

TIGER PAWS

1st Quarter 2018-19

New STEM Partnership Coming to Town!

Dreams, Imagination & Gifts Development Program (DIG) is coming to Allendale County Schools! DIG's role as Project Coordinator for Allendale US2020 STEM coalition effort was announced at the Team's meeting of partners on September 26, 2018.

As a winner of the 2018 STEM Coalition Challenge, the Team was awarded funding to support local STEM mentoring programs; here's where DIG comes in.

DIG will be working to align existing STEM outreach programs with the Allendale County School System programs to meet long-term strategic goals. The annual DIG STEM Festival, held in Williston, South Carolina, is the brainchild of the organization.

The Team was formed by leaders in the South Carolina Promise Zone and the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) to help students build proficiency in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).



Increasing a higher level of understanding and exposure to STEM along with helping students become college and career ready are the main goals of this collaborative. DIG's Founder Steven Brown says telling students about the many doors of opportunity in the world isn't enough for students in rural areas; showing them a door even exist is the key.

Happy Manufacturing Day: AFHS Students go to Work

On October 5, 2018 Phoenix Specialty Manufacturing in Bamberg, SC, one of the nation's leaders in customer specialty parts, opened its doors to 20 students Career and Technology Education (CATE) students from Allendale-Fairfax High School and students from other local schools to demonstrate the inner workings of manufacturing on National Manufacturing Day. "One of the main reasons AFHS participated in Manufacturing Day is to introduce students to potential careers in this industry," said CATE Director, MonaLisa Anderson.



Spread the Word:

Parenting Partners Workshops

Allendale County Schools is sponsoring a series of eight (8) Parenting Partners Workshops hosted by Nazarene Baptist Church, our local community partner in Fairfax, SC.

- Oct. 9th: Positive Parenting
- Oct. 16th: Creating Confident Kids
- Oct. 23rd: Communication That Works
- Oct. 30th: Creating Structure For Success
- Nov. 6th: Discipline: Practice For Success
- Nov. 13th: What Children and Teens Need to Succeed
- Nov. 20th: Parents Engaged For Academic Success
- Nov. 27th: Graduation



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ACS Spirit Week



F. E. S. Celebrates Hispanic Heritage!

October began with a taste of Hispanic heritage at Fairfax Elementary School as everyone celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Each class was created colorful displays for the school's mini Hispanic heritage art exhibit and the exhibit didn't disappoint. Media Specialist, Ms. Linda Green incorporated literacy in the mix and the students even had a special guest – Dora the Explorer!

The undisputed most entertaining parts of the celebration were the cultural dance presentations done by the students including the Macarena by the 2nd graders!

Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month gives our students a chance to pay tribute to the Hispanic culture and gives our students a glimpse into a culture they may not otherwise be familiar.



CHANGING THE HEADLINES... ALL ENDDALE FORWARD



Summer Time-Travel

In July of 2018, AFMS Social Studies teacher and AFMS October Teacher of the Month, Mr. Andrae Walker spent nine days literally walking through history with more than 70 other teachers in Berlin, Germany as a participant in the Centropa Summer Institute.

Centropa, an organization whose goal is to provide teachers with support, professional development and tools to teach the Holocaust in an authentic and creative way to not only tell the horror stories of that time in history, but to highlight the beautiful and heartfelt stories also.

Walker stated one of the most beneficial aspects of the trip was taking tours through the city. He called it "learning on the move." Being able to visit historical sites and locations that made the content he studies much more meaningful.

Mr. Walker says he can't wait to use the information he gathered and his experiences in Berlin to teach the Holocaust to his students this year.

JROTC Cadets Commemorate 9/11

Uncertainty of effects of Hurricane Florence led to Allendale-Fairfax High School being closed on September 11th, but that didn't stop Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) cadets from honoring those lost in the 9/11 attacks more than a week later on September 19th.

When asked why the cadets decided to have the ceremony after the anniversary of the attacks, Cadet LTC Gabriel Capers said, "It's important for us to do this even though

today isn't September 11th...first responders risked their lives so America could still be America."

"To recognize those who lost their lives and families who still grieve around this time each year is the very least we could do. We thank the cadets and community members for coming together for this event," said JROTC, Sergeant First Class (Ret.) Kenneth Tyler.

The Superintendent's Corner

Dear Allendale County Schools Parents and Community,

ACSD educators work each day to give our children the gift of a free, high-quality, public education. A huge part of this task is providing our children with the academic language, instructional rigor and stamina they need for success in school. We can't do this work alone. There is no partnership more formidable than that between parents and teachers. Research shows that when families are active in their children's school activities and learning, students are more likely to attend school regularly, earn better grades, enroll in higher-level courses and graduate from high school. Further, research denotes that family engagement is also essential for school turnarounds. When it comes to school improvement efforts, active families are just as important as having great principals and teachers, strong curriculum and a positive school climate.



During this 1st nine weeks, we have tried to facilitate a welcoming school environment and foster clear communication between schools and parents. I would like to encourage you to get more involved in your child's school life. When you talk to your children about what they are learning in school, ask them to talk like a mathematician when they are talking about math (use words like subtraction rather than take-away) or talk like a scientist when talking about science (plants provide their own nourishment through the process of photosynthesis rather than plants make their own food). Praise them for using the words of a scientist or mathematician or historian. Finally, I encourage you to talk, in length, with your children about their behavior in the classroom, in the hallway and on the bus. It is important that teachers are not using time and energy repeating instructions and trying to redirect students whose behavior is disruptive. We will not tolerate with disruptive student behavior that inhibits others from learning. We are committed to ensuring all students have successful and positive learning experiences each day.

Changing the Headlines... Allendale Forward
Dr. Margaret Gilmore, Superintendent



Thank you for 20 years of service
Ms. Marzella DeLoach Washington



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