

# **Paw Prints**

Atlanta Community Schools January 2024



#### Lost & Found Items

Our PreK-12th grade Lost & Found is full! It's mostly hooded sweatshirts of all sizes, but also some coats and other items. Please remind your child to check the L&F (located near the office) for missing items. Parents are also welcome to search the L&F for missing items on weekdays from 7:30-3:30 p.m. All unclaimed items will be thrown away or donated on January 31, 2024.

#### After-School Program

Our after-school program is open for students in 3rd to 12th grade needing extra homework support or help with math skills. ASP is staffed by Ms. Klee, Mrs. Marlatt, or Ms. Mayville. ASP is held most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Snacks and incentives/rewards are provided. Transportation is provided if needed.

#### NHS & YAC Blood Drive - 1/30

Our National Honor Society and Youth Advisory Council is hosting a Versiti Blood Drive on Tuesday, 1/30 from 12 to 5:30 p.m. It will be held in the Elementary Gymnasium, entrance near door A. Please contact Ms. Mayville if you'd like to make an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

#### **Christmas Concert & Program**

Our community enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Concert and Program on December 19 and 20 put on by our ACS Bands, elementary students, and Music teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Deming.

## Thanksgiving & Christmas Family Lunch

A big thank-you to our Kitchen Staff who ordered, prepared, and served our students and many family members for a delicious Thanksgiving Lunch and Christmas Lunch. We're grateful for staff who help bring our families together!

## Drug-Free & Weapon-Free Zone

We recently posted signs to remind our community that Atlanta Community School grounds and buildings are drug-free, tobacco-free, and weapon-free zones.

## More on the back $\rightarrow$

#### **Important Dates**

- 1/15 No School, MLK Jr. Day
- 1/15 BOE meeting, 6p
- 1/19 Early Dismissal @ 12:45 pm
- 1/19 End of Semester 1
- 1/30 Blood Drive, 12-5:30p
- 2/19 No School, President's Day

You can find our 2023-2024 School Calendar on our website.

#### **Huskie Athletics**

It is Varsity Boys Basketball, Varsity Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, and Varsity Wrestling season. Go, Huskies!

2023-24 athletic schedules, along with a list of other important dates, are on our website under the Athletics tab.

## **Skyward Family Access**

Students and Parents/Guardians can use Skyward Family Access via website or downloadable app to keep up to date on student grades, missing assignments, attendance, discipline, final Report Cards, schedule, and more. One parent account can be used to track information on all students in your family. Please contact the office for login information. In the meantime, if you have a 6–12th grader, take a peek at their Skyward; all secondary students and some 4th and 5th graders know how to log in.

## Huskie Support Organization (HSO) Update

The HSO is happy to announce that with some very generous donations from the community, they were able to purchase a brand new mascot and case for our students and community to enjoy for many years to come. He'll be attending sporting events upon his arrival in January.

In December, the HSO sponsored and hosted Santa's Workshop. This tradition was a big hit and the students had a great time picking out gifts for their family and friends. Thank-you to all volunteers who helped with the success of this year's shop.

In October, the HSO was able to host a very successful Scholastic Book Fair. Enough Scholastic Dollars were accumulated to purchase some new furniture for the elementary library and some Scholastic Points were donated by a staff member to purchase new books!

Looking ahead: March is Reading Month. The HSO will be holding another Scholastic Book Fair and there will be a variety of volunteer opportunities available.

The next HSO meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9th at 5:15pm in the elementary library; It will be focused on continuing to update out library spaces and shelving the new books purchased. Meetings are open to the public and all ideas, students, community members, parents, and staff are welcome!

You do not have to attend a meeting to get involved! Contact Betty Krzyszton to lend your idea or find your niche for our exciting events. We are better together and our Huskies are important to us!

# Why School Attendance Matters

**Continuous Learning:** Each day presents new lessons and experiences. Regular attendance ensures that students stay on track with the curriculum and don't miss out on vital information.

**Building Relationships:** School is not just about academics; it's a place for social development. Attending regularly helps students form friendships, collaborate with peers, and build a supportive network.

**Establishing Discipline:** Regular attendance instills a sense of discipline and responsibility. It sets the stage for lifelong habits that contribute to success in both academic and professional spheres.

**Teacher-Student Connection:** Teachers play a pivotal role in a student's educational journey. Regular attendance allows students to connect with their teachers, seek guidance, and benefit from personalized support.

**Preparation for the Future:** The consistency of attendance prepares students for the realities of the future, where punctuality and reliability are valued qualities in any endeavor.



