

ALLENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome Back, Allenwood Wildcats!

Excellence Everywhere: Every Class, Every Student, Every Day!

Dear Allenwood Elementary School Students and Families,

Welcome back, Wildcats!

It is with great excitement that I welcome our students and families to the 2026–2027 school year at Allenwood Elementary School! I hope your summer provided opportunities to relax, recharge, spend time with family and friends, and create wonderful memories.

There is something special about the beginning of a new school year. It brings new classrooms, new teachers, new friendships, new goals, and new opportunities. Most importantly, a new school year gives each of us another opportunity to learn, grow, and become even better than we were before.

This year, we will embrace a powerful theme that represents the high expectations we have for ourselves and our students:

EXCELLENCE EVERYWHERE

Every Class, Every Student, Every Day!

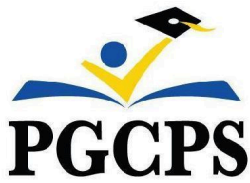
At Allenwood, we believe excellence should not be limited to one classroom, one subject, one student, or one moment. Excellence should be visible throughout our entire school community.

For our **students**, Excellence Everywhere means giving your best effort, even when learning becomes challenging. It means coming to school ready to learn, treating others with kindness and respect, making responsible choices, asking questions, persevering, and believing that you are capable of accomplishing great things.

For our **families**, Excellence Everywhere means continuing the important partnership between home and school. Your encouragement, communication, involvement, and support make an incredible difference in your child's success.

For our **staff**, Excellence Everywhere means creating safe, welcoming, engaging, and academically challenging learning environments where every student has the opportunity to thrive.

Together, we will make excellence more than our theme. We will make it our standard.



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Welcome to Our New Wildcats!

Our Wildcat family continues to grow!

This year, we are excited to welcome our new Assistant Principal, along with several new teachers and staff members who are joining the Allenwood family. We look forward to introducing them to our students and families, and we know they will quickly discover what makes our school community so special.

To our returning students and families, welcome back!

To those joining Allenwood for the first time, welcome to the Wildcat family! We are excited that you are here and cannot wait for you to experience the pride, energy, community, and spirit of Allenwood Elementary School.

Student Orientation

Monday, August 24, 2026

We are excited to welcome our youngest and newest Wildcats for Student Orientation. Orientation is designed to help students and families become familiar with our school, meet members of the Allenwood team, visit classrooms, and prepare for a successful start to the school year.

Pre-Kindergarten

8:00 9:00

Kindergarten

9:15–10:15 a.m.

Our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students and families will have an opportunity to meet their teachers, become familiar with their classrooms and the school environment, and begin preparing for an exciting year at Allenwood.

New Students in Grades 1–5

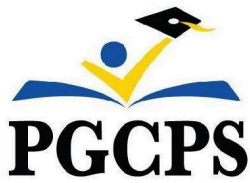
10:30–11:30 a.m.

Students in grades 1–5 who are new to Allenwood Elementary School are invited to attend this orientation session with their families. This will be an opportunity to become familiar with our school, meet members of the Allenwood team, and learn important information to help make the transition to our Wildcat family successful.

We want every student to begin the year feeling welcomed, confident, connected, and ready to learn!

Save the Date: Back-to-School Night

Thursday, September 10, 2026



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Please mark your calendars for our **Allenwood Elementary School Back-to-School Night** on **Thursday, September 10, 2026**.

Back-to-School Night is an important opportunity for families to connect with teachers, learn about classroom expectations and instructional priorities, and discover ways we can work together to support student achievement throughout the year.

Additional information regarding the time and schedule for the evening will be shared with families.

We hope to see you there!

Wildcat Uniform Expectations

As we begin a year focused on **Excellence Everywhere**, we want our Wildcats to arrive each day **ready to learn and dressed for success!**

Allenwood Elementary School students are expected to wear the school uniform each day.

Acceptable Tops:

Students may wear **light blue or white polo/collared shirts**, either short- or long-sleeved.

Acceptable Bottoms:

Students may wear **navy blue pants, skirts, or shorts**.

Acceptable Shoes:

Students should wear **black shoes with hard bottoms**. **Crocs, sandals, open-toe shoes, and open-heel shoes are not permitted.**

We ask families to help students come to school each day in uniforms that are:

Clean • Neat • Tucked In • Ready for Learning

Our uniform expectations help us:

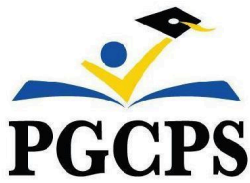
- **Promote** school unity and pride.
- **Minimize** distractions so students can focus on learning.
- **Create** a safe and focused learning environment.
- **Prepare** students for success.

Our uniforms are also another way for students to demonstrate their **Wildcat Pride** and commitment to excellence. Students are also allowed to AES Spiritwear any day of the week. We also have Spirit Tuesdays each week:

1st Tuesday: College Tuesday (Wear a college/university shirt) **2nd Tuesday:** Jersey Tuesday (Wear any jersey)

3rd Tuesday: Career Tuesday (Special guest on the Morning Show) **4th Tuesday:** AES Spirit Tuesday

5th Tuesday: Favorite Color Tuesday (Wear your favorite color). Every Friday is AES Spirit Friday!



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Attendance Matters — Every Day Counts!

Another important part of **Excellence Everywhere** is simply being present.

One of the most important ways families can support academic success is by ensuring that students are **at school, on time, every day**. Our school day is 8:30 am -2:45 pm. **Doors open at 8:15am for all students.**

Every day of instruction matters. When students attend school consistently, they have more opportunities to learn, develop skills, build relationships, grow in confidence, and experience success.

Missing even a few days can mean missing important instruction that can be difficult to replace.

This year, we are asking every Allenwood family to make excellent attendance a priority beginning with the very first day.

Students, **we need you here!**

Your classroom community is not complete without you.

Excellence Everywhere begins with being present and ready to learn!

Get ready, Wildcats! An exciting year of **learning, growing, achieving, and celebrating** is ahead of us.

Excellence Everywhere! Every Class. Every Student. Every Day.

Welcome to the **2026–2027 school year!**

With Wildcat Pride,

Dr. Sharon H. Porter
Principal



We are Allenwood. We are Wildcats!