



Paw Prints

Atlanta Community Schools

December 2022



School Safety Update

On January 10, 2023 Secure Education Consultants (SEC) will be in Atlanta Community Schools to complete a school safety assessment of our school, bus garage and athletic facility. After this assessment SEC will provide results and recommendations to improve safety.

We have also applied for a grant to fund a School Resource Officer (SRO) for the 2023-2026 school years. If we receive this grant, in cooperation with the sheriff's departments we will hire a part time or full time SRO. The SRO will support school administration with;

- transition times within the building (During drop off and pick up of students, breakfast and lunch times and passing time between classes)
- developing relationships with school staff and students in order to prevent safety issues from arising.
- serve on our School Safety Team and support administration in School Safety meetings.
- support administration with staff training and student assemblies related to school safety.
- support administration with student discipline and truancy.
- assist parents/families in issues regarding keeping their children safe in school and within the community.
- monitor after school events for safety.
- They will not be involved in enforcing school discipline.

Important Dates

Thur, Dec 22 - No School,
Christmas Break Begins
Tues, Jan 3 - School Resumes
Mon, Jan 16 - ~~No School, MLK Jr. Day~~
Fri, Jan 20 - Half Day, dismiss at 12:45
Fri, Jan 20 - End of Semester 1
Fri, Feb 17 - Half Day, dismiss at 12:45

Huskie Athletics

It's basketball & wrestling season!

Scan the QR code
to go directly to
our school website
to download the
contest schedules
(www.atlantaschools.us/athletics/).



Calendar Update

In order to make-up school days missed due to our water trouble, we have adjusted our calendar. The following dates are changing from "No School" to a normal school day:
Monday, January 16, 2023
Monday, February 20, 2023

School Attendance

Check out these 10 interesting facts about school attendance.



Mindfulness - The 5 Senses

If you notice an increase in anxiety or stress in your family members, practicing being mindful is an easy and effective way to reduce stress. Try this simple exercise:

- Notice five things that you can see.
Cast your eyes around and bring your attention to five things you might not normally notice, like a shadow or a small crack in the concrete.
- Notice four things that you can feel.
Bring your awareness to four things you are currently feeling, like the texture of your pants, the feeling of the breeze on your skin, or the smooth surface of a table you are resting your hands on.
- Notice three things that you can hear.
Try to tune in to the sounds of your surroundings. What can you hear in the background? This might be a bird singing, the low hum of the refrigerator, or the faint sounds of traffic from a nearby road.
- Notice two things that you can smell.
Tune your senses into smells you might usually gloss over, whether they're pleasant or unpleasant. Perhaps the breeze is carrying the scent of pine trees if you're outside, or the smell of cafe from the sidewalk.
- Notice one thing that you can taste.
Focus on one thing you can taste right now, in this moment. You can take a sip of coffee, savor some chocolate, eat something, notice the current taste in your mouth, or even open it to search the air for a taste.

Atlanta Christmas Music Programs

On December 14 and 15, we invited our families and community members to join us in listening to our Junior High and High School Winter Band Concert and Elementary Christmas Program. Ms. Rogers did a wonderful job leading her bands and music students. We're so grateful for such a kind and supportive community to cheer on our students during their music-learning adventure. Thank-you to our National Junior Honor Society for making the gym cozy and festive!

