



Paw Prints

Atlanta Community Schools

April 2023



School Safety Update

The School Safety Team met on April 13, 2023. Items discussed included the approval by the county to hire a School Resource Officer (SRO). That person will be in place by the start of the fall school year. We also contracted with a company to complete Critical Incident Mapping and anticipate that being complete in the next 2-3 months. Over the last 3-4 weeks Control Solutions have been busy installing wiring, cable, and lights for our new key card access, door contacts, lock down buttons, and blue strobe lights. These features will help with keeping students and staff safe in the event of an emergency. Other items include the updating of our Emergency Operating Plan (EOP) and our new Behavioral Threat Assessment guide. This guide gives a process to use when a student makes a threat and was based on a process used by Homeland Security. The next School Safety Team meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2023.

Join us! Kindergarten Round-up (4/27)

Kindergarten Round-up is a time for incoming Kindergarteners to register for Kindergarten. Qualifying children must be at least five years of age on September 1, 2023 to meet Michigan's eligibility requirement. Alternatively, if a student will be five years of age not later than December 1, 2023, a student may enroll with a waiver. Please join us on Thursday, April 27 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to see the Kindergarten classroom, learn to prepare your child for Kindergarten, complete enrollment paperwork, ask questions, and more. Every family will receive a bag with educational goodies, and the first 10 families to arrive will receive a gift card. We hope all new Kindergarten families will join us!

March is Reading Month!

Every March, our Huskie Pack celebrates "March is Reading Month." This year, our theme was "Michigan Authors." Our students spent lots of time reading. As a school, they logged a total of 18,148 minutes (302.5 hours)! We were glad to have so many special guests from our community join us as guest readers to share their love for reading. Our Family Literacy Night was also a great success. We finished the month with an assembly to recognize all of our super readers. Three students also got to "pie" Mrs. Hisscock, Mrs. K. Cumper, and Ms. Klee.



Important Dates

4/27 - Kinder Round-up @ 5:30 pm
4/28 - No school
5/3 - Spring Band Concert
5/19 - Half Day, dismiss at 12:45 pm
5/20 - HS Prom at Chamber Hall

Huskie Athletics

It's Baseball, Softball, and Track season! Head over to our school website to download the contest schedules.

Huskie Apparel

The Class of 2029 (6th grade) is selling Husky Gear now through May 1. Hooded sweatshirts, t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, caps, and beanies are available between the prices of \$20 and \$35. Pick up an order form in the school office today!

Spring Testing Tips (3-11th grades)

We will have a lot of testing happening in April for our Spring data collection. Here are some helpful tips to help your students do their best:

- Get plenty of sleep
- Eat nutritional food, especially a good breakfast.
- Be well hydrated
- Help discourage testing anxiety by breathing, stretching, and replacing negative thoughts with positive ones.

<https://summer.harvard.edu/blog/14-tips-for-test-taking-success/>

Anti-Bullying/Social Media Assembly (5-12th)

Rob Holla came and spoke to our Huskie Pack on 3/28 about anti-bullying and social media safety. He talked to the kids about the “land mines” of social media and the impact it has on their lives and on others. He stressed empathy and kindness.

Celebrating PACK Pride

To celebrate all of our 6-12th graders who didn't have any discipline or office referrals in March, we had a couple of “Fun Day” hours on 4/12. Students could choose to paint with artist, Joe Hull, watch a movie, go on a scavenger hunt, play e-games, or play kickball and dodgeball. Those who had received referrals completed projects to learn more about how to be a successful part of our Huskie PACK. We're proud of our pack and are enjoying getting to celebrate all the great things they're doing each and every day.

Magician: Steve Harney (K-5th)

Magician, Steve Harney, visited our Huskie Pack on March 29. While dazzling us with his amazing magic tricks, he also taught us about character. He said, “Character is doing the right thing because it's the right thing to do.” Everyone got to take home a magic trick of their own! It's our hope that our Huskies will remember to have and show character they can be proud of!

ShaeLynne Lance: 2nd Team All Conference

Congratulations to ShaeLynne Lance, 12th grade, for earning North Star League 2nd Team All Conference recognition for her 2022 basketball season.



New Playground Equipment

Through the support of the AMA ESD Board of Education (BOE) and Superintendent Justin Gluesing, we now have new ADA compliant equipment on the elementary playground.

The BOE of the AMA ESD provided 50% of the funding and garnered donations for the other 50% to provide ADA compliant playground equipment in all of the elementary schools within the AMA ESD.

In Phase 1 Atlanta, Hillman and Alcona elementary schools will have the equipment installed this year and Alpena Public Schools next year. Atlanta was fortunate to have ours installed on Thursday, April 6, 2023 and students were able to use it on Apr 11, 2023 as seen in the picture above.