

Allamanda News

Allamanda Elementary Newsletter



A Message from Principal Ferrera

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter finds you well. I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your continued support and dedication to our school community. The past year has brought its own set of challenges, but it has also shown us the strength and resilience that define us as a close-knit school family. Thank you to every family member who shows up through our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) and our School Advisory Council (SAC). We could not do what we do without you.

By now I hope that you have all had a chance to review your child's performance on their second Progress Monitoring assessment (PM2). As many of you know, we set high expectations this year in the areas of academic achievement, and I am proud to announce that our students are right on track to meet this goal!

As we move into the third trimester of the 2024 school year, everyone is working hard to learn new concepts and skills. I want to highlight how crucial regular attendance is for student's academic success. Each day in the classroom provides an opportunity for students to acquire new knowledge, develop essential skills, and build a foundation for future learning. Consistent attendance ensures that students do not miss out on important lessons, classroom discussions, and hands-on activities that contribute to their overall educational growth. I appreciate your continued partnership in your child's educational success.

Thank you for your support in making Allamanda Elementary a place of excellence for our students. Our team remains committed to providing a nurturing and challenging academic environment that fosters a love for learning. Together, let's continue to educate, affirm and inspire our students to reach even greater heights through the end of this school year.

Warm regards,
Principal Corey Ferrera



Newsletter Highlights

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ALLAMANDA UPDATES

Family Fun Dance with Digital Vibez!!

Digital Vibez is back!!! February 16th at 5:00 p.m. join super-dancers Digital Vibez in our courtyard for a family friendly dance party! Families are invited to bring lawn chairs, picnics and snacks to enjoy. Snacks and waters will be available for purchase on site.

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 more parents who “get it” then please join us!

Thursday, Feb. 15, 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

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

Some of the topics that connected us at previous meetings have included finding the “right” socks, dental cleanings and sedation, finding comedic relief in our joined experiences of social mishaps, transitioning to middle school, prolonged potty-training and the list goes on. There is a large ESE student body here at Allamanda. You are not alone in this crazy journey of parenting – let’s support each other through it!

Future Meeting Dates:

Thursday March 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

Monday April 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

Monday May 13 @ 6:30 p.m.

Copy & Print Volunteers Needed!

Parents and family members, we need your help! The PTO copy & print station is in need of more volunteers to keep up with all of the copying for our teachers! No copy machine experience necessary. We will train you on how to use it! [Sign Up HERE](#) or please email samantha.kirby@palmbeachschools.org

Allamanda Golf

Coach Glynn’s golf club is off to a great start! Students on our golf team will be learning the fundamentals of putting on our very own putting green and chipping on the field, along with proper golf etiquette and rules of the game!

A Note from Ms. Cino

On December 20th the music and drama students performed their annual winter show and it was AMAZING! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students, teachers, and parents that participated in the Winter concert. The band and violin groups performed their holiday songs so well and the drama and chorus came together to superbly perform The Nutcracker Suite. A big thanks to Ms. Warshaw, Kali DeCarlo, and Cara Mulligan for their hard work, creativity, and passion for the arts. The collaboration between clubs and aftercare to make the music, costumes, and characters come together surely put us in the holiday spirit. Thank you!!

Musically,

Ms. Sara Cino

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****NEW**** Instagram - @aes.pto

Next PTO Meeting: 2/7/24 @ 8:00 a.m.

ALLAMANDA UPDATES

Yearbooks

Pre-order your yearbook now! The 2023-2024 Allamanda Yearbook is available for pre-order now! To pre-order, go to focusedonforever.com/yearbooks. All pre-orders will be paid online through this link. Cash or checks are not accepted for pre-orders.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. in the Media Center.
Upcoming Meeting Dates:
February 21, 2024
March TBD
April 17, 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.

DISTRICT UPDATES & RESOURCES

Family Resources for Wellness

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

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

School Effectiveness Questionnaire (SEQ)



We value your feedback, and your opinions play a vital role in shaping the educational experience at Allamanda Elementary. The School District of Palm Beach County has created a brief school survey that covers various aspects of our school community, from curriculum to extracurricular activities. Your input will help us identify areas of strength and areas that may need improvement. Please support Allamanda by completing this survey by February 9th!
<https://www.questionpro.com/a/TakeSurvey?tt=M6GCNIqH0IQEChPeIW9eQ%3D%3D>

Water Safety

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

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Upcoming Events

- 1/31 Chick-Fil-A Family Night @ Gardens Mall
- 2/1 PoP Day of Awesomeness
- 2/7 PTO Meeting @ 8:00 a.m.
- 2/7 Patrol Washington DC Trip Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- 2/15 ESE Parent Support Group @ 6:30 p.m.
- 2/16 Family Fun Dance Night 5 - 7 p.m.
- 2/19 No School - Teacher Work Day
- 2/21 SAC Meeting / Title I Stakeholders Meeting
- 3/12 Patrols leave for D.C.
- 3/14 ESE Parent Support Group @ 6:30 p.m.
- 3/18 - 3/22 Spring Break
- 3/25 No School - Teacher Professional Development Day
- 3/29 HOLIDAY - Good Friday

