

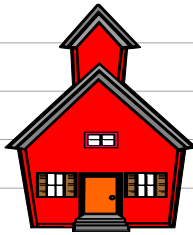
GGUSD

# Allen Elementary Mountaineer



## Principal Message

September 2009



We would like to welcome back our returning students and parents, and welcome our new families joining the outstanding Allen community! We have been busy preparing our campus for your return, and we are ready to begin another successful year.

We are sure you are all equally proud of the results of our test scores as we are. The scores exemplify the strong efforts of the whole Allen School community. We look forward to continuing to provide the excellent academic program that our children deserve.

### Special points of interest:

- Allen Website  
[www.ggusd.k12.ca.us/allen](http://www.ggusd.k12.ca.us/allen)

### SCHOOL HOURS

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday

Kindergarten  
8:30-12:20

Grades 1-6  
8:30-2:50

Wednesday (Early Re-  
lease Day)

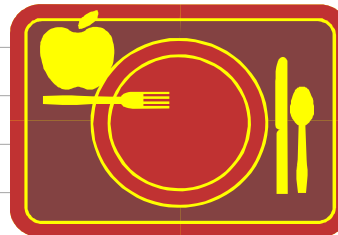
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## Lunch Program

A student hot lunch is \$1.50 including milk. The lunch program will continue to be a balanced meal as prescribed by the state. Students may bring a lunch and purchase milk separately for 50¢.

Lunches may be purchased through the district and school office. Students have the opportunity to receive a free or reduced price meal. The enclosed application is processed through the district's Food Services Department. Students who were eligible last year for free or reduced lunch will continue to be eligible through September while applications are processed. All new students must purchase lunch or bring a sack lunch until their applications are processed, and eligibility has been determined. You may also create a convenient lunch account by going to our website and clicking on [mylunchmoney.com](http://mylunchmoney.com).



### Tips for Parents

Actions for All Students to Succeed!

1. Attendance at school is mandatory
2. Tell your child "Do your best today!"
3. Parents can help at home by expecting their children to listen, ask questions and follow the rules.

Joan Spiker, Ed.D

## Parent Teacher Association

The PTA is an excellent format for parents to network with other parents, support school programs and volunteer at school. We strongly encourage all parents and staff to support the PTA to the fullest extent possible.

### Class Adjustments

We are always hopeful that no class adjustments will need to be made due to increased enrollment. Students come and go during the summer, which results in changes in the numbers from when classes were established in June.

If adjustments are necessary, we try to make the changes as soon as possible. We will keep you informed as the need arises.



### Attendance and Absence Verification

If your child is absent, please notify the school office, and send a note to the teacher briefly explaining the reason for the absence when your child returns to school. Please include your child's full name and date(s) of absence(s). Regular school attendance and arrival on time are critical for student success. There will be awards given this year for attendance.

### Safety Concerns



If you have ever been in our parking lot before or after school, you know how important it is for parents to follow all safety rules and guidelines for student safety. Remember to

allow plenty of time in the morning so that you arrive at school before 8:30 a.m. School begins at 8:30, so students should be in line by 8:30. As a reminder, the following parking lot rules must be followed.

**The north parking lot is for busses and staff parking only.** The south parking lot on Bushard Street is for families' use. You may drop off and pick up your child in this parking lot. There are two lanes. The far right lane is to drop off or pick up your child at the designated curb. The far left lane traffic is for continuing to circle or parking in the spaces.

Please do not leave your car in the drop-off lane to walk your child to his/her classroom. This creates a huge safety and traffic problem.

We appreciate your full and complete cooperation with these safety rules.

### Back to School Night

Please mark Tuesday October 6, 2009 as **Allen School's Back to School Night** program. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's classroom teacher, and learn about the grade level standards, homework policy, general classroom expectations, programs, textbooks, and goals for your student.



### Contact Us

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A PTA sponsored Book Fair will be held in conjunction with our Back to School Night. The Book Fair will be open at 6:30 p.m. and the classroom programs will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m.