



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The holidays are rapidly approaching. This is a perfect time to enjoy our families and friends and reflect upon the first semester of school. So many great things have happened at AES, and we are truly helping our students learn and grow.

Our teachers have been actively involved in a continuous effort to provide a quality learning environment for all students. They are developing our students into life-long learners and are constantly seeking out creative and exciting ways to structure rigorous lessons and assessments which will increase our students' achievement in reading and math. Our children are engaged in reading, problem solving, exciting and motivating enrichment classes, and a variety of other unique and valuable learning experiences each and every day.

Please take time during the holidays to support our efforts to continue to increase our learners' achievement. Consider setting aside a time each day to read to and with your children. Talk about the stories, characters, and events and have your child retell you the story orally and in writing. Make time for a review of math facts and practice with flashcards. We would also like to encourage our students to write a daily journal focusing on the special times during the holidays. They could also write about plans for the new year and set goals for the next semester.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Allemands Elementary, we would like to wish all of our families a joyous and peaceful holiday season. We appreciate your continued help and support of our many activities. Your cooperation truly makes a difference in our school. It is only through a true partnership that we create positive conditions for learning in our school.

Lisa Perrin  
Principal

## MISSION

We are committed to ensuring high levels of learning for all students to build a strong foundation to become productive citizens.

## VISION

Our students are engaged, well-rounded learners who accept others and work as a team.

## Allemands Elementary School, we believe...

- all students can learn to their utmost potential.
- all students will engage in quality experiences.
- a student's success is a collaborative effort among school, students, family, and community.
- a physically and psychologically safe environment is essential to promote student learning.
- excellence is worth the cost

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## December

2nd	Spanish Speaking Families Check In @ 9:15
3rd	Playgroup @ 10:00 PTA Board Meeting @ 1:00
4th	Volunteer Day @ 10:00
10th	Playgroup at the Family Center @ 10 am Rotary Tree Lighting @ 5:30-6:00 pm
12th	Saints shirt day
16th	PK Holiday Party @ 2:00 First Grade Field Trip- Bowling
17th	Red, Green, Holiday Shirt Playgroup at the FC @ 10 am AES Holiday Play at LPAC 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm
18th	First Grade Holiday Party @ 1:00 Kinder Cookie Celebration 2:00-3:00
19th	PJ Day End of the Quarter Early Dismissal
22th-Jan. 5th	Holiday Break; NO School School resumes January 6



# OUR LEARNING



## pre-k

December is a very exciting month of learning and celebrating as we look forward to learning more about families' holiday traditions.

We will also be comparing and contrasting stories, real and make-believe and learning the levels of writing. In math, we will continue learning about shapes, patterns, identifying numbers, quantifying, and positional words. These last few weeks of 2025 will be busy, fun, meaningful, and memorable as we "Cruise Through the Sea of Knowledge" into a New Year!



## kindergarten

Kindergarteners are having a great Fall! We had a great time learning and playing outside in the beautiful weather. In math, we are learning all about shapes. We will describe and identify flat and solid shapes. We will continue to review counting and writing numbers to 10. Next, we will begin measurement by comparing objects. We are learning phonemic awareness by blending sounds into words and segmenting sounds in words. Blending means the teacher says the sounds (/m/.../a/.../t/) and the students say the word (mat). Segmenting means the teacher says a word (mat) and the students say each sound in the word (/m/.../a/.../t/...). We are also working on phonics by learning letter sounds and practicing reading consonant vowel consonant words. We are learning lots of nursery rhymes and answering questions about what we heard. Next, we will learn all about our 5 senses! We are so excited to continue learning and growing.





# OUR LEARNING



## first grade

Happy Fall, first grade families! Your student has been working hard on being a cooperative and empathetic member of our school. We discuss the importance of taking care of ourselves, taking care of others, and taking care of Allemands. Your child has been working hard learning vowel teams. During any school breaks, please consider visiting a library to encourage your child to read for enjoyment. Reading with or to your child is so important to help them discover their love for reading and to reinforce any skills that we have taught. Your student is learning more about solving problems in math. We are focusing on understanding the equal sign, solving addition and subtraction word problems, and addition and subtraction strategies. Please complete nightly homework to support your child with these skills that we are learning.

**HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!**

## second grade

'Tis the season to celebrate the joy of learning. You may want to check out The Legend of the Poinsettia by Tomie dePaola or a timeless classic like How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss. Second graders are making reading more enjoyable by analyzing the plot in stories. When reading, students should use a variety of reading strategies and should be able to ask and answer questions about the text. In math, students will continue solving word problems and using place value strategies to add and subtract within 1,000. Knowing basic facts will help your child solve problems with larger numbers efficiently. Please have your child continue practicing these skills and memorizing or using efficient strategies to solve math facts to 20. Have a safe and happy holiday season! See you next year!



## Fall is Fun Essay Winners



### **Outerwear Reminders**

Outerwear must open the length of the front by snapping, buttoning, or zipping. No hooded sweatshirts may be worn on any school campus during the school day. In addition, please make sure that all of your child's outerwear is labelled with their first and last name. We have a lost and found area for lost/forgotten items. If your child is missing a jacket, please make sure to have them come to the lost and found.

## Newsletter Delivery



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Forget!

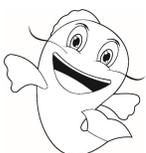
As part of our efforts to embrace technology, take care of our environment, and monitor spending, we will have an electronic newsletter delivery. Allemands Elementary will deliver the monthly school newsletters via email. Additionally, the school newsletter will be posted to the school's web page. If you would like a printed copy of the school newsletter, please notify Lakia Butler at [lbutler@wearescpps.org](mailto:lbutler@wearescpps.org) and a copy will be sent home each month with your child. Thank you.

## Early Dismissal

When our school has an Early Dismissal schedule, it is imperative to talk to your child about what will be different for that day. If you need to have a child picked up from carpool instead of riding the bus, a note or email must be written and submitted to the office by 10:30. Emails must be sent to [aesbus@wearescpps.org](mailto:aesbus@wearescpps.org). Please call school if you have any questions about our Early Dismissal procedures. Our next early dismissal will be on December 19.

## SSP Stakeholder Advisory Group

We are looking for parents, grandparents, and community members to work with us! Our School Success Team wants to hear your voice in regards to making improvements to our school. Each month we will hold a meeting with the group of stakeholders to talk about activities and initiatives. These meetings will be in-person and will last 30-45 minutes. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Valerie Chiasson at [vchiasson@wearescpps.org](mailto:vchiasson@wearescpps.org). Our next meeting is December 4 at 9:00 in the Family Center.



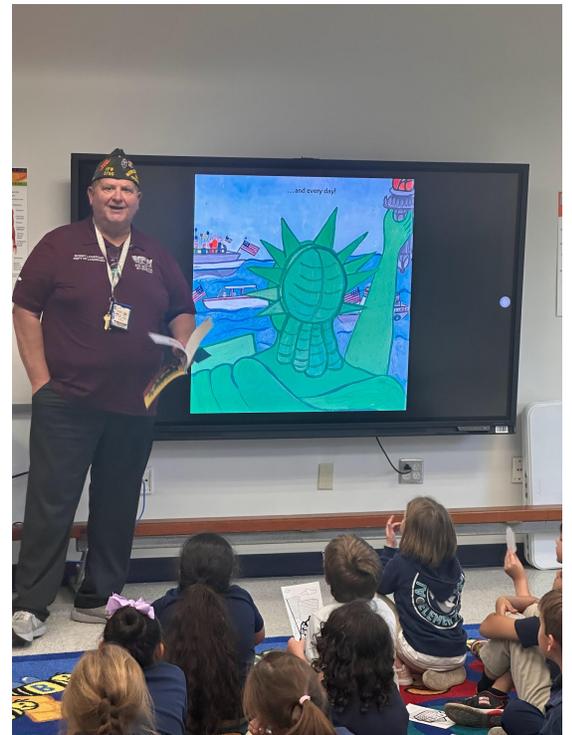
# Fall Fest

Thank you for taking part in our Fall Fest. Our students had a great time!



# Visit from our local Veterans

Our students loved having a visit from our local veterans. Thank you so much for reading to our students!



# ENRICHMENT

*Librarian's*

*Letter*

Ms. Lacey is proud of having so many students participate in the reading program!!! Remember to keep reading so you can earn amazing prizes!

Our next book fair will be held the week of February 2 - 6, 2026.

Happy Reading!  
Love, Ms. Lacey, librarian

## COUNSELOR'S *corner*

As we dive into the festive fun of December, I want to share a few easy ways to keep your child's heart and mind happy during this exciting time. Here are a couple simple, impactful strategies to maintain balance and connection this month:

**Prioritize Connection over Presents:** The most valuable gift you can give is your uninterrupted attention. Try setting aside just 15 minutes each day for "special

time." During this window, your child chooses the activity (reading, coloring, building blocks), and you join them without phones or distractions. This focused attention fills their emotional tank and strengthens your bond.

**Highlight Kindness:** We can use the holidays as a perfect opportunity to model and

reinforce empathy. Look for ways to encourage your child to be helpful and kind. Prompt Them with ideas: Can you help a sibling with a chore? Can you draw a picture for a neighbor? Focusing on these small acts of kindness teaches gratitude and makes the season brighter for everyone.

Wishing a peaceful and joy-filled December for the whole family.

# Literacy Night



# PK Thanksgiving Feast





Valerie Chiasson vchiasson@wearescpps.org

Phone:985-758-7427

## The Gift of Reading for the Holiday Season

### 1. Share stories from your family or childhood.

Telling family stories is a wonderful gift to pass down to a new generation of children. These can include old family stories or stories from your own childhood.

### 2. Listen to your child read aloud.

Listening to your child reading is a great way to help them practice reading and spend time together. Find a special spot where you can sit together and listen to them read quietly, providing encouragement as they go along.

### 3. Listen to audiobooks together.

Audiobooks allow you to take books on the go or listen at home together and talk about a story you hear. You can download free audiobooks from your local library on your phone or device, look for **free audiobooks online**, or buy audiobooks online from many different websites. (For example, Audible.com features children's books in **English** and **Spanish**.)

### 4. Read together.

Reading with your child gives the gift of time together while supporting your child as they learn to read. It's never too early to start! If your family is bilingual, reading bilingual books or books in your family's language will support your child's literacy development in that language and in English.

## El regalo de la lectura para la temporada navideña

1. **Comparta historias de su familia o infancia.** Contar historias familiares es un regalo maravilloso para pasarle a una nueva generación de niños. Estos pueden incluir viejas historias familiares o historias de su propia infancia.

2. **Escuche a su hijo leer en voz alta.** Escuchar a su hijo o hija leer es una excelente manera de ayudarlo a practicar la lectura y pasar tiempo juntos. Encuentre un lugar especial donde puedan sentarse juntos y escucharlo leer en silencio, y motivarlos conforme avanzan.

3. **Escuchen audiolibros juntos.** Los audiolibros le permiten llevar libros sobre la marcha o escucharlos juntos en casa y hablar sobre una historia que escuchan. Usted puede descargar audiolibros gratuitos de su biblioteca local en su teléfono o dispositivo, buscar libros en audio **gratuitos** en línea o comprar audiolibros en línea en muchos sitios web diferentes. (Por ejemplo, en Audible.com se presentan libros infantiles en **inglés** y **español**.)

4. **Lean juntos.** La lectura junto con su hijo o hija le ofrece el regalo de pasar tiempo juntos mientras apoya a su hijo o hija mientras aprende a leer. ¡Nunca es demasiado temprano para empezar! Si su familia es bilingüe, leer libros bilingües o libros en el idioma de su familia hará que su hijo desarrolle la alfabetización en ese idioma y en inglés.

### Dates to remember:

Dec 4- 9:00 am Stakeholder meeting 10:00 Volunteer Day

Dec 17- 6:00 Play at the LPAC

Dec 19- Early Dismissal

Dec 22- Jan 6 No School

Ongoing- Wednesdays 10:00 playgroup



# PTA News

Dear Cattish Families,

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank every volunteer, AES staff member, and PTA member who helped make this year's Fall Fest such a meaningful event. Your time, energy, and support are what make moments like this possible. We truly could not do it without you.

A special congratulations goes out to our basket raffle winner, as well as our girls' and boys' bike winners—we hope these prizes brought big smiles and happy memories. I'm proud to share that every dollar raised from this year's Fall Fest will go right back into supporting our students and staff, helping us continue to create a positive and enriching environment for everyone at AES.

Our next PTA meeting will be held on **December 3rd at 1:00 PM** in the Family Center. If you've ever thought about joining, now is a wonderful time—we would be so grateful to have you. You can find more information about the PTA, volunteer opportunities, faculty/staff information sheets, Spirit Wear, and much more on our website:

[www.allemandspta.org](http://www.allemandspta.org)

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and trust. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly at **president@allemandspta.org**. We've had such a beautiful start to the year, and I know—with this incredible community behind us—it's only going to get better.

**With gratitude,  
Laura Brown  
AES PTA President**



**Scan QR Code for:**  
PTA Membership,  
Spirit Shirts, Magnets  
and/or Winter Wear

## December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 PTA Meeting 1PM	4 Stakeholder Mtg - 9 Vol Day - 10	5	6
7	8	9	10 SchBd Mtg - 6:30	11	12 Saints shirt	13
14	15	16	17 Santa Gifts 9AM Christmas Play @ LPAC 6PM	18 PTA teacher luncheon	19 Early Dismissal	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Christmas Break			

# NURSE'S NOTES

FROM NURSE WHITNEY

December 2025

## DECEMBER 2-8 IS NATIONAL HANDWASHING AWARENESS WEEK!

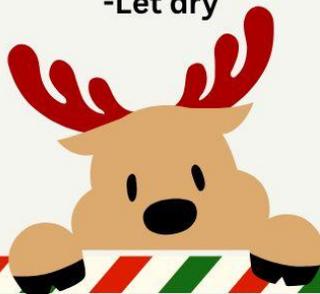
DID YOU KNOW PROPER HANDWASHING IS THE #1  
WAY TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF GERMS?  
FOLLOW THESE STEPS FOR PROPER HAND  
HYGIENE:

### Soap and water:

- Turn on water
- Wet hands
- Apply soap to palm of one hand
- Scrub for 20 seconds
- Rinse
- Dry with paper towel
- Turn off water with clean towel

### Hand sanitizer:

- Apply to palm of one hand
- Rub over both hands
- Let dry



## DECEMBER IS TOY AND GIFT SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

Safe toys are the best toys!  
Check the age level of a toy before purchasing

- Make sure the toy is an appropriate age, skill and technical level for the child

Avoid toys with small parts or magnets

- Small parts are choking hazards, while magnets can cause internal damage

Do not give toys with dangling strands to children

- Strings, ribbons and pull cords can be a choking hazard to young children

Be careful of toys with sharp edges

- Avoid purchasing toys that have sharp points or edges to prevent injuries

**Fun fact:**  
The classic Christmas song,  
Jingle Bells, was originally a  
Thanksgiving song



## REMINDERS:

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SEND IN ANY UPDATED  
VACCINATION  
RECORDS



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# December 2025 Elementary Menus

## St. Charles Parish Public Schools

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### AVAILABLE DAILY

#### With all meals

Low Fat White Milk  
Fat Free Flavored Milk

#### Cold Lunch Choice

Monday: Sunbutter Sandwich  
Tuesday: Charley Box  
Weds.: Deli Sandwich  
Thursday: Entrée Salad  
Friday: Sunbutter Sandwich



What do snowmen  
eat for breakfast?  
Snowflakes.

Snowflakes.



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EVERY COMPLETE  
MEAL WE SERVE  
COMES WITH YOUR  
CHOICE OF LOW  
FAT OR NONFAT  
MILK!

#### Monday, December 1

##### Breakfast

Grits w/Sausage  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

##### Lunch

Red Beans w/Steamed Rice  
Steamed Carrots  
Seasoned Mustard Greens  
Cornbread  
Peaches

#### Tuesday, December 2

##### Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

##### Lunch

Tacos  
Steamed Corn  
Refried Beans  
Taco Salad Cup  
Apple Wedges

#### Wednesday, December 3

##### Breakfast

Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

##### Lunch

Shepherd's Pie  
Broccoli Florets  
Dinner Roll  
Banana

#### Thursday, December 4

##### Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

##### Lunch

Turkey Stew  
Steamed Rice  
Candied Yams  
Steamed Cabbage  
Strawberry Cup

#### Friday, December 5

##### Breakfast

Donut  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

##### Lunch

Fresh Hot Pizza  
Marinara Sauce  
Garden Salad  
Orange Wedges  
Cookie

#### Monday, December 8

##### Breakfast

Pancake on a Stick  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

##### Lunch

Popcorn Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Cal Blend Veggies  
Cinnamon Apple Slices

#### Tuesday, December 9

##### Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

##### Lunch

Jambalaya  
Broccoli Florets  
Steamed Carrots  
WW Roll  
Pineapple Tidbits

#### Wednesday, December 10

##### Breakfast

French Toast Sticks  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

##### Lunch

Chili, Fritos  
Garden Salad  
Steamed Corn  
Banana  
Cake or Crisp

#### Thursday, December 11

##### Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

##### Lunch

Fish Nuggets  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Cucumber & Tomato Salad  
Pears

#### Friday, December 12

##### Breakfast

Egg Bites  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

##### Lunch

Hamburger/Cheeseburger  
Crumble Cut Fries  
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle  
Baked Beans  
Orange Wedges



“  
Why did Santa go to  
music school? So he  
could improve his 'wrap'  
skills!  
”



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Monday, December 15

**Breakfast**

Breakfast Pizza  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Chicken Tenders  
Waffles  
Green Beans  
Steamed Carrots  
Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, December 16

**Breakfast**

Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Orange Chicken  
Fried Rice  
Asian Chopped Salad  
Edamame Beans  
Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday, December 17

**Breakfast**

Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Spaghetti & Meatsauce  
Italian Salad  
Broccoli Florets  
Garlic Bread  
Banana

Thursday, December 18

**Breakfast**

Sausage Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Turkey & Sausage Gumbo  
Steamed Rice  
Potato Salad  
Cucumber/Tomato Salad  
**Christmas Sorbet**  
(strawberry low)

Friday, December 19

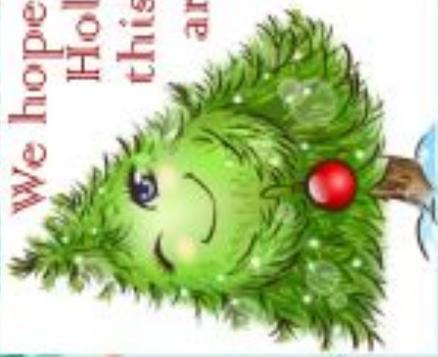
**Breakfast**

Scone  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Mini Corn Dogs  
Tater Tots  
Carrots w/Ranch  
Orange Wedges

We hope your  
Holidays  
this year  
are the  
best  
ones!  
ever!



# Merry Christmas

*Schools will be closed  
Mon., Dec. 22 ~ Mon., Jan. 5*

*Classes resume Tues., Jan. 6*

*See you next year!*

Happy New Year  
2026

## monthly celebrations

- National Cookie Cuter Week: Dec 1-7
- Inclusive schools Week: Dec 5-9
- National Handwashing Awareness Week: Dec 5-11
- Hanukkah: Dec 25-Jan 2
- Kwanzaa: Dec 26-Jan 1
- National Pear Month
- National Root Vegetable & Exotic Fruits Month
- Worldwide Food Service Safety Month

What kind of photos do elves take?

Elf-ies!



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