



William Allen School would like to wish all of our families a season of gladness, a season of cheer, and to top it all off a wonderful year.

Band & Chorus Reminders

- **Beginner Band Lessons** Tuesdays @ RMS 4-5 PM (No Band 19th, 26th)
- **Advance Band Lessons** Thursdays @ RMS 4-5 PM (No Band 14th, 21st, 28th)
- **Chorus** Thursday & Fridays 8:15-8:45 AM

Mark Your Calendar December

- 3th Rochester Holiday Parade 3PM
- 7th Holiday Concert (Gr.1-3 and chorus) 6:30 PM @SHS
- 12th PTA Meeting 4:30 PM
- 13th Band Concert 7PM @ RMS
- 25rd -1st Holiday Break



Find school breakfast & lunch menus by following this link

[Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)

or by going to

rochesterschools.nutrislice.com/

In the Spotlight

The **William Allen School** annual **Holiday Concert** will be Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 pm in the Spaulding High School auditorium. Students in grades 1 through 3 and chorus will be participating. Participating students are asked to arrive at SHS by 6:10pm. There will be a dress rehearsal at SHS the morning of the concert. Students will be taking a bus to and from the dress rehearsal. Students must have a signed permission slip to attend the dress rehearsal.

Elementary Band Holiday Concert is Wednesday, December 13, 7 PM at RMS Gym. Students need to arrive at the RMS cafeteria by 6 pm. with their instrument, music stand and music.

Concert attire is the following: Beginner band students need to dress nicely and advanced band students need to be wearing a white top and a dark bottom.

Concert Dress Rehearsals:

Advanced Band: Thursday, December 7, 4-5 PM at RMS

Beginning Band: Tuesday, December 12, 4-5 PM at RMS.

These are mandatory rehearsals.

Band Lessons Resume

Advanced Band: 1/5/17, Beginning Band: 1/10/17 both at RMS, 4-5 PM.

With the approaching winter season, there may be occasions when WAS will utilize the **Honeywell Alert System** in case of cancellation or delays. Please verify and/or update your information in the Honeywell Alert System to receive the most accurate and up to date alerts. If you need assistance, please contact Mrs. Mirasola in the main office at 332-2280. Thank you!

CHALLENGE 5
STRIVE FOR LESS THAN FIVE DAYS ABSENT!™

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Good to Know...

- ✓ The official first day of winter is just around the corner and with that comes cold, wintry weather. We use www.weather.com regularly throughout the day to check the daily temperature. We will have **outside recess** as long as the "feels like" temperature is at least 15°. Please be sure to dress your child appropriately for the day's weather and conditions. If your family needs help with obtaining a winter jacket, hat, snow pants, mittens/gloves and/or boots. Please contact our **Guidance Department** 603-332-2280

- ✓ William Allen has Holiday Spirit!! During the month of November the William Allen Wildcats were **thankful**. We shared lots of things we were thankful for both at home and school. Each class designed a square for a school **Thankfulness Quilt** that will be displayed in our cafeteria! Thank you to ALL the families who donated food for our Food Drive! We are Thankful for you! During the month of December the William Allen Wildcats will continue with our holiday spirit and focus on one of our Code of Conduct expectations – **Being Kind**.

PTA Portal

- ☺ □□□□□ Our next PTA Meeting will be **December 12th** at **4:30pm**. Free childcare is provided during meetings and all are encouraged to attend.

- ☺ Our annual **Holiday Shop** will be open **December 4th-8th**. We are still in need of a few volunteers to help us run the shop. Monday will be a preview day where each class will have a chance to see the items available. Each class will get to shop during their library times. If you are interested in volunteering you can contact us on **Facebook** or call the main office. We appreciate your support.

- ☺ William Allen PTA will be creating a **Holiday float** for the Rochester Holiday Parade. If you are interested in helping or walking along in support of our school please contact Noel Baker at 603-247-7343 for more information.

What to wear on the playground during winter months!

Grades K-2 – will need snow boots and snow pants to play in the snow.

*Otherwise, they will need to play on a hard-top area.

Grades 3-5 – are not required to wear snow boots and/or snow pants, but if they happen to get wet natural consequences will apply. (No changing at school, no calling home, no going to the nurse for dry clothes.)



WAS classroom Spelling Bee word lists have been sent home! Please help your student prepare for the bee by helping them study the list. Winners of the classroom bee will go on to participate in the school wide bee after the holiday



Principal's Corner

December 2017

It was great to see so many families at parent conferences in November! It is not too late to schedule your conference if you were unable to attend last month. Your child's teacher is anxious to share information about your child's progress with you. To date, 84% of our families have had conferences with teachers. Four classrooms have hit the 100% mark!

During the month of November at William Allen, we were "thankful!" In addition to a successful food drive and Veterans Day Assembly we expressed thankfulness through writing and on our morning announcements. Classrooms created a school-wide quilt that will be unveiled and hung in our cafeteria soon! A special thank you to Clay Prewitt, Mrs. Prewitt's husband, for donating the materials and putting the quilt together for this wonderful artifact we will have for many years!

Our staff is working on strategies to increase competency in Mathematics this year. Each grade level has identified areas they are targeting to help students succeed and have committed to our school-wide goal. Mrs. Wiggins and Mrs. Crowe are going to a professional development workshop this month and will share what they have learned with staff. With the addition of more chrome books, students now have more access to technology applications such as IX Math, FrontRowEd, and XTRAMATH."

Our students have been working with Miss Dodson and Mr. Bergeron to prepare for our upcoming Holiday Concerts. These are great traditions for our families and I hope to see you this month! I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. Be sure to take some time for your family, friends, and reading!

Lynn Allen, Principal

Attention

We have many items in our Lost and Found box. If you are missing an item please send your student to the Lost and Found area (front lobby) to look for it. Any items left unclaimed will be donated to the Salvation Army by Friday, December 22nd.

Check us out on the Web

The [WAS Family Connection](#) website is updated regularly with important school messages from administrators. For classroom information please check [classroom website](#) for teacher updates. Lastly, be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#) <https://twitter.com/allen127882902> for live school updates! WAS has many great resources to stay informed!

Looking Ahead

January

- 9 PTA Meeting 6:30PM
- 10 Early Release 1:15PM Dismissal
- 12 Progress Report 2 Term B
- 15 MLK Day - NO SCHOOL
- 19 Snowflake Social 6:00-8:00PM
- 24 Spelling Bee 1:30
- 29 Teacher Workshop - NO SCHOOL

We educate today's child for tomorrow's world.