

A Note from Mrs. González

December 1, 2017



DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

Dec. 4	Parent Satisfaction Survey OPENS
Dec. 4-8	PTO's Penguin Patch Week
Dec. 7	PTO meeting
Dec. 13	Parent Satisfaction Survey LAST DAY
Dec. 22	Classroom Celebrations/Winter Break begins at the end of the day
Jan. 8	Classes resume

Driving Student To/From School

Because we care about all students' safety, we want to remind you of our

Anderson's Traffic Plan:

- ✓ In the front of the building, car lane #1, the closest to the building, is for student pick-up and drop off. **To make the process more fluid and efficient, PLEASE drive all the way to the end of the sidewalk to drop off/pick up your child and do not park or leave your car in the pick-up lane at any time.**
- ✓ Students can be dropped off starting at 8:25 AM. **We do not have Supervision before that time.**
- ✓ Car lane #2, next to the parking lot, is blocked to avoid accidents. Please be patient and do not drive over the big orange cones to avoid accidents.
- ✓ Do not block the Pedestrian Crossing or the Handicapped parking spaces.
- ✓ It is not legal for cars on Weber Drive to make a U-turn when picking up students or to have students cross Weber Drive to get to the car. Let's avoid accidents and keep all children safe!
- ✓ Staff members are outside during Drop Off and Pick Up times to help.

We are noticing some students crossing the street to get to their parents' cars and others not using the Pedestrian Crossing to get to the parking lot where their parents are waiting for them. This is very dangerous and we need your help to ensure that we will not have any accidents.

Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated!



District Coding Night

Inviting all families of students in K~5th Grades! Join us for a night of computer coding! There is no experience needed. Kids and parent teams will tackle self-paced coding puzzles through code.org and will write their first lines of code together! Don't miss this district-wide event!

Code.org is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding access to computer science. Their vision is that every student in every school should have the opportunity to learn computer science, just like biology, chemistry or algebra. Through their annual Hour of Code campaign, students from all backgrounds learn how to code right where they learn – in their schools

There is one opportunity left for families to attend this coding session:

- December 5 at Bell-Graham Elementary School - 6:00 -7:30 p.m. [Click here to register.](#)

Jim Wheeler Toys for Kids program

The Salvation Army is sponsoring a Toys for Kids program. Toys for Kids was the labor of love for Jim Wheeler, who was also known as the golf professional at Pottawatomie Park. Jim passed away and the Salvation Army has continued this wonderful program in Jim's honor.

You can make a contribution by purchasing an unwrapped toy for a child and placing it in the toy collection box in our main foyer by Friday, December 8th. Toys will be distributed on December 15th and 16th. Please see flyer attached to this email for more information. Thank you for your generosity!

D303 Parent Satisfaction Survey

The annual St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 Parent Satisfaction Survey will be available from December 4 through December 13. Parents of all District 303 students are strongly encouraged to participate. This anonymous survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete. Click [here](#) to complete it beginning on Monday, December 4. Parents can complete one survey for each of their children who attend a District 303 school by selecting "Take the Elementary, Middle, or High School Survey!" The survey is available in English and Spanish.

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP:

Grade School Worries:

Identifying and Supporting Your Anxious Child



**Free
Workshop for
Parents!**

Presented by:

Allyse Rehak, MA, LCPC

Riverview Child & Family Therapy

Anxiety in the elementary school-aged child is far more common than you may think. Come and learn about anxiety and how to best support your child toward emotional health.

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

6:30 - 7:30pm

Richmond Intermediate School - LRC

Please return this RSVP to your child's teacher by Friday, November 24th or go to <https://tinyurl.com/ybxl7vlc> and RSVP online.

Your Name(s): _____

Your Child's School: _____

Number of Adults Attending: _____

Office: Please forward all RSVPs to Richmond Intermediate by Monday, November 27, 2017.

DID YOU KNOW?

Research shows that students who eat breakfast at school perform better on standardized tests than those who skip or eat breakfast at home. School breakfast also improves a student's concentration, attentiveness, comprehension, memory and learning.*

*Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), "Breakfast for Learning," Spring 2014.



Students eligible for a **FREE** or reduced price **lunch** can also receive a **FREE** or reduced price **breakfast**.

Ask at school today!

The overall wellbeing and growth of our students is a priority!
Encourage your child to take advantage of the nutritious breakfast and lunch meals available at school.



From Anderson Elementary PTO:

**Everyone is a hero...
you just need the courage to put on the cape!**

Anderson PTO



Hope everyone had a relaxing break.

~ The Penguin Patch is starting next week. See attached flyers for details!

~ Bouna Beef Family Night is 12/19. Yummy!

~ Funway Family Night- 1/18

~ Clubs will be starting in January... volunteers will be needed =)

~ Special PTO Meetings are scheduled for:

- 12/7 (Anderson Welcomes BPAC)
- 1/11 (Internet Safety/Google presentation with Mrs. Sanders)

Movie Night - Cancelled

= Email ptotreasury.andersonfoxes@gmail.com if you would like to be added to our contact list for volunteers and donations.

= And don't forget to clip your Box Tops during the Holiday Season.

The logo features a yellow star on the left. To its right, the text "Fund Star, Inc.'s" is written in a grey, sans-serif font. Below this, the word "SIGNATURE" appears in a smaller, purple, all-caps font. The main title "Holiday Shoppe" is rendered in a large, stylized, orange and yellow font with a drop shadow effect.

Dear Students:

Next week, we will be holding a Holiday Shoppe known as Operation Penguin for you and we want you to be the first to know all about it. The Holiday Shoppe is a store that will be set up at school, where you can do your own gift shopping for family and friends. The store will be open during school hours and your class will have its own special time to shop. We will have parent helpers at the store ready to help you if you need it.

There will be lots of wonderful gifts to choose from, all at low prices that students can afford. There will be many gifts just for moms, dads, sisters, brothers, grandmas, and grandpas, to make it easy to find a gift for everyone on your list. You will be able to take your gifts with you from the store.

Start thinking about your gift list now and we will have more details for you soon! Please ask your parents to read this letter too.

Sincerely,

The PTO Board





Operation Secret Penguin Shoppe

Dear Parents:

The Holiday Gift Shoppe, also known as Operation Secret Penguin Shoppe, is coming next week! This is an exciting opportunity for our students to buy special gifts for family and friends in a safe, non-commercial atmosphere. They will learn how to budget money, make choices away from crowds and outside pressures, and will feel really great because they are buying presents themselves. Busy parents also appreciate this service because they know that their children will be buying in a friendly and secure learning environment.

The Holiday Gift Shoppe offers quality gifts for moms, dads, siblings, grandparents, other family members, friends and even pets. Prices will range from under \$0.25 to \$10.00, with most items in the \$1.00 to \$3.50 range. Parents, grandparents and volunteers set up and supervise the Shoppe. We can always use help, and we promise you a lot of fun. A volunteer form will be coming home shortly with all the dates and times.

More details on dates, times and location of our Shoppe to follow. Before the Shoppe begins you will receive a "gift list" envelope for you to fill out for each shopper in your family. The envelope will help our volunteers guide shoppers with their buying.

We know you will find The Holiday Gift Shoppe a great convenience to you and a positive experience for your child(ren) in the joy of giving.

Anderson Elementary PTO Meeting Dec. 7th

Come learn about **BPAC (Bilingual Program Advisory Council)**
and their impact to our school and district.

We love to hear everyone's input and great ideas! Sign-up for
committee or just give feedback.



BPAC Presentation

Please email if you have any questions.

PTOSecretary.andersonfoxes@gmail.com

Child care is free, however we are not
able to watch infants (but they are wel-
come at meeting.)

Start time: 6 pm

Parents: Teachers' Lounge

Children: Gym

BUONA

THE ORIGINAL ITALIAN BEEF

Support A **“BUONA”** CAUSE

Tuesday, December 19th 2017

20% of all sales incurred as a result of your participation will benefit:

Anderson Elementary School

St. Charles
2425 W Main St
(630) 405-5557

Flyer must be presented when ordering

Interested in setting up a Buona Benefit Night? Email us at fundraising@buona.com!

Visit BUONA.com to order or to view a menu

