on what we read, the author's intent, and how the text relates to our lives.

Ask your children about our first book, "The Storybook Knight," by Helen Docherty, and what they thought of it.



Our after school clubs will be up and running (pun intended!) soon. Information and applications are being sent home. Some clubs are available in the fall; others will be available in the spring. Check your child's backpack for information!

Counselor Corner

Character education is very important to Allamanda! The month of October is dedicated to Trustworthiness. A trustworthy person is someone who is honest, loyal, has integrity, and is reliable. At Allamanda, we show trustworthiness by being honest, keeping promises, obeying the Allamanda Attitude, and making good choices.

Cara Blackmer
Certified School Counselor



DID YOU KNOW??

- You can find a student calendar that provides the dates students attend and don't attend school? Go to www.palmbeachschools.org and click on *District Links* in the menu bar, then *Calendar* located on the left side of the Web page. This is a great customer-friendly document for parents and students.

PTO Meeting Dates

Wednesday, October 11, 2017
 Wednesday, November 8, 2017
 Wednesday, December 13, 2017
 Wednesday, January 10, 2018
 Wednesday, February 4, 2018
 Wednesday, March 14, 2018
 Wednesday, April 11, 2018
 Wednesday, May 9, 2018

PTO meets the second Wednesday of every month, 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Media Center.

Please join us and become involved!

Any questions, please contact

Helen Gross, PTO president, at 803-7200 or

Helen.gross@palmbeachschools.org

Thanks!

PARENTS, TEACHERS, and VOLUNTEERS!

Our Boosterthon Fun Run was a huge success! It was wonderful to see parents and teachers cheering the students on as they raced, danced, and skipped around the track. Thank you for helping to mark off laps! We reached our goals with this healthy fundraiser! The deadline to turn in pledge donations was September 13th. If you still have or get any more donations, please submit them as soon as possible.

UPCOMING PTO-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

- ~ Keep collecting BOX TOPS for Education -
A contest will be announced soon! ~
- ❖ Gingerbread House Making Night using
Halloween Candy!
- ❖ Holiday Shop
- ❖ Pirate Bingo/Family Game Night/Silent Auction

Fall Book Fair October 17th - 20th!

Brand new books for your children!

Students shop Tuesday-Friday during

Fine Arts for new books, pencils, posters,
bookmarks, and more!

Family Book Fair Night October 18th

5:30-7:00 p.m.

(Book Fair will open at 5:00 p.m.)

Safety Patrols Sponsoring a Ziti Dinner.

\$5 (ziti, salad, water, cookie).



Bee Store is Coming!

The Dollar Bee Store will be open for your child to purchase inexpensive items for fall/autumn during their lunch period. Preview day is 10/24 and the store will open on 10/25-27 or until sold out.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 27	Curriculum Night, all grades
October 6	Progress Reports Go Home
October 11	PTO Meeting (7:45 a.m.)
October 16	PDD - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
October 17-20	Fall Book Fair
October 18	SAC Meeting in Media Center (2:30 pm)
October 18	Fall Book Fair Family Night 5:30- 7:00 pm
October 25-27	Dollar Bee Store (10/24 Preview Day)
November 1	Fall Picture Day
November 3	TWD - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
November 8	PTO Meeting (7:45 a.m.)
November 15	SAC Meeting in Media Center (2:30 pm)
November 20-24	Thanksgiving Holiday Break
November 28	Report Cards
December 8	Fall Picture Make-up Day
December 18	Progress Reports Go Home
December 20	SAC Meeting in Media Center (2:30 pm)
December 22 -	
January 5, 2018	Winter Holiday - No School
January 8	PDD - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
January 15	Holiday - No School

If you would like to place an advertisement in our monthly newsletter to help sponsor the Safety Patrols, please contact Ms. Sunshine at 803-7200.



Mark Your Calendars!
Lilly Pulitzer Allamanda Day
December 7th, 2-6 p.m.
Be Holiday Ready!!