the Eagle Insider

Happy New Year!

Welcome back Eagles! We are hoping that 2018 finds you all healthy and happy. Spring fundraising and activities are all in the planning stages and are sure to be fun! Be on the lookout for our flyers, Facebook posts and emails soliciting your help with volunteering. Without your help, these events will not be possible! Help us continue to provide fun and enriching activities for our kids. Next month we hold elections for next year's PTA Board. We need fresh ideas and motivated parents to make PTA work. Thank you for your continued support.





Annual Toy Drive a Major Success!

Thank you to our Allen Avenue family for another very successful toy drive! Ms. Krista, Ms. Monica, Mr. and Mrs. Reyes and all of our kiddies got to hand out toys to all the little ones (and 1 big one) in the hospital, making Pomona Valley Hospital so grateful to our school! Every year, they tell us how overwhelmed they are with the generosity of our school families. We are so blessed to work at such an amazing school! -Mrs. Reyes

Save the Date!

Dinner Night Tues, 1/9/18 Chili's, La Verne 11:00AM-10:30PM Art Expo Fri, 1/12/18 Art Expo entries due to the front office

No School Mon, 1/15/18 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday; no school





Save the Dates: After School Art Classes Starting

6 weeks on Thursdays from 1/25 to 3/1 hosted by Rochelle Breckenridge of Creator's Touch on Wheels:

45 minute classes in our school cafeteria:

- Kinder 1:15-2:00pm (starts 5 minutes after dismissal)
- 1st-3rd 2:10-2:55pm (starts 5 minutes after dismissal)
- 4th-5th 3:00-3:45pm (starts 10 minutes after dismissal students allowed to come directly to the cafeteria after school release.)

\$69 for the session per student (\$75 after 1/18).

Please see flyer at the end of this newsletter for more details and registration information.

School Happenings

Allen Avenue Eagles are always soaring to greatness – make sure to read our monthly newsletter to find out what is going on next!

Cans of Kindness Recap

Thank you Allen Avenue Family and Friends for your generosity. We were able to collect 2,600+ cans during our November food drive.

Our top two classrooms collectors were: Courtice with 461 cans Garcia with 327 cans

Each classroom won a pizza party celebrated in December.

The real winners are the families who received these Cans of Kindness.

Thank you PTA for helping to collect cans, check expiration dates, sort them, contribute boxes and pack them up.



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Spirit Day: 1/12

Get out your sports/team jerseys, t-shirts and sweatshirts! Spirit Day is Friday, 1/12 – join other Eagle students and celebrate January's Spirit Day theme of sportswear.



Art Expo Entries Due: 1/12

All PTA Art Expo entries are due back to school by Friday, 1/12. The top winner in each category (drawing, painting, collage, photography, writing, dance, film production and music composition) will be forwarded on to Council for final judging and awards. Winners will be honored at the Bonita Center for the Arts on March 28th. Rules and entry forms are available here: http://al.bonita.k12.ca.us/PTA/Bonita-Art-Expo/index.html

Chili's Family Dinner Night on 1/9/18

Save the date - join us at the La Verne Chili's on Tuesday, 1/9/18 from 11:00am-10:30pm.

We get 15% back of proceeds when you bring the flyer for Allen Avenue Elementary (see flyer at the end of the newsletter).



Legacy Tile Wall

Eagles – do you want to make your mark? Pre-purchase a tile for \$10 and your painted artwork will be installed on school campus for years to come. Be on the lookout for the flyer coming home soon.

Reminders:

1/15: no school

1/19: compact day, 1:00pm dismissal



Family Dance: 2/9/18

Join other Allen Avenue families as we kick up our heels at the annual Family Dance!

Students and adults will enjoy refreshments, a DJ and dancing, a photo booth and raffle.

Students: bring a special adult and prepare to have some fun at our "Sweetheart/Valentines" themed dance!

Stay tuned for the flyer coming home with details about ticket purchasing information.

PTA Founder's Day: 2/21/18

Founders Day is a reminder of the substantial role that PTA has played locally, regionally, and nationally in supporting parent involvement and working on behalf of all children and families. It's a time to reflect and take pride in our many accomplishments, and to renew our commitment to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for parents, and a strong advocate for public education.

Help us celebrate with a Girl Scout led flag salute, our Allen Avenue Choir, leadership student readings, an awards ceremony, a special message from a School District official and refreshments! Be on the lookout for the flyer with all the finalized details and times.



Adult Volunteers: We Need You!

Did you know that our PTA helps organize and/or pay for the following?

AR Shirts
Field trips (\$15/student)
Family Fun Nights (outdoor movie, winter fun night)
Family Dance
Family Dinner Nights
Assemblies (Art, Science and the Imagination Machine)
Red Ribbon Week/Walk to School Day

Book Fairs Cans of Kindness

Yearbook

Founder's Day

FAST Class Coffee Cart Uniforms

Legacy Tile Wall

Back to School Night/Open House vendors and raffles

Teacher Appreciation AR Spring Reading Events

Disaster/first aide supplies Kinder Orientation and more!

In order to continue to provide all of these fun activities we need a lot more help in the way of volunteers. Many hands make light work! Please consider joining the PTA Board for the 2018-2019 school year so we can continue to provide field trips, activities, AR shirts and more:

Our Elections for the Board will be held at our PTA Founder's Day evening celebration on 2/21/18.

- Treasurer help manage PTA finances: write checks, make bank deposits
- Secretary take notes at our Executive Board and Association meetings
- VP of Ways and Means help us manage our fundraisers
- VP of Health and Welfare help coordinate Red Ribbon Week
- Spirit Wear Coordinator order t-shirts and sweatshirts, help fill orders
- Art Expo Coordinator send information home about the Art Expo program and organize artwork
- Fall Festival Chair help coordinate our annual Fall Festival
- Volunteer Chair recruit and manage middle and high school volunteers for our events
- Vendor/Insurance Chair help secure vendors for our events and make sure insurance paperwork is completed
- PTA Web Store Chair manage our online store and account
- Newsletter Chair write our monthly newsletter advertising upcoming programs and events
- Raffle Chair secure donations for our raffles
- Committee members help in the planning of a specific event or program (Book Fair, Walk to School Day, etc...)

Training and guidance will be provided for all of the positions and PTA sponsored activities. The PTA Board works as a group to assist in the planning and carrying out of our programs. Please email allenavenuepta@gmail.com or stop by the school office to see how you can help our school and students continue to have a fun and exciting year.

Thank you in advance for your help!

PTA Spotlight

From the Yearbook Team:

If you would like to know what we are doing, pictures we need, ask us questions, please join the "Yearbook Announcements" class on Remind. Download the app. Start the app and sign up for a "parent" account, then "join" a class by clicking on the plus sign. Or send a text to "@aayearbook" to 81010.

The class name is: Yearbook Announcements The class code is: @aayearbook





Join us on Facebook and Remind

You can stay up to date on the fun activities going on at Allen Avenue Elementary with our monthly newsletter and by following the PTA on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/AllenAvenuePTA

or getting texts on your phone by visiting this link: www.remind.com/join/5b362.

Emergency Supplies Needed

Allen Avenue is in need of emergency supplies. If you or your business is able to donate tarps, an easy-up, foldable tables, gurneys, first aid supplies and/or batteries please contact the PTA at theeageleinsiderpta@gmail.com. Thank you!





It's Not Too Late to Join PTA!

Show your support for your child, the school and PTA and join by paying an \$8.00 membership fee. Envelopes are in the front office or pay online at our web store: https://allenavenuepta.myschoolcentral.com

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE STORE AT:

https://allenavenuepta.myschoolcentral.com/

You can purchase t-shirts, yearbooks, PTA memberships and more using your credit and debit cards and even your PayPal account.

Please add in all family member names before making purchases. Go to My

Account/My Family to make changes.







Principal's Dispatch: Back to School Safety Reminders



Welcome to all of our returning students at Allen Avenue Elementary,

I would like to remind all of you that the safety procedures at our school have been adopted over the years to keep our children and families safe.

We have one drop-off/pick-up location at Allen Ave. This is located on Allen Avenue in front of the parking lot. This location is very busy every morning and we ask that parents use this area correctly so that all Allen Ave. students get to class safely and on time daily. If your child is not yet ready for this "drop-off experience", please park elsewhere and walk your child onto campus.

If someone is walking your child into school, the "drop off" is not a waiting zone. Please continue to move your vehicle and wait in another location. It is important that the car flow keep moving in the drop-off area to prevent congestion. In addition, the parking lot is open only to buses and daycare vehicles. The parking lot is NOT to be used as a convenient way to make a u-turn. This minimizes traffic flow at the driveways so students can cross safely.

Please avoid walking through the parking lot as bodies can easily get lost among the buses and it becomes very dangerous. If there is a special circumstance, please see Mrs. Grenier. As a reminder, family pets are not allowed on school campus. We understand that they are part of our families, but please leave them safely at home while dropping off or picking up your student.

Please be respectful of children and families in the crosswalks. We all know that kids like to move around, so please don't turn until all pedestrians are on the sidewalk. Reminder: Speed limit is 25 mph in school zones!!

Please feel free to contact Debbie Grenier at dgrenier@bonita.k12.ca.us.

Debbie Grenier Principal

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Volunteers Rock!



The backbone of PTA is the hard-working volunteers who make all of our events, fundraising and programs seem effortless. From parent volunteers organizing the Holiday Shop, to parents copying off flyers and painting banners, and to our Board Members planning out and executing every detail of our year – your efforts are not in vain! We do this to enrich our children's experience and it is so very worth it. To all of you who have tirelessly helped and plan on helping in the future, our PTA Board says Thank You! We couldn't do it without you. Save the date! Present and past volunteers will be recognized at our next Association Meeting and Founder's Day celebration on February 21st! **#PTA4Kids**

Thank you!

PTA Board

President – Cassie Ryczek Treasurer – Martha Estrada Secretary – Anna Jenkins VP Health and Welfare - Ronell Jobe & Heather Simpkins VP Membership – Selina Garcia VP Programs – Marie Lockwood VP Ways and Means – Candice Leeuwen Historian – Maribel Gershman Auditor - Debbie Salcido Parliamentarian – Julia Apenahiur Newsletter/Webstore: Rachelle Killackey Family Dinner Nights – Mondai Keene Spirit Wear – Carol Garcia Art Expo – Rachelle Killackey

Eagle Insider Submissions

If you have news or updates you want to submit for our next monthly newsletter, please email Rachelle Killackey at

theeagleinsiderpta@gmail.com.

Submissions are due by the last week of each month for inclusion into the following month's newsletter.

Visit our school's website at: http://al.bonita.k12.ca.us

Visit our PTA page at: http://al.bonita.k12.ca.us/PTA/index.html

Visit us on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/AllenAvenuePTA

Visit us on Twitter at: https://twitter.com/AllenAvePTA





Classes at Allen Avenue

REGISTER EARLY for discount. Send form directly to CREATOR'Stouch by email, fax or mail at least **ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE** please. **Space is limited.** (Do not drop off at school because your form will not be processed until the first day of class and space cannot be guaranteed. If you do, you will need to bring your child to class to confirm if room is available.)

Animal Babies (Chalk Pastels & Colored Pencils)

Are you an animal lover? Draw cute and cuddly baby animals such as fluffy puppies, furry kittens, fuzzy snow penguins and adorable tiger cubs! Learn techniques with chalk pastels and colored pencils to make it look like you can reach out and pet them!

Dates: Thursdays 1/25-3/1/18 (6 lessons)

Times: Kindergarten 1:15-2:00

1st-3rd Grades 2:10-2:55 4th-5th Grades 3:00-3:45

Cost: Early Registration when you <u>send form to CREATOR'S touch by Th</u> 1/18 is \$69. \$75 after 1/18. Do NOT drop off at school. Includes materials.

Location: Cafeteria at Allen

Pick up: In front of cafeteria. If your child needs to go to daycare on campus after class, check the box on the form below.

POLICIES & INFORMATION:

- Register at least 1 week in advance, directly with our office, not the school. Consider yourself enrolled unless we notify you class is full
- Photos of students &/or their artwork may be used for promotional purposes without compensation or further permission, unless you specify.

UCLA Study Shows:

Involvement in the arts is linked to:

- higher academic performance
- higher standardized test scores
- more community service
- lower drop out rates





- Sorry, no make-up classes, refunds or credits
- Disruptive students may be removed from class
- We are not responsible for lost/damaged artwork or clothing
- Late Pick-up: You may be charged for excessive lateness

To view our <u>Student Artwork</u>, visit CREATORStouchonWheels.org and facebook.com/CREATORStouchonWheels (909) 297-3368 • info@CREATORStouchonWheels.org

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I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian and give my child(ren) permission to participate in this class. I agree for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators to release and discharge, as well as indemnify and hold harmless, CREATOR'Stouch on Wheels, its officers, directors, employees, and volunteers from any and all liability, causes of action, claims or damages for personal injury, property damage, or other loss.

I certify that I have read and agree to the policies on this form.

Signature

Date

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more GIVING BACK happens here

Let Chili's do the cooking while we support Allen Avenue Elementary School at the same time. With each flyer presented on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, Chili's will donate 15% of the event day sales back to this great organization.

Allen Avenue Elementary School Give Back Event is: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 From 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

only at: Chili's La Verne 1912 Foothill Blvd. La Verne CA 91750 - www.chilis.com

Give Back Event flyer required with each check to receive credit for the sale. Sale cannot be included in donation amount with flyer. Offer only valid on the date and location stated above. Donations will not be given on sales made prior to or past this date.