

Allisonville PTO Press

Pomerenke's Place

Reading at Allisonville

Mrs. Weiger, our Media Specialist, emphasizes the slogan "You model what you preach.". At Allisonville, we preach how important it is to read! Our last Friday Focus, Mrs. Reffett shared her favorite book with all 725 Allisonville students. It took about 5 minutes and all the students gave her full attention and were engaged by the book. She had the characters come to life and students were excited about the next page. There was a video of Mrs. Bobb and she introduced baby Collin to the students. He was 4 weeks old and she read his favorite book to the students. They listened intently and were captivated. This process is called read aloud. Reading to our children helps learn vocabulary, comprehension and helps improve information processing skills.

This summer I attended a reading conference and 20 educators were selected from the group to participate in a demonstration. Depending on the questions, we had to take one or two steps forward if you answered some and take steps backward if you answered no to others. Participants had to be 30 years or older as they did not want technology to be a factor. Some of the questions were:

- Did you have a parent that felt reading was important and encouraged it?
- Did you have teachers that encouraged reading?
- Did you have teachers who used read aloud?
- Did you always have plenty to eat?
- Did you have access to plenty of books?
- Did you have a library card?
- Did you have a safe and stable place to read?

I was surprised that at the end of the exercise I was in front! I was a farm boy and my family had little disposable income, and I never saw my dad read a book. I did have a mom and grandfather who loved to read and they made sure I had access to books. I am also thankful for the way I was raised.

Kathleen Ferguson, (our Literacy Specialist), has a vision to find homes for all our extra books as we prepare to move. We started last Thursday night at our Literacy Night and continued all day on Friday. Allisonville gave away close to 30,000 books to our students and community. We believe students will read if they have the books! We had a blast with this project and want every student at Allisonville to have books to read.

Mike Pomerenke
Principal



March 1
Dancing Through the Decades

February 20
Parent Council Meeting

March 9
Great North Run

March 20
Parent Council Meeting

March 25 – 29
Spring Break

April 5 – 12
Allisonville Book Fair

April 17
Parent Council Meeting

April 19
Trivia Night

Want to read the latest on the school construction and renovation projects?

Visit this page for the full project schedule:
<https://www.msdt.k12.in.us/project-schedule/>

From the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Wow!!!! America's Got Talent has NOTHING on Allisonville!
Congratulations to all of the amazing kiddos who showed us their stuff last Friday at the Talent Show - it was a great evening! Many thanks to Brian Boak, John Murray and all of the dads who gave their time to make this such a terrific event.

February has sped by and with it we had some fun here at school. Thanks to Shawn Scott for organizing the Valentine's Day Room Parties and to all of the volunteers who helped plan games and activities in the classrooms - your efforts are so appreciated!

Thank you to Heather Carpenter and Jessica Rabuck for planning the Staff Luncheon last Friday and to all who contributed a dish or supplies for the Italian themed feast!

We hope all of you will be back on Friday night for our re-scheduled Dancing through the Decades winter carnival - it's always a blast for kids and families alike!

Be sure to mark your calendars for Allisonville's Trivia Night on April 19th. The committee has been hard at work planning an evening of fun for Explorer parents. Tickets, sponsorships, t-shirts and more can now be purchased online by visiting:

<https://chip-in.us/avptotriv>.

March will be coming in hot (hopefully literally - winter needs to go away!) and quick, as we have only 3 short weeks until Spring Break beginning on March 25th.

It sure is great to be an Explorer,

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2018-2019 PTO Co-Presidents

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volunteer opportunities,
please email
allisonvillepto@gmail.com
and ask to be added to
the email list.



Send photos of AV events via Facebook messages to Heidi Keller Phillips to be shared on the AVPTO page. While you're there, "like" our Facebook page and follow us too!!



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you spend when you use your Kroger Plus card.
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Nurse  *Notes*

Parents,

The weather is changing all the time so the kids
don't always know what to wear, please watch
the weather so they will wear the right coats to
keep warm. Spring is on the way!

Please encourage hand washing too. Thank
you for your help.

Mrs. Reeves, Allisonville nurse
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Vision 2020
Look Ahead Leave a Legacy

**Be a part of Allisonville's Legacy and make
a donation to our Vision 2020 Campaign.
Donate here:**

<https://chip-in.us/avpto>

School Newsletter



If you have feedback or something
you would like to see in the
newsletter or you have a
submission, contact Jill Turcic
at jillturcic@live.com.

Dancing Through the Decades

Rescheduled for Friday, March 1, 2019

6:00 - 8:30pm

Only \$5 per student!

This includes all games!

Parents & Chaperones – FREE!



Music ~ Dancing ~ Games ~ Food

**Dress up in any decade or
musical outfit that you choose.**

**Biggest and Best
Teacher Dance Ever!**

**Food will be available
for additional purchase.**

Questions?

Contact Laura Feeney at laurafeeney5@yahoo.com
Julie Botts at juliebotts@sbcglobal.net

Thank You Dad's Club!

A huge shout out to the Allisonville Dad's Club for putting on another amazing talent show! Special thanks to Brian Boak for his 7-year run organizing this fantastic event.

Kudos to our many students who had the courage to perform in front of their peers and hundreds of others! Allisonville has "GOT TALENT" indeed!



Trivia Night Silent Auction

Trivia Night is Allisonville's biggest fundraiser of the year. We are busy putting together our silent auction baskets and have tried to make it easy for you to contribute by putting together this **Amazon Wish list:**

<http://a.co/dIYIkPK>

Please take a look and make a purchase from the comfort of home! We appreciate the support! Interested in helping with Allisonville's biggest fundraiser of the year? We're looking for volunteers and sponsors. We'll be selling tickets at Dancing Through the Decades so come find our table! Or, look to your right and buy your tickets online!

For more information, contact:

Maureen Butz-Obenchain at mobutz10@gmail.com
Megan Wilmes at megan.wilmes@gmail.com

Parent Council Network (PCN) Update

Join Parent Council Network at the Red for Ed Rally on Saturday 3/9!

This event is hosted by the Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA) and supported by our own Washington Township Education Association (WTEA).

Public Education advocates from around the state will gather at 1pm at the Indiana Statehouse, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204

Show your support for Hoosier teachers!

Mark your calendars now for upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

March Topic: Best Practices/Success Stories

Location for most meetings:

Meetings in 2019 will be held at the Community and Education Center (CEC), unless otherwise specified.

8550 Woodfield Crossing Blvd
Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Twitter: @MSDWT_Parents

Email: admin@msdwtparentcouncil.org

Hottest Ticket in Town! Allisonville Trivia Night – April 19, 2019



Take advantage of early bird pricing for Trivia Night and purchase your tickets for \$25 by March 8th. Prices go up to \$30 after the 8th. Ticket price includes dinner, 2 drink tickets, 6 rounds of trivia, prizes and much more!!

Pay for your Trivia Night tickets online this year.

<https://chip-in.us/avptotriv>

You can also pay for:

- Trivia Night Sponsorships! Many opportunities still available.
- Trivia Night t-shirts
- Sponsor a Staff Member

Allisonville, an IB World School



The IB Student Learner Profile: Thinker

Students will exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions.

Activities for Parents:

- ❖ Encourage your child to try to think of solutions to problems independently.
- ❖ Pose different real-life problems and questions to your child.
- ❖ Ask your child questions when they are working on a problem:
 1. "Do you have any ideas about how we can begin?"
 2. "How can we do this differently?"
 3. "I had never thought of that. Tell me more about it."
 4. "What other ways can we show that?"

What's Happening in the Media Center?



First and second graders are learning about The Young Hoosier Book Award nominees and will be able to vote for their favorite book. These students have also been working on how to "browse" books in order to find a "just right" book for themselves. We previewed a lot of book by playing Musical Books. Ask your child about it.

Third graders have been learning about how a library is organized and how to use the catalog to find a book. We are now moving into learning about poetry. We'll be exploring characters, context clues, stanzas, and making meaning.

Fourth graders have been learning about how organisms have structures that they use to help them survive. We've inquired into some pictures and asked questions. Now we are spending time learning how to find our answers and cite the source we used. Did you know that websites often end with .gov, .org, .edu, and .net? Do you know what each means?

Fifth graders have started learning about the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. They are exploring different issues and problems around the world in order to discover their passions. We need to be aware and make others aware of these Global Goals so that by the time these 5th graders are in their 20s, many of the problems will be solved. Ask your child or go to <https://www.globalgoals.org/> to learn more.

Mrs. Weiger and Mrs. Roth are preparing for inventory. We'll need some volunteers to help us scan EVERY single book in the media center over a 2 day period. If you might be able to help during the week of March 18-22, **please email Mrs. Weiger at pweiger@msdwt.k12.in.us**.

We'll be having our Spring Book fair from April 5 – 12. Please watch for volunteer sign ups to come home. **You can go to www.signupgenius.com to sign up. Enter Mrs. Weiger's email and pick your times!**

We just had our first FREE BOOK FRIDAY at Allisonville. Students were able to choose books that they would like to take home and KEEP. We've had many donations of books and want to be sure that ALL students have books in their homes for summer reading.

If your house could use some books, please let Mrs. Weiger know and we'll get them for you. The ONLY way to become a better reader is to READ. Email pweiger@msdwt.k12.in.us or leave a message at 317-845-9441 extension 11207.



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The Great North Run is a 10K, 5K & Fun Walk/Run through the North Central High School campus and surrounding neighborhoods. Registration includes race, recovery station with food and a free fitness fair. Events are open to walkers and runners. Funds raised support programs in our schools that tax dollars do not.

Designate a school when registering and a portion of the fee will be directed to the school.

