

# Allamanda News

## Allamanda Elementary Newsletter



### A Message from Principal Ferrera

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good spirits. I would like to take a moment to share a few thoughts with you as we move into the final trimester of this school year. I am continually inspired by the incredible energy, creativity, and dedication that fill our school community each day. In the midst of our busy schedules and difficult challenges, it's essential to take a moment to pause and reflect on the remarkable journey we embark on together. Every day, we have the privilege of shaping young minds, nurturing curiosity, and instilling a love of learning that will last a lifetime. This is no small feat, and it is a responsibility that we all share with great pride and enthusiasm.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to our amazing staff and students, whose boundless enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge brighten our hallways and classrooms. I also want to thank every parent, guardian and family member who take an active role in the education of our students. Together, we can create a nurturing and enriching environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential. If you're interested, check out page 4 of our newsletter for ways to get more involved on campus.

Finally, I want to invite everyone to our final parent training of the school year on March 27th at 8:15 a.m. in our Media Center. This is a "Coffee Chat" meeting where our Math and Reading coaches will present critical information about the final state-wide Progress Monitoring (PM3) assessment, followed by a Q&A session, giving you the opportunity to ask questions. Come and learn about testing expectations, requirements and procedures for April and May!

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need anything at all. Your child's success is our top priority, and your involvement and support are invaluable to your child's success.

In health,  
Principal Corey Ferrera



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# ALLAMANDA UPDATES

## Black History Month Celebrations

Allamanda is celebrating Black History Month in February to recognize the contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout U.S. history. On February 29th, our performing arts program has put together a special collaborative performance to showcase the importance of diversity, inclusion and equity for all!

## Morning Drop Off Procedures

Students are welcome into the cafeteria for FREE breakfast between 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. ALL teachers, including ASD and PreK classes, are waiting to safely welcome your children to school in the cafeteria at that time. Arrival after 8:00 a.m. is late! The cafeteria doors will close so that teachers can get to class to begin teaching. After 8:00 a.m. you must walk your child to the front office with your ID and sign them in.

## ESE/IEP Parent Support Group (PTO Sponsored)

This group is for parents of children that qualify for an IEP or 504 plan – both Mainstream Classrooms & Self-Contained Units.

Parenting is tough, parenting a child with a little extra sparkle can bring even more unique challenges. If you would like to connect with other parents who “get it” then please join us!

Thursday March 14, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Allamanda Media Center  
Childcare can be provided but you *must* pre-register.  
Maximum 10 children.  
Register at: [eseparentsupport@gmail.com](mailto:eseparentsupport@gmail.com)

(Spaces for childcare available on a first come first served basis)

Future Meeting Dates:  
Monday April 15 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Monday May 13 @ 6:30 p.m.

## Early Dismissal

Early dismissal in our front office ends promptly at 1:15 p.m. If your child has an appointment in the afternoon and you want to pick them up, they will need to leave prior to 1:15 pm. Any parent arriving after 1:15 p.m. will be directed to wait in their car until students are dismissed at 2:05 p.m.

## Afternoon Carline Changes

For safety purposes, cars cannot line up in the car line until 1 p.m. Please be respectful of our campus and do not leave litter or other unpleasant items in our carline area while you are waiting.

## Kids Heart Challenge

Allamanda is raising money for the American Heart Association. We had so much fun kicking off this year’s Kids Heart Challenge on February 12th in Health and Wellness class! Students learned about this year’s heart heroes, and heart health life lessons like getting active, asking for help, resting well and being kind. **BONUS:** your student will get a free wristband for joining at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/AllamandaElementarySchool> or using the AHA Schools app. The Kids Heart Challenge will run until March 8th. Help be a Heart Hero and register TODAY. If you have any questions contact Katie Abrams at [katharine.abrams@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:katharine.abrams@palmbeachschools.org).

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Next PTO Meeting: 3/13/24 @ 6:00 p.m.

# ALLAMANDA UPDATES

## Coach's Corner

The Allamanda Running Club now has run over 800 miles as a team! What a fantastic achievement for our athletes! I am equally proud of the number of runners that we have on the team. We have almost 90 runners! It is amazing to see so many students having fun and improving their health at the same time!

The Allamanda Golf Club has continued to impress too! Students are working on chipping for distance and accuracy, as well as putting with proper form and demonstrating golf etiquette.

## Swarm Store

The Swarm store is the last week of February during Media. Students have the chance to shop for prizes and toys, or save their tickets for big prize experiences like a dance party or Kona Ice truck! Parents, if you are interested in getting involved with our Swarm Store, contact PTO via email at [AllamandaPTO@gmail.com](mailto:AllamandaPTO@gmail.com)

## School Advisory Council (SAC)

SAC is a monthly meeting with Principal Ferrera and Assistant Principal Wooley to learn about the state of our school. We discuss current academic achievements, curriculum updates, district-wide changes in policies and procedures and many more important topics! All are encouraged to attend!

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:  
March - Meeting cancelled  
April 17, 2024  
May 15, 2024

## Spring Book Fair Family Night

Mark your calendars! **The Spring Book Fair Family Night is April 3rd.** This year our spring book fair will be combined with our **Science Night and Health and Wellness Expo** to showcase our multi-faceted approach to education and learning! This will be one empowering night of fun for ALL family members! We will have books for sale, science activities to participate in and local businesses on site to share their services with you and your family.

## Important Upcoming Testing Info

Students are preparing for the third and final Progress Monitoring (PM3) assessment for this school year. They will be taking these tests during April and May.

*Home practice packets* will be sent home with all students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade to practice specific skills each week. PLEASE go through these packets with your students to discuss what they are learning. Each packet includes an info sheet with guiding questions that parents can ask students.

All students who complete the packets will be entered into a weekly raffle for lots of fun prizes!

In addition, administration will also be sending home information sheets for students who receive accommodations so that parents know when their child will be testing and who the student will test with.

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# PARENTS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

## Spring Book Fair is Coming Soon!

We need parent volunteers to help with the book fair during the first week in April (1st - 5th). If you are interested in helping at any time during the week, we need volunteers between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please contact PTO via email to sign up!  
[AllamandaPTO@gmail.com](mailto:AllamandaPTO@gmail.com)

## Swarm Store

We are in need of parent volunteers to help students during Swarm Store shopping weeks:  
February 26th - March 1st  
April 8th - 12th  
Please contact PTO via email if you would like to help!  
[AllamandaPTO@gmail.com](mailto:AllamandaPTO@gmail.com)

## Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)

PTO is the perfect way to get involved on campus! Join our amazing parents and teachers for monthly planning meetings to discuss upcoming events, fundraising efforts and volunteer opportunities on campus! Email PTO for more information at  
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# DISTRICT UPDATES & RESOURCES

## Celebrating Black History Month at PBCSD

The School District is proud to join the community in celebrating the achievements and contributions of generations of Black Americans. There are extensive resources on the school district website to find out all of the ways students and staff are celebrating throughout our district! Visit this [LINK](#) for more information.

## McKinney-Vento Program (MVP) - Homelessness

Our MVP team is made up of social service and education professionals who work to address problems often faced by children experiencing homelessness and youth enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. The District's Homeless Liaison coordinates the efforts of the MVP team and ensures compliance with the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act, as well as other federal and state education mandates regarding homeless students. The mission of the MVP team is to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to remove barriers to successful outcomes for homeless students.

Please visit the following website for more info!

[https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students\\_parents/mckinney\\_vento\\_program\\_mvp](https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students_parents/mckinney_vento_program_mvp)

## Water Safety

<http://l.sdpbc.net/j6vvb> - Creole Booklet  
<http://l.sdpbc.net/7chn5> - Spanish Booklet  
<http://l.sdpbc.net/pfgt0> - English Booklet

## Family Resources for Wellness

[District Family Resources Page](#)  
[2024 Family Mental Health & Wellness](#)

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# Upcoming Events

3/2	ACE Club
3/6	Drama Show
3/12	Patrols leave for D.C.
3/13	PTO Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
3/18 - 3/22	Spring Break
3/25	No School - Teacher Professional Development Day
3/27	Coffee Chat - Parent Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.
3/29	HOLIDAY - Good Friday
4/1	Spring Book Fair Week Begins
4/3	Book Fair / STEM Family Night @ 5:30 p.m.
4/8	Spring Picture Day
4/9	Kindergarten Roundup: Session 1 @ 9:00 a.m.
4/9	Kindergarten Roundup: Session 2 @ 5:30 p.m.
4/10	No School - Holiday
4/17	SAC Meeting @ 2:30 p.m.
4/24	Spring Concert @ 6:00 p.m.
4/25	Take Your Child to Work Day

