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THANK YOU, ALLENDALE
A Message from Superintendent, Dr. Garth Cooper:
The ballot proposal for a four-year renewal of the Non-Homestead Millage passed easily 72%-28%. Without the support of voters, the district would have lost a critical revenue stream that we are required by law to collect. Allendale Public Schools is very fortunate to have such tremendous support and we look forward to continuing our commitment to excellent education.

The Non-Homestead Millage is a special levy on industrial, commercial, some agricultural property and second homes. Allendale Public Schools would like to extend a special “thank you” to those who will provide the revenue from this millage renewal. It is with your support that we are able to continue providing outstanding educational opportunities for students in the Allendale community. Of course, the best way for all of us to say “thank you” is to support our local businesses and industries whenever possible. Shop local!

12 APS Staff Members Receive Excellence In Service Awards
Each Spring the Allendale Public Schools staff nominate their co-workers who go above and beyond to receive an Excellence In Service award. Committee’s are formed within each school building and the winners are chosen from all the nominees. The winners are chosen based on their outstanding vision, their dedication and their commitment to excellence.

We are proud to recognize the following individuals as the 2019-2020 recipients of APS Excellence in Service Awards:

Brianne Blanksma - McKinney-Vento Liaison
Doug Bol - Oakwood Principal
Molly Carpenter - Middle School Special Ed Teacher
Sean Coffey - Lead Custodian
Lyndsay Daly - High School English Teacher
Christy Dehning - Kindergarten Teacher
Amy Dyke - Early Childhood Center Secretary
Liz Gunnink - High School Food Service
Jennifer Luurtsema - Middle School Spec Ed Parapro
Jane Sheridan - Oakwood Food Service
Andrew VanderWal - Evergreen Dean of Students
John Zwiers - Bus Mechanic

Congratulations to these individuals!

Please visit our district website at: www.allendale.k12.mi.us for the most up-to-date information on events happening at Allendale Public Schools
Watch For Our New Propane Buses Soon!

A consortium of four school districts, including Allendale Public Schools and Allendale Christian School, has been awarded $450,000 to replace diesel buses that are at least 12 years old with new propane- and diesel-powered vehicles. Hamilton Community Schools led the consortium that was the successful applicant from among 20 candidates for grants under the federal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA). Funding is allocated through the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Diesel Program, which is administered by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

Grant money will be used toward the purchase of 12 propane buses and one clean diesel bus to replace vehicles from model years 2000-07:

- Hamilton Community Schools will replace four diesel buses with four propane buses.
- Allendale Public Schools will replace seven diesel buses with seven propane buses.
- Allendale Christian School will replace one diesel bus with one propane bus.
- Saugatuck Public Schools will replace one diesel bus with a new diesel bus.

“Diesel emissions from older buses are not only immediately harmful to Michigan’s children, but they contribute to long-term damage to the environment and climate,” said Robert Jackson, assistant division director of EGLE’s Materials Management Division. “The new buses will reduce exposure to harmful exhaust fumes and airborne particles while students are riding or getting on and off buses, and in school where exhaust can be drawn into buildings where students spend most of their days.”

Applicant proposals were rated on reductions in nitrous oxides and fine particulate matter, both of which contribute to unhealthy air; request for proposal criteria; and application completeness. The Hamilton consortium received the highest score.

We are proud to be recipients of this grant! Watch for our new buses in your neighborhood soon!

Class of 2020 Drive-Thru Graduation

A drive-thru graduation ceremony for the Allendale High School Class of 2020 took place on Wednesday, August 5. While we were still holding out hope through the summer that we could have a traditional graduation ceremony, limitations on gatherings forced us to pursue a different option. We are so proud of our amazing and incredibly resilient AHS staff and students who made the best of the situation and had a great night despite the circumstances!

The weather was perfect as students showed up in cars with their families, dressed in their caps and gowns, and each got a chance to walk across the stage and receive their diploma.

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TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

Tax Payments
Summer Taxes are due September 14, 2020. Payments can be mailed in or dropped off at the Township Office. You can also pay your tax bills and water/sewer bills to the Township online. Go to www.allendale-twp.org and go to “payments”. Call the township office at 895-6295 if you need assistance.

Tax Deferments
Applications for the deferments of the 2020 Summer Taxes (extending your tax due date to February 14, 2021) are available to those who qualify. Please note that you must complete a new tax deferment form each year that you are requesting deferment. Qualifications are:

- Senior Citizen – 62 years or older
- Paraplegic, hemiplegic, or quadriplegic
- Eligible Serviceperson, widow or widower
- Blind
- Totally and Permanently Disabled
- Agricultural providing the majority of your household income

Forms are available at the Township Office and must be filed by September 14! If you have any questions, call 895-6295.

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Township Meetings
Agendas and minutes from Township meetings are posted on the Township website. The Township Board will meet on September 14 and 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The public is always welcome to attend.

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A: One of the keys to treating myopia is first recognizing that myopia is a disease and blurry vision at distance is merely a symptom. Glasses and contacts cure the symptom, but not the disease. Let me explain:

There was a time when we thought that the worst thing that could happen is a child would be dependent on glasses. That until they were able to get contacts, they may be self conscious with their new eyewear.

Well I wish this were the case, however, the latest research has shown that the higher a child’s prescription, the longer the eye itself becomes, and as a result, there is increased risk of sight threatening complications. These include an increased risk of cataracts, retinal detachment, glaucoma, and myopic macular degeneration as they age. There is a direct correlation between how high their prescription is and the odds they develop one of these complications.

Now I know this all sounds pretty grim, but there is hope! Research has given us lifestyle modifications to stop the development of myopia. Additionally, for the first time ever we have therapies that can slow the progression once a child has become myopic.

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