

ALLENDALE PTO PRESS JANUARY 2024

Happy New Year

Happy 2024! We hope this newsletter finds you well and refreshed after our Winter Break. We want to extend a warm welcome back to our teachers, staff, students and parents!

December was a busy month filled with concerts, musicals, the Holiday Shop and Winter Celebrations! As we ease back into our routines this month, we will kick off the year with our 4th and 5th grade movie night!

We wish you all a happy and healthy 2024!

Cheers,

The Allendale PTO

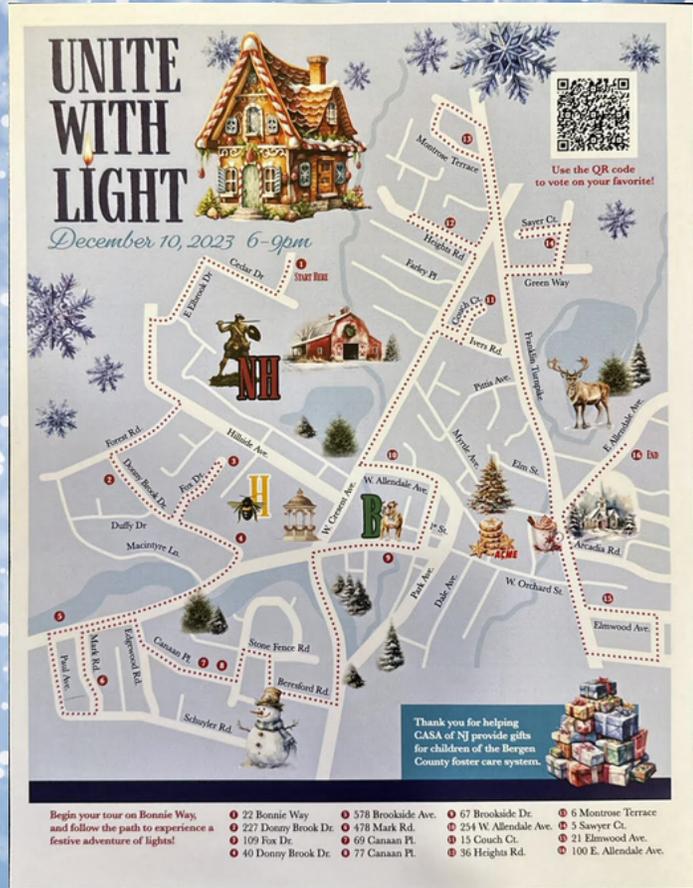
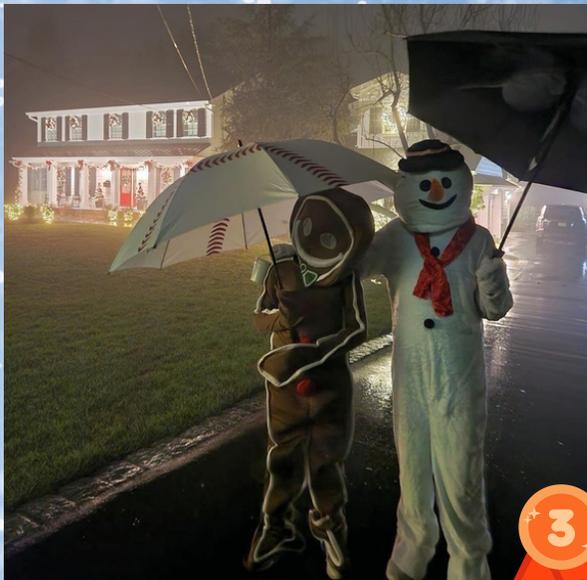
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UNITE WITH LIGHT

Our 3rd Annual Unite with Light event was a huge success! Because of your support, we were able to raise \$1,900 which was used to purchase toys for the children of CASA. A big thank you to the Allendale Police Department, who were our partners in this event and helped us with the donations to CASA as well. From decorating your home to driving your families around Allendale with some delicious hot chocolate and snowman cookies, we truly appreciate your support in this event- thank you!



UNITE WITH LIGHT



CONGRATULATIONS!

1st Place

77 Canaan Place
The Bagnato Family
\$75 to Allendale Social

2nd Place

578 Brookside Ave
The Vlachos Family
\$50 to Tons of Toys

3rd Place

22 Bonnie Way
The Adler Family
\$25 to Starbucks

big thanks!

Parent Volunteers: Bridget Adler, Maggie Grando, Jen Higgins, Sabina McGuirl and Kristi Geronimo

WINTER LUNCHEON

Our Winter Teacher Appreciation for this month was a delicious luncheon complete with sandwiches, home made focaccia and salads and some yummy cookies! To our teachers and staff -- Thank you SNOW much -- for all you do!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BEES



WINTER BREAK CELEBRATIONS



On the half day before winter break, all students enjoyed a pizza lunch! Thank you to the many parent volunteers who helped!



Hillside Holiday Shop



On December 5th-7th, students in grades K-5 had the opportunity to shop at the Hillside Holiday Shop!

Some of our 8th grade students assisted our littlest shoppers in purchasing the perfect gifts for their loved ones. Students had a wonderful time selecting gifts for family and friends, learning about the joy of giving and how to work with a budget!



Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten orientation will take place on Wednesday, January 31st at 7pm in person at the Hillside All-Purpose Room.
(Snow Date - Thursday, February 1st at 7pm)



Motivational Speaker Joe Beckman

Join us on Tuesday, January 9th at 7pm, at the Brookside auditorium to come and see this dynamic, charismatic speaker and author of the book, "Just Look Up". This is an opportunity you do not want to miss!



Holiday Shop Volunteers

Sabina McGuirl, Natasha Driscoll, Alexandra De Pinto, Alicia Rahal, Allison Falciglia, Amy Gonzalez, Anita Atamian, Anna Chung, Bernadette McCabe Kelly, Brianne Szep, Bridget Adler, Christie MacLean, Danielle Taylor, Denise Inacay, Desiree D'Antonio, Dravina Desai, Edyta Chojnowski, Elizabeth Gomez, Jacquelyn DiFrancesco, Jeanne Sollitto, Jeff Press, Jen O'Connor, Julia Simunek, Kali Passias, Kelly Sullivan, Krisley Rose, Kristin Allert, Kristine Kehoe, Lauren Buckner, Lauren Sacks, Lindsey Kuczma, Lisa Parker, Maria Zenzius, Marisa Cali, Molly Glauber Coco, Nicole LaMarca, Nicole Weiss, Olga Zaika, Ondrea DiStaulo, Paulina Rugg, Rachel Scavetta, Sarah Powell, Shaun Duffie, Terese Greer, Tracy McLee, Wayne Booyesen, Wendy Blasius, Will Gonzalez

thank you

SAVE THE DATES

- 1/3 - Hillside Birthday Bees
- 1/9 - Joe Beckman Motivational Speaker
- 1/15 - No School MLK Holiday
- 1/17 - General Meeting Zoom at 9:15
- 1/18 - 4th & 5th Grade Movie Night
- 1/22 - Hillside PTO Assembly
- 1/31- Kindergarten Orientation



UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 2/7 - Birthday Bees
- 2/19-2/23 - Winter Break
- 2/28 - General Meeting Zoom at 9:15
- 3/4 - Pre-K/K After School Build-a-Bee