



Welcome to Allen W. Roberts School

Kindergarten Orientation



Orientation Overview

- ➔ Principal, Gina Hansen
- ➔ Assistant Principal, Jay Richter
- ➔ PTA President, Carolyn Glatz
- ➔ Guidance Counselor, Marcy WanVeer
- ➔ School Nurse, Jan Miller
- ➔ Kindergarten Teachers, Lisa Ball

Maria Savino

Our School Secretaries





PTA

- ➔ Mrs. Carolyn Glatz
- ➔ PTA sponsors student programs throughout the year
- ➔ PTA provides family activities to enhance climate and culture of AWR
- ➔ Spring Fling Projects
- ➔ Volunteers and Officers needed for 2013-2014



Technology

- ➔ Each classroom has a Smartboard and has access to a laptop cart that includes six laptop computers.
- ➔ Technology is incorporated into daily instruction. Computer instruction incorporates both computer skills as well as enhances the kindergarten curriculum.





Kindergarten Screening

- ➔ May 7th, 8th, or 9th.
- ➔ New Providence Public Library
- ➔ Parent Survey- choices AM/PM
(lottery)



Communication

- ➔ Communication is key to a meaningful school experience
- ➔ Emails and Voicemail
- ➔ Almost all School wide and PTA communication is done in a digital format
- ➔ Thursday emails
- ➔ Kindergarten Daily Take Home Folder



Website

- ➔ District Website
(Schoolwires Account)
Username and Password
- ➔ AWR Webpage
- ➔ Teacher Webpage



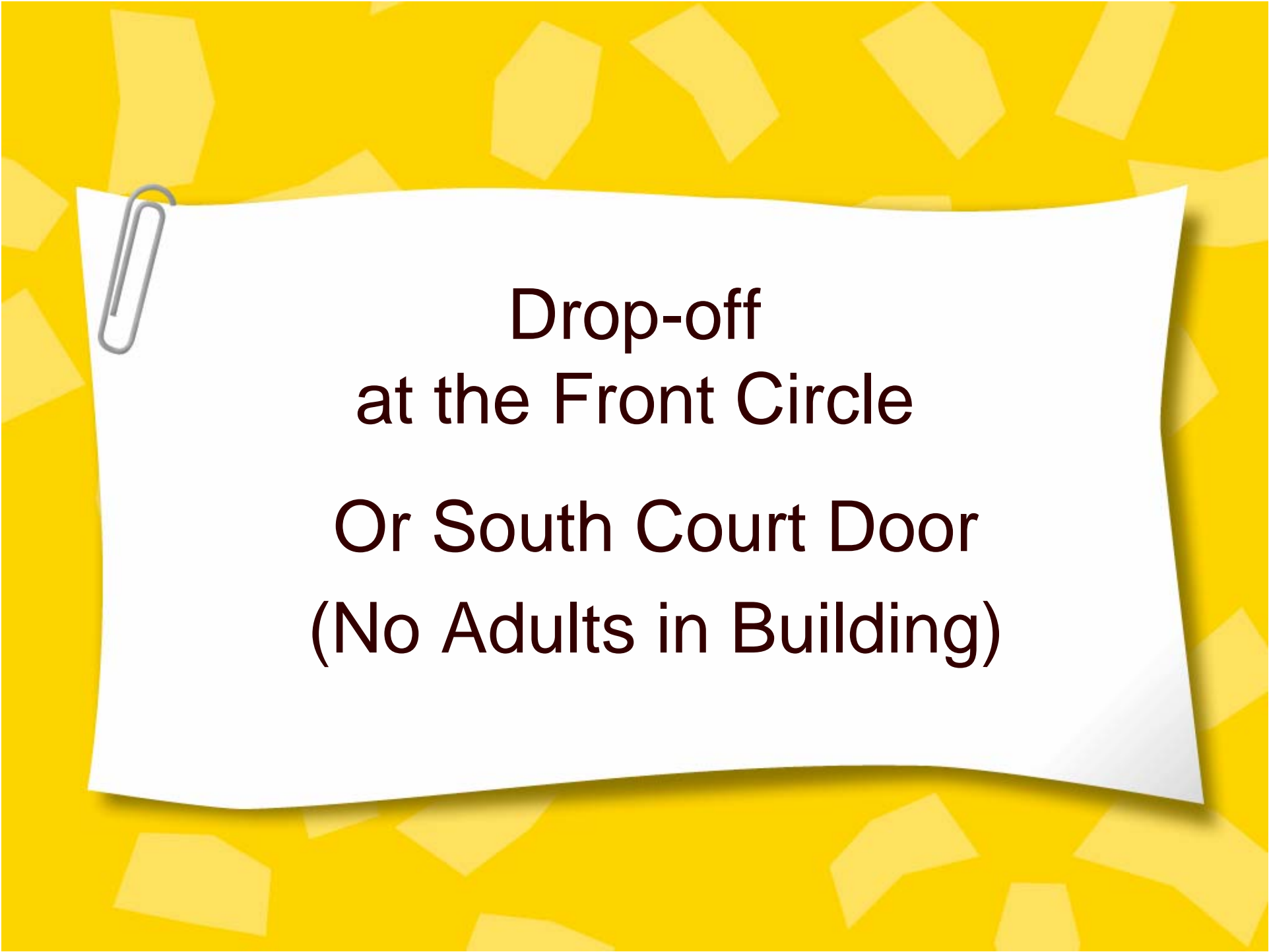
AM Arrival and Dismissal

- ➔ Inside Line-up Kindergarten Hallway
- ➔ Morning Session begins at 8:30am
ends at 11:25am
- ➔ Dismissal from outside classroom door
to the South Court Playground area



PM Arrival and Dismissal

- ➔ Line-up at Front Entrance
- ➔ Afternoon Session begins at 12:05pm
ends at 3:00pm
- ➔ Dismissal from outside classroom door
to the South Court Playground area



**Drop-off
at the Front Circle
Or South Court Door
(No Adults in Building)**

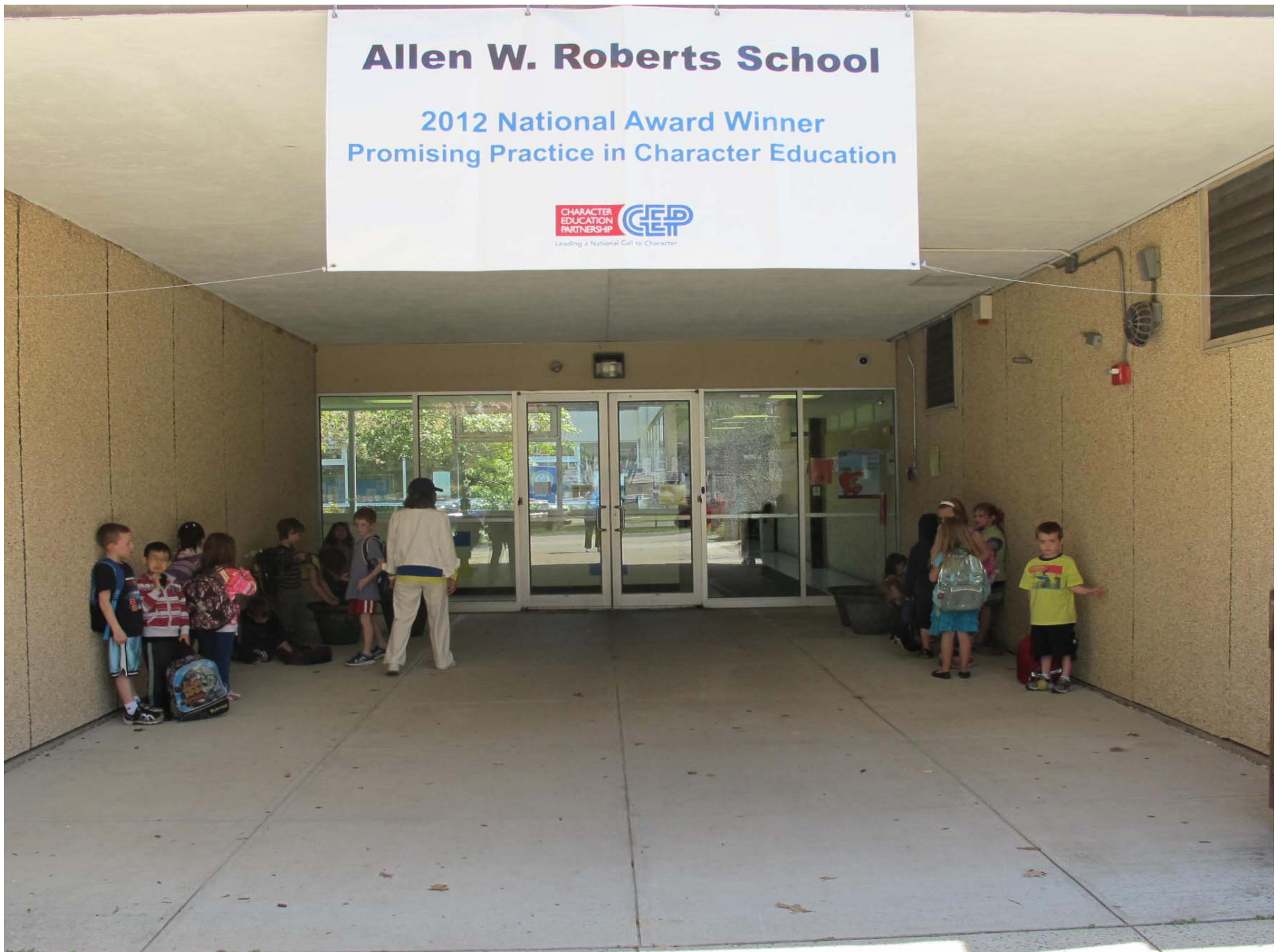






Allen W. Roberts School

2012 National Award Winner
Promising Practice in Character Education













Guidance

- ➔ Mrs. Marcia WanVeer
- ➔ Focused Character Education Program
- ➔ AWR PRIDE --“Putting Respect and Responsibility in Daily Events”
- ➔ Addressing the Climate and Culture of the Building



School Health Services

- ➔ Mrs. Jan Miller
- ➔ Medications
- ➔ Health Screening
- ➔ Physical Examinations
- ➔ Absences
- ➔ Immunizations



Language Arts



➔ Our Program Is

- Reader's Workshop
- Writer's Workshop
- Word Study

- These programs provide opportunities for direct whole group instruction, small group instruction, and differentiation.



Language Arts

A Just Right Book

➔ A just right book is read with 96 % accuracy. Here is an example of how difficult it can be to read with 90% accuracy.




90%...Not Just Right

Pa followed Joanie with his dirty XXXX. Spoon rose to follow Pa, but one of the XXXX suns in the window caught the light of the real XXXX and sent off pure white XXXX directly at Spoon. He sat down again, XXXX by the XXXX orb, feeling as if he was on the brink of a meaningful thought, on the verge of XXXX his XXXX.

His eyes darted from one XXXX to the next. Something of Gram's.

Thinking, thinking.



*This is what it should sound
(and feel) like...*

Pa followed Joanie with his dirty dishes. Spoon rose to follow Pa, but one of the stained-glass suns in the window caught the light of the real sun and sent off pure white flashes directly at Spoon. He sat down again, mesmerized by the gleaming orb, feeling as if he was on the brink of a meaningful thought, on the verge of solving his problem.

His eyes darted from one sun to the next. Something of Gram's.

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Supporting your child at home...

- ➔ Read aloud to your child: Children need to hear what fluent readers sound like
- ➔ Visit the public library
- ➔ Model Reading
- ➔ Tell stories together
- ➔ Read environmental print
- ➔ Teach your children nursery rhymes



Kindergarten Specials



Children will have the below specials once a week...

Art
Gym
Music
Library





Kindergarten Pre-Readiness Skills



During the summer...

- ➔ Refer to school as a positive place
- ➔ Walk your child to school to familiarize him or her with the new route
- ➔ Acquaint your child with carpool
- ➔ Buy school gear with your child
- ➔ Read books about school
- ➔ Tell your child stories about your school experience
- ➔ Take short trips to the zoo, library, etc.



Helpful Home Activities

- ➔ Setting the table
- ➔ Practice buttoning, zippering
- ➔ Introduce tying shoes
- ➔ Opening Snacks

These simple tasks help with developing listening and following direction skills.



Social and Communication Skills

- ➔ Join in play groups
- ➔ Encourage your child to be with other adults such as neighbors and babysitters
- ➔ Encourage discussion of experiences
- ➔ Take turns talking and listening with your child



Getting Ready for the First Day

- ➔ A couple of days before the start of school practice morning routine and come to the school
- ➔ Pick out clothes the night before
- ➔ Arrive at school 15 minutes early
- ➔ Leave time for pictures



HOMework FOR THE SUMMER

READ!

READ!

READ!

**For 15 minutes
every night!**





Remember...

Childhood is a journey, not a race.

**It is so important to recognize each child's
strengths, limitations and differences.**



Questions



Pick Up For Today

- ➔ Last Name A – L Room S-3
- ➔ Last Name M – Z Room S-4
- ➔ Please walk in the room, meet your child, and exit to the South Court using the classroom outside exit doors.
- ➔ The teacher will be standing at the exit doorway.



Thank you for coming!

We look forward to working with
you and your child.