



# Paw Prints

Atlanta Community Schools

January 2023



## School Safety Update

On January 10, 2023 Secure Education Consultants (SEC) completed a school safety assessment of our school, bus garage and athletic facility. We will receive a report back from SEC within 4 weeks of their visit. In addition to SEC assessing our buildings, Sheriff Chad Brown began working with teaching staff to determine the safe areas in their classroom in the event of an incident. We are working hard to be prepared for something that is unlikely to happen, but want to always be proactive. Next, we will work with a company to do Critical Incident Mapping of our buildings. This will give vital information to emergency responders regarding the layout of our buildings. We continue to work hard to keep our students and staff safe.

## Skyward Family Access

Family Access makes it easy to be active in your child's education. It connects educators and parents by providing a wealth of information on assignments, test scores, grades, attendance, fees, and more. It's available on desktop or mobile devices. Download the app today or find it on our website, and stay up-to-date! Please call the school office for login information.

## Important Dates

- Mon, Jan 16 - Updated, normal day of school
- Fri, Jan 20 - Half Day, dismiss at 12:45 p.m.
- Fri, Jan 20 - End of Semester 1
- Fri, Feb 17 - Half Day, dismiss at 12:45 p.m.
- Mon, Feb 20 - Updated, normal day of school



## School Calendar Update

Due to the number of days we've had to take off due to our well issue and snow days, we've decided to proactively add a couple of school days to our winter calendar. These days were previously scheduled as days off, and will now be normal, full school days:

**Monday, January 16, 2023**

**Monday, February 20, 2023**

Hopefully this will help keep us out of school in the middle of June!

## Blood Drive - 1/31

Our National Honor Society is hosting a Versiti Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 in the Elementary Gymnasium. Walk-ins and appointments welcome from 12 noon to 5:30 p.m.

Please plan to join us as we give blood and save lives!

## New Cell Phone Policy

Beginning Monday, January 23, 2023 we will be enforcing a new school-wide cell phone policy.

### K-5th grades

All cell phones are to be left in the student's locker. Allowing students to have them at lunch will be at the teacher's discretion.

### 6-12th grades

Upon entering their scheduled classes, every student will be required to put their phone into the provided cell-phone holder. Phones will stay there until the end of the hour. At the end of each class, students may retrieve their phone to use during passing time and lunch time. Cellphones ARE NOT to be left in lockers.

Any student who is using their phone during scheduled instructional time (in or out of a classroom) will be subject to disciplinary action.

## STARBASE Field Trips

Our 5th and 6th graders will attend STARBASE in Alpena once a week beginning February 7th for five weeks. STARBASE offers 5th and 6th grade students an inspiring way to learn about science, technology, engineering, and math through an exciting, hands-on curriculum. We participated last year and it was a huge success. We can't wait to see what they learn and how much fun they have diving into STEM!

## Huskie Athletics

It's wrestling, robotics, & basketball season! Head over to our school website to download the contest schedules.