

ALLENDALE PTO PRESS

November 2023



As the leaves fall and the air turns crisper, we welcome the month of November with open arms. October brought us a flurry of exciting events and memorable moments with our National Walk to School Day, the Fall Book Fair, the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Carve and of course, our First Annual Spooky Social!

Now, we look ahead to a month filled with the spirit of gratitude, appreciation, and the importance of giving thanks. In addition to Thanksgiving, November is also a time to remember and honor our veterans with our Veteran's Day Celebration and to give back to our community, through our 3rd Grade Community Service Project.

We look forward to the upcoming month of celebration and reflection. To the parents, thank you for your participation and generosity. To the faculty and staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment and dedication. We are all so lucky to call Allendale our home.

With warm regards,
The Allendale PTO Board
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3RD GRADE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

November 6th - 22nd



Hillside's Third Graders are seeking donations to help create Weekend Snack Packs for children experiencing hunger. Snack packs will be packed by our Third Graders and donated to the Center for Food Action.

Please see the link below to purchase items directly.

[AMAZON WISHLIST](#)



TEACHER'S CONVENTION CAMPS



We have once again partnered with Superdome and One River for drop-off activities on our scheduled days off during the New Jersey Teacher's Convention on Thursday November 9th and Friday November 10th!

Please see links below!

[Superdome Full Day Registration](#)

[Superdome Half Day Registration](#)

[One River Registration](#)



KINDERGARTEN SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE



For their Kindergarten Service Project, students promoted their School Supply Drive for the children of Oasis.

Oasis is a nonprofit organization that carries out the educational and social service programs that help children flourish academically and women enter and succeed in the workplace.

This project was a huge success! We had over 150 school supply items donated! Thank you all for your generous support and for helping to further the education of these children!



VETERANS DAY

We will be having our Annual Veterans Day Tribute student assembly for Veterans and their families on Thursday, November 16th.

We are asking families to bring in baked goods and breakfast items for the Appreciation Breakfast. Please see the link below if you would like to sign up.

[VETERANS DAY SIGN UP LINK](#)

CHARLESTON WRAP FUNDRAISER REMINDER



Our Charleston Wrap Fundraiser is almost done! Final orders are due by Wednesday, November 8th. Please see link below!

Organization ID 12388

[CW LINK](#)



Fall Scholastic Book Fair



Our Fall Book Fair this year was a huge success! From class visits to our much anticipated Donuts with Grownups, Family Night and our raffle give aways, the students truly enjoyed and expanded their libraries!

A big thank you to our Book Fair chairs, Nicole Weiss and Meghan Pagano, and to all our wonderful volunteers for this event! You helped make this possible!

THANK YOU

Nicole Weiss
Meghan Pagano
Anna Chung
Natasha Driscoll
Terese Greer
Donna Kapturski
Juliana Dudas
Liz Levine
Liz Gillins-Levine
Gillian Sadowsky
Jeanne Sollitto
Bernadette Kelly

Danielle Taylor
Nicole LaMarca
Stacy Smith
Katalin Vinczi-Sierra
Melissa LaPorta
Kristi Rutter
Rachel Scavetta
Terra Smith
Alex DePinto
Liz Gomez
Julie Kenny
Stacey Wang



October Birthday Bees



Walk to School Day



Thank you to the Allendale Police Department, all of our wonderful crossing guards, our parent walkers and the entire school community who participated and helped keep our kids safe!



Our October Staff appreciation was filled with all treats, no tricks!



First Annual *SPOOKY* Social



Witches and mummies and ghosts, oh my!

This year, we held our first ever Spooky Social for the 4th through 7th graders.

The event included a DJ for dancing, pizza and donuts, prizes for costumes and a photobooth!

Needless to say it was a ghoulish good time!

A huge thank you to our committee including Bridget Adler, Lindsey Kuczma and Karina Singh for organizing this event! And of course thank you to all the

parent volunteers who helped set up and chaperone. We could not have done it without you all!

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| Bridget Adler | Alissa Pohlman |
| Karina Singh | Stacey Azmi |
| Lindsey Kuczma | Amy Rossi |
| Mario Kapturski | Yolanda Cafiero |
| Maggie Grando | Jennifer O'Shea |
| Natasha Driscoll | Denise Inacay |
| Melissa Cicchetti | Sarah Guevara |
| Eugenia Blackmon | Edward Blackmon |
| Juliana Dudas | Gillian Sadowsky |
| Aanchal Dhir | Laura Woodland |
| Sabina McGuirl | Tracy Lenhart |
| Donna Cervelli | Megan Siano |
| Tracy McLee | Nicole Weiss |
| Nicole Campestre | Dominique Focazio |
| Meghan Pagano | Christina Valdes |
| Lauren Buckner | Elizabeth Levine |
| Jacquelyn DiFrancesco | Cheryl Semanczuk |



The Great Pumpkin Carve 2023

THE JUDGES HAVE SPOKEN... CONGRATS TO OUR WINNERS!



The Weinstein Family



The Falciglia Family



The Morton Family

Our 3rd Annual Pumpkin Carve gave us some incredibly creative and unique designs! Celebrity judges Mayor Amy Wilczynski, Hillside Officer Peter Layng, and Children's Librarian Hillary Devincenzo deliberated to choose our winners! Check out all the pumpkins on our Instagram and Facebook pages. Thank you to all the families for sharing your spooky creations with us! Special thanks to our prize donors:

Tons of Toys, Allendale Bar and Grill, and Skyzone



Thank you to Bridget Adler for organizing this event! And thank you to all our amazing volunteers- Christine Pergola, Marisa Cali, Maggie Grando, Chrissy Wefers, Karina Singh, Kristi Geronimo, Lindsey Kuczma, Sashka Liskova, Stefanie Morton, Natasha Driscoll, and Sabina McGuirl.

OCTOBER CAMPS



Thank you to Superdome & One River School for partnering with us to host drop-off activities on Oct. 9th and 10th. Both businesses generously donated a portion of their profits to the PTO!

HILLSIDE MURAL PAINTING



As many of you know, we are in the process of completing the mural in the All Purpose Room at Hillside that was beautifully commissioned by Grace Knowlton. If you would like to participate, please check out the link below to volunteer!

[MURAL SIGN UP LINK](#)

Thank you to the following volunteers who have already helped to paint!

Sean Kehoe

Tetiana Anisimova

YK Kim

Yulia Studynsky

Melanie Fox

Danielle Taylor

Karina Singh

DID YOU KNOW?

What you see in this newsletter is a fraction of the pictures we share and things we do!

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SAVE THE DATES

11/1 - November Birthday Bees

11/2 - Parent's Night Out

11/9 & 11/10 School Closed - Teacher's Convention and One River and Superdome Camps

11/15- PTO General Meeting Zoom 9:15am

11/15 - Moshi Moshi Community Take Out Night

11/16 - Veterans Day Assembly at Hillside

11/16 - Brookside PTO-Sponsored Assembly

11/17 - Picture Day Retakes

11/22 - Early Dismissal

11/23 & 11/24 - School's closed for Thanksgiving

11/30 - 2nd Grade Bingo Night

11/30 & 12/1 - Tons of Toys/Treasures Shopping Day



UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

12/5 & 12/7 - Hillside Holiday Shop

12/6 - Birthday Bees

12/10 - Unite with Light

12/14 & 12/15 - Early Dismissal for Teacher Conferences

12/20 - PTO General Meeting Zoom 9:15am

12/22 - Holiday Parties and Early Dismissal

