



# December 2016

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Elementary

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## **"United in Pursuing Excellence"**

Dear ATA Families,

I hope all of our ATA families had a very nice Thanksgiving and were able to find relaxation with family and friends.

During this time of giving thanks, we are so grateful to have supportive parents and families in our community. Allison Elementary always finds ways to help serve our community. During the month of November, our ATA students and families donated over 1,000 items to the F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service to Humanity) Chester-Newell Food Bank which provides assistance to those who need help feeding their families.

Have you heard your child talk about performing for their Grandfriends? For the past couple years, some of the residents from The Orchard's at Foxcrest were invited to watch our students perform their PTA performance for their Grandfriends. So far this year, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders performed their program. Last year, all Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders performed. The Grandfriends seem to love watching our students and our kids have fun singing for them.

Continuing with the spirit of giving, we certainly do not want to forget our elderly Grandfriends. In the past, our students made Christmas cards for our Grandfriends, as well as collecting items to donate to our local nursing centers. As you are out shopping this season, any items you would like to donate can be sent to school no later than December 16<sup>th</sup> so there is time to disperse the items into gift bags to deliver to them before the holidays.

Have a happy holiday season,

*Mrs. Hartung*

## **Dates to Remember**

December 5-9<sup>th</sup> Santa's Workshop  
December 7<sup>th</sup> Progress Reports  
December 8<sup>th</sup> PTA Kindergarten Program 6:00  
December 10<sup>th</sup> Father/Daughter Dance  
December 13<sup>th</sup> Draw Your Destiny Assembly 5:30  
December 15<sup>th</sup> Polar Express Day (**Wear Pajamas**)  
December 16<sup>th</sup> Grandfriend Items are due  
December 16<sup>th</sup> Otis Fundraiser Pick-up

**December 21<sup>st</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

## **Will your child meet his/her AR Goal?**

Most of our students are working hard to meet their AR goals. Parents can monitor their child's progress towards their AR goal by going to the Renaissance Home Connect Website. Renaissance Home Connect is fun and easy to use. It allows the teacher, you and your child to share information about progress in Accelerated Reader. Follow these steps to start:

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

- Log in using your child's student number and AR password.
- Discuss your child's goal and help develop a plan to meet the goal.

Home Connect QR Code



## Conversation starters.....

to encourage your child to continue working toward and achieving his/her AR goal:

- Are you ready to take an AR test today?
- Are you getting closer to your AR goal?
- What book are you going to read this week to help you meet your AR goal?

A special reward will be given at the end of the nine weeks for students who meet their AR goal. We don't want any student to miss out!!!



### Draw Your Destiny with ZED

2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Families are invited to attend an after school assembly that teaches children how to establish goals, learn to love reading, and the value of education.

Where: **Allison Elementary**  
Date: **Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Time: **5:30-6:15**  
Who: **Families of 2-4<sup>th</sup> grade**  
Why: **"A great way to introduce children to comic strips"**

Zed's favorite is Pizza and the color Pink!



Pizza will be served!  
Be sure to wear PINK!

## Inclement Weather

Please help your child dress appropriately during the cold months. We are grateful for many organizations to donate **hats, gloves, and coats** to the students in our school. If your child needs any of the above items, please let your child's teacher know and we would be happy to provide these warm clothes. Students will continue to play outside for recess daily when the temperature is approximately 32 degrees or higher. Please make sure your child is dressed accordingly.

### Suggested Grandfriends Donations

Due December 16<sup>th</sup>

Lip Balm	Pillow cases
Hypo-allergenic soap	Magazines
Hypo-allergenic lotions	Tissues
Disinfectant wipes	Note cards
Large-print books	Puzzle books
Deck of cards	Board game
Lap robes (Small blankets)	

Daddy's Girl



### Father/Daughter Dance

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

6:00 – 8:00

Pizza, desserts, raffles, and pictures will be available.

Please bring pre-registered tickets

