

Allenby Calendar of Giving:

Month	Event	Descriptor	Organization
September	Parent Donations	Funds used for APA programs and initiatives	APA
	Pizza Lunch	Provides pizza to participating students on the last Friday of each month. Pizza is served by parents.	APA
	Terry Fox	Allenby, like most schools in the TDSB, chooses to participate in this event through a "toonie drive." Curriculum connections involve a running focus in Phys Ed, stories about the life of Terry Fox, and connections to other kinds of heroes and character education	TDSB
	Classroom Contributions	Classroom contributions to a maximum of \$50 that will be decided by each individual classroom. Classes will have a choice as to whether it will be collected once or on an as needed basis	Allenby

October	Big Night Out	A social event held at the school to allow parents to meet, while also offering a silent auction.	APA
	Thanksgiving Food Drive for North York Food Bank	Students will bring in canned or boxed food to be collected and donated.	Allenby
	Project Give Back Presentations**	Year-long character education course for 4 th grade students	Money donated to the charities selected by the students.
December	Surrogate Santa	Every class in the school participates in this event. Each class is provided with general information about a needy Toronto family. The class selects gifts for the family accordingly. Despite the name, families are selected from a wide range of cultural and religious backgrounds.	Allenby
February	Lip Sync	Two-night event where students get to sing and dance to their favourite tunes, on stage, in front of a friendly community audience.	APA
	Kids Triathlon ***	Day of physical activity and teamwork to support a children's charity.	Allenby

March	Free the Children* Dance-a-thon	This event promotes a day of dancing, while raising money for Free the Children programs and initiatives.	Allenby
April	MS Read-a-thon	This event encourages reading and promotes literacy, while also offering students a chance to learn about MS through an assembly.	TDSB
May	Class Baskets for Fun Fair	Each class is provided with a basket theme and students are requested to donate a themed item to the basket. All baskets are auctioned at the June Fun Fair.	APA
June	Allenby Fun Fair	A day of games, rides, food and fun for the whole family.	APA

* FREE THE CHILDREN was selected five years ago in the spring of 2006, when two Grade 6 students attended and were inspired by a Family of Schools student presentation. These two inspired students asked to start a project. The APA Executive committee and the principal was consulted. All felt that such an initiative by the students should be supported. Given this process began fairly late in the school year, it was decided that the students organize setting up a table at the Fun Fair to raise some money to support Free the Children. In 2007, the APA agreed to give a small portion of their proceeds to Free the Children. A young speaker from Free the Children attended Allenby and motivated the entire school. That year the school managed to raise enough funds to build a school in Kenya, Africa. There were –two to three parents who were very keen and for the first two years, parent volunteers worked with staff and assisted the students to make jewelry and other things to sell at school events.

The rest is history, as they say, and Allenby has been able to keep the momentum. According to the school, this project has a real connection to kids, increases global and community awareness, allows for many curriculum connections, allows for choice of focus, and has a wealth of resources and information to support staff in mentoring the projects.

In 2008, the APA chose to no longer participate in this fundraising activity for numerous reasons:

1. The success of this initiative and large amount of money being raised for Free the Children by the school
2. The focus of fundraising has changed for the APA, with an objective of the APA being to support a local charity.

**** Project Giveback:**

Allenby participates in a Grade 4 program called Project Giveback, which is jointly supported by the school and the APA. This program has been in the school for three years now, and every Grade 4 student has participated in the past year and will do so in the coming year. Ellen Schwartz (an Allenby parent and founder of the program) donates a class each year to make this happen.

The Program has connections to the language curriculum, including research skills, written language, and oral presentations. It also raises community awareness and supports development of empathy. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. There was a concern about the fundraising aspect raised by a parent last year, but not directly.

Classes are held and taught by a visiting, trained teacher once weekly. It is participatory and interactive. The kids choose a charity to support — sometimes on their own, sometimes with a partner. They research the charity, prepare a presentation and a small "fundraising" activity or game for the class. The fundraising part is a **loonie** or **toonie** for each presentation. In the past couple of years, the practice has been for each family in the class to supply a cheque up front (\$20 - \$30) so that families aren't having to send in loonies and toonies each time there is a presentation. Of course, the donations are **voluntary** and **confidential**. The money isn't the main focus of the program.

***** New possibility this year — KID's TRIATHLON**

It involves scheduling an assembly to publicize it. Will focus on physical activity.