



Paw Prints

Atlanta Community Schools

May 2023



NWEA Testing: 3rd–11th graders

The NWEA Test is a nation-wide assessment that is administered three times a school year to 3rd through 11th graders.. Our Spring testing window is open from May 15 to May 22. On any of these days, 3rd through 11th graders could be testing in the following areas: Reading, Language, Math, and Science.

School Safety Update

The School Safety Team met on May 11, 2023. Items discussed included:

- Critical Incident Mapping: The Lockout Company was at the school on May 10, 2023 to review the building and grounds. They will develop a draft of a map of the buildings and grounds, create placards to label the rooms in the building and create diagrams for each room. The placards will be 3 dimensional and be visible when it is dark.
- School Safety Signage: Per Board of Education Policy we need a “Student Safety Zone” that extends 1,000 feet from the boundary of any school property **i**. The School Safety Team is looking at possible signage that identifies the Student Safety Zone.
- The Atlanta Community Schools Board of Education (BOE) approved the updated Emergency Operating Plan and Behavioral Threat Assessment Guide at the April 12, 2023 BOE Meeting.

Any work relating to school safety has been funded through school safety grants received from the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan State Police.

The next School Safety Team Meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023.

Term 3 Honor Roll Celebration

On May 9, we celebrated the 3rd–12th grade students who achieved “A” and “B” Honor Roll for Term 3. The PTSO sponsored the event and provided ice cream treats for the students. We’re proud of our hardworking huskies!

Spring Band Concert

On May 3, Atlanta Bands presented their spring concert: A Night of Travel and Adventure. The 5th Grade Band, Middle School Band, and High School Band all performed and did an outstanding job.

Important Dates

5/17 – Academic Awards, 6pm
5/19 – Half Day, dismiss at 12:45 pm
5/20 – HS Prom at Chamber Hall
5/24 – NJHS Induction Ceremony 6pm
5/26 – Seniors’ Last Day
5/29 – No school, Memorial Day
5/31 – Kindergarten Graduation, 2pm
6/1 – 5th Grade Graduation, 2pm
6/2 – Class of 2023 Graduation, 6pm
6/5 – End of Year Picnic at Clear Lake
6/7 – Half Day, dismiss at 12:45 pm,
Last day of school!

Huskie Athletics

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

Bullying/Harassment Reporting

After meeting with our Student Leadership Team, it came to our attention that our students needed another way to report when they feel bullied or harassed. We have created and launched an online Google Form that students can access from their Chromebooks via our school website. Results are emailed instantly to Mrs. Hisscock.



Celebrating PACK Pride

To celebrate all of our 6–12th graders who didn't have any discipline or office referrals in April, we had a couple of "Fun Day" hours on 5/5. Students could choose to paint with artist, Joe Hull (see pic), watch a movie, go on a scavenger hunt, or play dodgeball. Those who had received referrals worked with a representative from MSU Extension on team building and problem solving skills. We're proud of our pack and are enjoying getting to celebrate all of the great things they're doing each and every day. Our next (and last) event will be a school-wide end of the year field trip to Clear Lake State Park.

Besser Museum Trip

On April 26, the 4th grade class took a field trip to the Besser Museum in Alpena. While there, they rotated through four different exhibits. They visited the fisheries exhibit where they learned about the Chinook and the catamran V boats and how the crew fished with nets. Then, they moved onto the wildlife exhibit where they went on a scavenger hunt to locate different species. Next, they went to the planetarium. Finally, they went to the fossil park and were able to keep any fossils that they found (see pic).

MiCareer Quest Trip

On May 4, 9–11th graders took a field trip to Gaylord for the MiCareer Quest. Students had the opportunity to explore several different careers and career fields with hands-on activities (see pic).

NJHS Community Outreach

The Atlanta Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society chose the Elk Country Animal Shelter as their community outreach project this year. To raise money, the NJHS students hosted a schoolwide penny-war from April 3–6, 2023. During this time, the students and teachers of Atlanta Community Schools, in addition to some community donations, raised over \$1000 to purchase items to give to the animal shelter from their wish list. Items purchased included: a cat tower, 3 raised dog beds, a bench, a dog crate, dog & cat food, dog treats, laundry supplies, toilet paper, paper towel, garbage bags, and printer ink. On April 26, six



members of the NJHS accompanied their advisor, Mrs. House, to deliver the products (see pic). While they were there, they enjoyed spending a little time with some of the animals who would love to be adopted.