



\*\*\*\*\*MEDIA INVITATION\*\*\*\*\*

## ASD CELEBRATES CIVIC EDUCATION DAY JUNE 3, 2009 (CULMINATING EVENTS HAPPENING NOW THROUGHOUT THE CITY)



**DATE:** Wednesday, June 3, 2009 (see schedule below)

**BRIEFLY:** Allentown's nationally acclaimed effort related to funding of its School Violence Prevention Demonstration Program is in high gear as a district-wide Civic Celebration Day happens on June 3. Varied events will occur throughout the District. Students and faculty will use the day to reflect on the civic activities that have occurred in their classrooms since the beginning of the school year. Since September, ASD's Social Studies curriculum has placed an integrated academic emphasis on activities related to Constitution Day, the Foundations of Democracy, We the People, Project Citizen and several other showcase programs or events. The education goal is to teach not only the founding principles of America but have students demonstrate a better understanding of how to put into practice America's democratic ideals.



Classrooms have been building up to this celebration with culminating events in hundreds of classrooms involving thousands of ASD students throughout the City. Under the leadership of Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator, Myron Yoder, the program has grown from 7 participating ASD schools in 2001-2002 to 19 ASD schools in 2007-2008. Over 600 teachers and 9,500 students have been working on civic education projects and programs throughout this year.

Civic Celebration Day will include award ceremonies and service learning projects at the schools. Activities will vary by classroom, as each teacher will decide how to best observe the efforts of the students as they aim to be good citizens.

All ASD elementary school students will be treated to lunch in celebration of Civic Education. See below for a listing of all reported Civic Celebration events.



## **CIVIC CELEBRATION 6/3 EVENTS SCHEDULE** (subject to change)

<b>6/3/09</b>	All Day	Elementary Schools In the Allentown School District	<b><u>Allentown School District</u></b> <b><u>Civic Celebration Day</u></b> Lunch will be provided to all Elementary Students and Professional Staff for their work this year in the SVPDP program and in recognition of their efforts in Civic Learning.
6/3/09	AM K 8:15-10:40 a.m. PM K 11:55 a.m. -2:30 p.m.	Midway Manor ECC	K classes will operate on a rotation schedule and participate in events that deal with each of the concepts in Foundations of Democracy. Various Rooms, Begel, Fiorito, Stauffer, Gruver J, Harkins, Wolfgang, Osorto, Puchyr, Martin, Kerbein.
6/3/09	10:30-11:00 a.m. & 12:00-2:00 p.m.	Ritter Elementary	Grade 1 classes will read the story "Clean Up, Grumpy Bunny!" and will each teach a lesson connecting the story with the four concepts in Foundations of Democracy. Rooms 103, 108, 201, 208. Gill, Sanders, Melchior, Gibiser
6/3/09	9:00-9:30 a.m.	Muhlenberg	Grade K and 1 will review the Foundations of

	& 1:45-2:15 p.m.	Elementary	Democracy in their classrooms, select their favorite character, create a puppet and read stories related to <i>Foundations</i> concepts. Then in the Auditorium they will sing songs related to Foundations and be grouped with other students to share their puppets and discuss their favorite books and characters. Classroom & Auditorium. Toman, Hersch, Steward, Fanger, Chaiko, Alleman
6/3/09	8:30-9:30 a.m. & 12:00-12:30 p.m.	Lehigh Parkway Elementary	K Class will discuss responsibility and create a chart on the responsibilities of a first grader. They will then draw a picture of one of the responsibilities, create a handbook for first graders using the pictures, and visit a first grade classroom to share their handbook. Classroom, Goodman, Stahl
6/3/09	8:15-9:15 a.m. & 12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lehigh Parkway Elementary	Kindergarten Class will rotate around stations with each station focused on a big book from Foundations of Democracy. At each station they will write about the problem and solution, act out the story with puppets, and illustrate the beginning, middle and end. They will also label and draw authority characters/people. Classroom, McDevitt
6/3/09	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Lincoln ECC	K classes will participate in a community service activity by reading <i>Zookeeper Learns About Responsibility</i> and then predict the kinds of responsibilities the Zookeeper must do to keep penguins. They will then learn about the Lehigh County Zoo and the community's responsibility in keeping the zoo. Students will then conduct a "Pennies for Penguins" drive to raise funds for the zoo. On June 3 the Zoo staff will share their penguin responsibility with the students and compare to the chart they created. A check from "Pennies for Penguins" will be given to the zoo at that time. Auditorium, Yeager, Gamble, Gregory-Dore, Carnero, Nutting, McDermott, Keller, Jarrah, Toumeh, Egan, Bonnie, Wenner, Heggan, Delgado, Freed, Rodriguez, Gonzalez, Puchyr, Shutters, Miller, Kerbein, Michalerya, McCallum, LaSanta
6/3/09	9:30-10:45 a.m.	Lehigh Parkway Elementary	Grade 1 classes will be organized into small groups to select a character that taught them about a valuable idea on being a good citizen. They will then create an award for that character. The award will state the reason why they chose the character and how they have applied to idea at home or school. Awards will be hung next year to kick off the new school year. Classroom, Delich, Schneck
6/3/09	9:30-11:00 a.m.	Lehigh Parkway Elementary	Grade 2 classes will circulate from station to station in pairs for the following Authority – Student Interview Responsibility – Collage Privacy – Game of Sorts Justice – Bingo Classrooms, hall, Craig, Walls

6/3/09	12:00 p.m.	Lehigh Parkway Elementary	Kindergarten Class will identify characteristics of a model school student that is ready for first grade using the Foundations of Democracy Concepts and list on a chart and shared. Classrooms, Waibel, Delgado
6/3/09	1:45-2:30 p.m.	Washington Elementary	Grade 1 will use a graphic organizer to write about their favorite book from Foundations of Democracy. Students will post their writing poster in the hallway and discuss their poster with a partner from another room. Hallway between classrooms on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, Trexler, Bryant, Crone, Levan, Rosado
6/3/09	1:45-2:15 p.m.	Jefferson Elementary	Grade 2 will conduct a poster contest for the best poster showcasing Foundations of Democracy themes. Students will conduct a gallery walk on this date and time and will vote for the best poster. Hallway, classrooms, Talaber, Radocha, Pope, Servais, Brazee, Salabsky
6/3/09	1:50-2:30 p.m.	McKinley Elementary	Grade 1 will break into groups to write, create a poster and perform a skit on why their concept in Foundations of Democracy is important. Classroom, Reitenauer, Bittmann.
6/3/09	2:45-3:15 p.m.	Jackson Elementary	Grade 1 will complete a written and illustrated response to one of the Foundations of Democracy Concepts. They will display their work on a wall in the Gym. Gym, Graham, Muthard, McCartney
6/3/09	TBA	Muhlenberg Elementary	Grade 5 will hold Mock Congressional Hearings. Room 201, 202, 203, 206, Cavuoto, Delp, Kriebel, McNally-Woods
6/3/09	PM TBA	Lehigh Parkway Elementary	Grade 3 classes will research Women in history from the book <i>They Led the Way</i> and include connections to the Foundations of Democracy Concepts. They will present their reports to the grade 2 classes and display a timeline format in the hallway. Classroom, Hubler, Weierbach



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