



April 2017

**Allen T. Allison
Elementary**

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Smarter Balanced Assessment

The WV General Summative Assessment is the state test administered to our students in grades 3-4. The ELA and Math are computer adaptive, which means each student's individual test adjusts based on how he or she responds. For example, if a student answers questions correctly, the next set of questions the student receives will be more difficult; if a student answers questions incorrectly, the next set of questions the student receives will be easier. A computer adaptive test allows a more precise, valid and reliable score for each student.

4th Grade May 8th - May 12th

3rd Grade May 15th - May 25th

*Please do everything possible to be sure your 3rd or 4th grader is in school during their testing day. Please contact your child's teacher for their specific testing days.

Dates to Remember

- April 3rd Report Cards
- April 3rd Hoagie Sale Fundraiser Sent Home
- April 7th Easter Pencil Grams forms/money due
- April 7th Read a Loud (PTA Event)
- April 10th Hoagie forms and money due
- April 13th Fun-a-thon permission slips Due
- April 13th PTA Meeting/2nd Grade Show 6:00
- April 14th No School
- April 17th No School
- April 19th Fun-a-thon Money Due
- April 20th FUN-A-THON 3:00 – 5:00
- April 24th Pre-K and Kindergarten Parent Involvement Carnegie Science Night
- April 24-28th Grandparent's Breakfast Week
- April 25th Hoagie Pick-Up 3:30-5:30
- April 26th Secretary's Day
- April 27th 3rd and 4th Grade Parent Involvement

Grandparent's Breakfast

As our tradition continues, students may invite their grandparents to have breakfast with them.

Breakfast will begin at 7:45 a.m.

- Mon., April 24th - 4th Grade
- Mon., April 24th - Pre-K (8:15 a.m.)
- Tues., April 25th - 3rd Grade
- Wed., April 26th - 2nd Grade
- Thurs., April 27th - 1st Grade
- Fri., April 28th - Kindergarten

Fun-a-Thon

**Thursday, April 20th
3:00-5:00**

**Permission forms are due April 13th
Money collected is due April 19th.**

If you happen to see 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Adkins, congratulate her on being named Allen Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.

ATA Health Clinic

The ATA Health Clinic has become beneficial for some students and families this month.

For more information, call the school 304-387-1915 and type Extension 221.

Hours of the Health Clinic are M-F 9:00-1:00.

PTA Hoagie Sale

PTA is hosting a hoagie sale to benefit our end of the year school carnival. Our goal is to sell 400 items and profit \$800. The cost of the school carnival is \$7,000. We are still \$1,612.01 away. Please consider helping PTA provide another fun carnival this year.

Order forms/money due: Mon. April 10

Hoagie Pick up Date: Tues. April 25th
3:30-5:30

Counselor's Corner

Mr. Taylor and Deputy Woofter presented on the topic of Fairness and Justice. At least one thing nearly all children agreed on is they have said numerous times, "It's not fair!" Grownups usually respond, "Life isn't always fair." However, usually people do not complain when they get more than their fair share. They also focused on the importance of children and grownups alike following rules and not judging people who are different from others. Lastly, they addressed the difference between equal and fairness. Some students may get more help than others, which is fair because it gives every student an equal chance at school success.

ATA PTA Easter Pencil Grams

Students may participate in sending Easter Pencil Grams to their school friends.

Cost: \$ 0.50 per Easter Pencil Gram

Forms/Money are due Friday, April 7th

*Additional Easter Grams can be provided upon request.

*Unused forms may be sent back to school.

Weather Appropriate Clothing

As the end of the year comes quickly, so does occasional warm weather. Please remember students are permitted to wear shorts as long as the weather is above 65 degrees by 11:00 a.m. and in time for outdoor recess. Flip-flops are discouraged due to safety purposes. When the sun quickly approaches, be prepared to lather up the sun block on your child if you feel it may be necessary.

Accelerated Reading

Check out your child's progress and bookshelf by logging into their account using their student number and AR password.

<https://hosted198.renlearn.com/34150/homeconnect/>

- *Log in using your child's student number and password.
- *View the Current Marking Period, or click the drop down menu to view the School Year to see your child's total point progress.



What is Accelerated Reading?

- *A computer program that monitors children's independent reading practice.
- *Your child's reading level is determined by the STAR Reading test.
- *Students have a set goal provided to them to work towards every 9 weeks.
- *Each book has a point value.
- *Children earn points, or a portion of a book's points, depending on how well they do on the Reading Practice Quiz

