



ALLEN SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Kit Cosgriff, Principal

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Thanks to a generous donation from the *San Francisco Examiner* and Walden Media all 3rd graders received a free copy of the book, *Charlotte's Web*! Thank you to all who made this possible.

ATTENDANCE

Last month was a lower than average month for daily school attendance. Our goal is 97% present every day. During the last period our average attendance was only 94%. Most of the absences were due to family travel. Students learn best when they are here consistently every day. We ask your cooperation in scheduling trips during regular school vacations.

FAMILY FUN MATH NIGHTS

Thanks to our upper grade teachers, Allen has had two successful Family Fun Math Nights so far. Ms. McHale and Mrs. Baker led families in multiplication games in October, and in December, Mrs. Lehmkuhl and Mrs. Salvador shared many fun ways to practice math and problem solving during the vacation. Watch the Newsletter for the next Math Night and make plans to join the fun.

DOCTOR VISITS

Many students are absent or late for school due to doctor visits. A reminder: If your child will miss school for any period due to a doctor's visit, please remember to bring a note from the doctor's office to present to the office upon your child's return. Your cooperation is appreciated.

HONORS AWARDED

Congratulations to those upper grade students who made the First Trimester Honor and Merit Rolls! We are very proud of our scholars whose hard work and good study skills helped them earn a qualifying grade point average. See the back of the Newsletter for the names of the honorees.

GRANT RECEIVED

Allen School has been awarded a \$5000 wellness grant from the San Francisco Foundation. The funding is to provide nutrition education to the 5th graders and to produce a DVD on Wellness Policy implementation for distribution to school staff and parent groups. Last week in collaboration with the organization Shaping Youth, we had the first of eight workshops in a series called the "Gross Out Game for Good Nutrition." Students learned about the additive high fructose corn syrup and deceptive labeling of "junk food." Each week students in Ms. McHale's and Mrs. Hollenbeck's classes bring handouts home to share what they've learned. We are reproducing these handouts and sending them home with the Newsletter so that all parents can benefit from these informative sessions.

MUSIC CLASSES ANNOUNCED

A special arrangement with *Toones Academic Music* will enable our K-3rd graders to have music classes beginning this month.

MATH CHALLENGE

By the end of 3rd grade every student should know the multiplication tables. Most do, but for those who don't, it is extremely difficult to progress to the more complex mathematics that is expected in the upper grades. There is no way to recall the facts quickly enough without memorizing them which means students must practice at home as well as at school.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed. Jan. 17 ELAC meeting
Latino author Hector Viveros Lee will read from his book. All are invited

Wed. Jan. 24 DELAC meeting at the
District office 6:30 PM Childcare provided

Thurs. Jan 25 Site Council Meeting
3:15 in the media center. Open to the public



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