

**October 2026**

## **Allemands Elementary School Newsletter**

### **ADA Compliance:**

A new law is taking effect in April of 2027, where all school-related documents and flyers must be ADA compliant for all viewers. While the newsletter will look different going forward, our commitment to providing accurate information for all of our students and families will not.

### **Vision:**

The Allemands community fosters collaborative, inclusive scholars who embrace diversity and strive for collective excellence.

### **Mission:**

The Allemands community is dedicated to achieving superior learning outcomes for every student, establishing a robust basis for their growth into contributing members of society.

### **Principal's Message: Lisa Perrin**

As we approach the end of the first quarter, we are so proud of the growth that our students are showing. Please continue to make attending school each day and completing homework priorities! With a positive home-school relationship, our students will flourish!

Thank you to all of the parents who participated in the Fall Family Center Sessions. If you were not able to make these sessions, please reach out to your child's teacher who will share information with you about the sessions.

We appreciate our community and family feedback at our Stakeholder Advisory meetings. Please contact Chandra Gaudet if you are interested in being part of this group. We are always looking for new ways to include parents and family members in our school.

As we enter fall and winter, we want to remind everyone about our dress code. All outerwear with hoods must open the entire length in the front. Girls are asked to wear leggings that are navy, black or white under skirts. Crocs are not allowed at school due to safety reasons. Notes will be sent home to inform you of special dress down days, including Saints shirts. The only consistent dress down is for students to wear jeans on Friday with a spirit shirt.

Please join PTA and consider volunteering at AES.

## Newsletter Delivery:

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 Lakin 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 & Wednesday Student Holidays

This year, we will have a few early dismissal days; they will only be held for Parent Teacher Conferences, prior to the Christmas break, and in May. 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 first early dismissal days are October 22 and 23, 2026.**

During the year, we will have teacher workshop days on various Wednesdays. Students will not attend school at all on this day. Below you will find the days that are student holidays and teachers have professional development.

- November 11th
- January 6th
- March 10th

## Family Engagement is Important to Us!

Allemands Elementary's goal is to have activities that will allow families to have fun while supporting our students in their academic growth. Our school visits will be structured differently to support our School Success Plan. Please make sure to check your child's folder each night to see which activities you can attend. If you have any suggestions, please join our PTA or Stakeholder Advisory Group.

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## Pre-K

This month we will learn about many different kinds and sizes of families. We will explore how families work and play together and how families can be alike and different. We will have lots of fun discovering how fabulous families can be! It would be great fun to carve a pumpkin with your family.

We will have a pumpkin patch here at school that is sure to be exciting. We will weigh our pumpkins, measure them, discover the inside, make silly pumpkin faces and more.

A great game idea is I Spy Letters.

Use one of the target letters of the week (F, f, G, g, M, m) and play a game of I Spy. Show the letter and then be on the lookout for it throughout the day as you travel, shop, or read at home. Another day, repeat the activity with a different letter.

## Kindergarten

Kindergarteners are learning and growing every day! In math, we have been learning to count and write numbers to 5. We will begin to learn that a group of objects can be broken into 2 smaller groups; this is called decomposing. We are learning phonemic awareness by blending sounds to say words. We are also working on phonics by learning letter sounds using Zoophonics. We will begin to look at the shape that our mouths make when we say each sound. This will help us to read words. We are so excited to be readers by the end of

kindergarten.

## 1st Grade

We are so excited to move into Fall with our First Graders! Everyday, they are demonstrating CARES and becoming better learners daily. We have begun to learn about the 7 Mindsets and our children have really taken a positive approach to these mindsets. The first grade students have been learning about counting on and ways to make 10 in Math. In Reading, we have been learning more about blends, compound words and sight words. Practicing math and reading every night will help your child build their knowledge and solidify these skills. Please continue to encourage your child to make good choices and try their best throughout their day. There are so many exciting things happening in our community as we enter the Fall season! We look forward to seeing you at Parent Teacher Conferences in October!

## 2nd Grade

Happy Fall Y'all!

October will bring many exciting treats. Reading 15 minutes at home is a very important step in becoming a good reader and thinker. The fall is a great time to welcome the cooler weather with a good book. You may want to treat your child to a visit to the public library to check out a fall book like: Biscuit Visits the Pumpkin Patch, Why Do Leaves Change Color?, or How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin? A student favorite is The Ugly Pumpkin by Dave Horowitz. Remember after reading, discuss the text. Students have practiced procedures and expectations during the first six weeks of school. Please encourage your child to continue to meet expectations listed in the blue conduct folder. Understanding place value, adding and subtracting, and problem solving are math goals. We are sharing information by writing informational paragraphs. Have conversations with your child about their new learning. Parent conferences will be this month. Please make every effort to attend. We are striving for 100% participation. Your support is essential to your child's education. Together, we can make it a fabulous fall of teaching and learning!

## Enrichment

Librarian's Letter: Thank you for helping the book fair to be as successful as it was! Money raised will go towards purchasing reading program prizes, new books to circulate in the library, and anything else that will be beneficial to the students' growth in the library. This month, we will be learning about the different sections in the library, and will get an understanding of how the Dewey Decimal System helps us to sort nonfiction books.

Please read the letter on the back of the reading log to learn how the reading program works.

Pre-K and Kindergarten students who read 100 books will be recognized on a bulletin board, as well as all 1st graders and 2nd graders who read 200 books.

Happy Reading!

Love, Ms. Lacey, librarian

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## Seven Mindsets:

Mindsets Matter: Strengthening SEL Connections between Home and School

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**Everything is Possible**

During the month of September, students have learned about the first Mindset, Everything is Possible. This mindset focuses on hope, possibility, and the belief that each of us has the potential to grow, learn, and accomplish great things.

Students will explore four ideas central to Everything is Possible: Dream Big, Embrace Creativity, Think Positive, and Act & Adjust. Together, these ideas help students recognize their strengths, imagine what is possible, and take steps toward their goals.

At its heart, Everything Is Possible reminds us that it is important to know what we want, stay open to new possibilities, and learn from our experiences along the way. When children feel comfortable trying new things, making mistakes, and trying again, they strengthen skills like resilience and perseverance. By helping children see setbacks as opportunities to learn and adjust, we can encourage them to keep moving forward, even when things don't go exactly as planned.

## **7 Mindsets at Home**

Caregivers play a vital role in encouraging children to believe they are capable of greatness. When children feel supported at home, they are more likely to try new things. Parents and guardians can further strengthen the development of Everything is Possible by engaging in conversations about worth and potential, the power of positive thinking, and the importance of learning from mistakes. Caregivers should talk about their own dreams and share about some of the times things didn't go as planned. This can serve as a great reminder for children that it's totally normal to try, fail, and keep going.

Get in the habit of asking a few simple questions each day, and see where the conversations lead you! What is the best thing that happened today?

What is the worst thing that happened today?

What is something you faced that was challenging, and how did you handle it?

## **Attendance Awareness**

To be successful at school, students need consistent access to instruction, relationships, routines, and support. It's no wonder that school success and attendance are so closely connected. Every day a student is in school is another opportunity to learn, grow, connect, and experience success.

Attendance is more than just being in a seat; it's about being present for the relationships, learning, and opportunities that allow students to thrive each day.

## **Lunch Menu**

<https://www.wearescpss.org/departments/child-nutrition/breakfast-lunch-menus>

## **PTA Corner**

**Dear Catfish Families,**

We are off to a great start this school year, and we are so excited about everything happening through our PTA! Thank you to all of the families who have already joined and supported our school. Here's a look at what's coming up:

### **PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

We are currently at **77% of our membership goal!** If you haven't joined yet, there is still time! Your membership helps support our students, teachers, and school throughout the year. Also if we hit our

membership goal, our PTA is eligible for additional funding opportunities through the State PTA! **Consider joining today and help us reach our goal!** <https://allemandspta.givebacks.com/shop>

### SPIRIT WEAR

Show your Catfish pride! Spirit wear can be purchased through Skippers.

<https://skippers.chipply.com/allemandselem/>

Please remember that spirit wear is **shipped to the school 2–3 weeks after the order window closes**, not 2–3 weeks after you place your order. Be sure to order your **winter wear** so you're ready for those cooler days! Questions about spirit wear? Please contact [spirit@allemandspta.org](mailto:spirit@allemandspta.org).

### PIZZA & PAINT — OCTOBER 8

Grab your friends and get ready for a fun night of **Pizza & Paint!** The event will be held **October 8th**, and spots are limited. The deadline to sign up is **October 2nd**, so be sure to reserve your spot before registration closes!

### TRUNK OR TREAT — OCTOBER 29

Get ready for a spooktacular night! **Trunk or Treat will be held October 29th.** Space is limited to **50 vehicles**, so keep an eye out for registration information. More details will be sent out soon!

### TURKEY TROT FUN RUN — FALL FEST 2026

Preparations for Fall Fest are in full swing! Due to construction of our school's new gym, we are excited to try something a little different this year. **Fall Fest will become a Turkey Trot Fun Run on November 13th!**

We are also excited about this year's **raffle baskets**, which are being sponsored by each grade level. Each grade has its own fun theme:

Pre-K — Be Creative

Kindergarten — Be Active

1st Grade — Be Cozy

2nd Grade — Be Together

Parent donations to help make these baskets a success are greatly appreciated! More information about how you can donate was sent out by our grade level focal points. You can also find information about it on our facebook page or website [www.allemandspta.org](http://www.allemandspta.org).

### NEXT PTA MEETING

Our next PTA meeting will be **Wednesday, October 1st at 2:30 PM in the Family Center.** We would love to see you there!

As always, thank you for your continued support of our students, teachers, and school. We have so much happening, and so much change, but we couldn't do it without our Catfish families!

— **Hannah Rawls**, PTA President

## Upcoming Events

| Date | Event                                                                                                                         |
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| 10/1 | PTA Board Meeting (insert link) and United Way Battle for the Paddle at Edward Dufrene Community Center in Luling 3:00-7:00pm |

Wear a pink shirt if donating \$1 to HHS Pink Links

- 10/2 Stakeholder Advisory Meeting Stakeholder Advisory Mtg  
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/vix-uret-afa>  
Or dial: (US) +1 417-647-1250 PIN: 318 899 339#  
10:00 in the Family Center;  
Volunteer Day in the Family Center 10:30- end of day
- 10/6 Pre-K Fact Session in the Family Center 9:50-11:00
- 10/7 Playgroup in the Family Center
- 10/8 ELL Family and Friends at St. Rose Family Center  
Pizza & Paint 6:00pm in cafeteria (prior rsvp and payment is required)
- 10/9 Saints Shirt/ Community Morning Meeting/ End of Quarter 1
- 10/12-10/13 Fall Break/ No School
- 10/14 Begin Quarter 2
- 10/17 Community Child Search (Young children up to school age with developmental concerns) Central Office 8 am -2 pm
- 10/20 Family Center Workshop: Understanding the PK-2nd grade report card 10:00am
- 10/21 Playgroup in the Family Center 10:00-11:00
- 10/22 Early Dismissal 12:45-12:55 Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:15-6:15
- 10/23 Early Dismissal 12:45-12:55 Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:30-4:15
- 10/25-10/30 Red Ribbon Week
- 10/29 Trunk or Treat 2:00 See PTA flyer for information

## Photo Highlights



Caption: Several Students look on as Ms. Kylee explains the science activity on Fun Friday for Kindergarten.



Caption: 9 students pictured with Mrs. Perrin and Mrs. Scott. They received a “Caught a Catfish” award for showing CARES.



Caption: 2 students are proud to show off the bridge they created during the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) extended enrichment time.



Caption: Several Students are proudly holding their “Good Citizen” award with Mrs. Perrin and Mrs. Scott

# Nurse's Notes

Happy October! Remember that if your child has a new medical condition, allergy, medication, or other health

need, please notify the school nurse. Keeping health information current helps us make sure your child is safe and supported throughout the school day.

## **Attendance Reminder**

Help keep your child healthy and in school. If your child has to miss school for an illness, please remember to send in a parent or doctor's note.

## **Counselor's Corner**

The week of October 26 - October 30 is Red Ribbon Week.

The following are Theme Days:

Monday, October 26

Team up Against Drugs

Students can wear a T-shirt/jersey from their favorite team with uniform pants/shorts.

Tuesday, October 28

Be the Main Character of Your Healthy Story, Drug Free

Students can dress as a storybook character or wear their school uniform.

Wednesday, October 27

Be Bright, Be Kind, Be You Drug Free

Students can wear a bright colored or kindness themed shirt with uniform pants/shorts.

Thursday, October 29

Say Boo to Drugs

Students can wear an orange, black, or white shirt or school appropriate Halloween shirt with jeans or uniform pants/shorts. No Costumes.

Friday, October 30

I Dream of Making Good Choices Drug Free

Students can wear pajamas to school with regular school shoes or school uniform.