



Paw Prints

Atlanta Community Schools

November 2022



Safety Protocol for Inside Events

We will be installing locked gates by the elementary gym that will prevent access to the building during inside events. The doors by the bathrooms in the picture hallway will be locked during events in the high school gym for the same purpose. This is another step in keeping our building a safe learning environment for our staff and students.

Winter Weather Reminder

Winter weather is upon us! Any school closings will be sent per School Messenger. Please make sure your information is up to date in the school office. Closings will also be posted on TV channels 7 & 4, 9 & 10 and on our Facebook page. Elementary parents - We do go outside for recess, so please remember to send your child to school with appropriate winter clothing: coat, snow pants, boots, hat, and gloves/mittens. Please let us know if you need help getting these items. We have plenty of resources to make sure everyone has what they need.

School Safety Update

The week of October 17-21, 2022 was School and School Bus Safety Week. Atlanta staff and students take safety on the school bus and on school grounds very seriously. We have initiated a School Safety Team and have planned training for staff and assemblies for students addressing safety. Our Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is updated monthly based on new initiatives and practices. We are currently working with companies to implement a School Safety Assessment and Critical Incident Mapping. Both of these are paid for out of grants from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). All of our classrooms have "Go Kits", which are backpacks and buckets of supplies they may need in the event that an incident may happen. We are in the process of applying for a grant that would partially fund a School Resource Officer (SRO). We hope to have a SRO in place by the 2023-2024 school year. We will continue to provide updates to students, staff, families and the community through this newsletter, monthly staff memos, and student assemblies. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Community Walkers

The building will be open from 3:00-7:00 pm on Monday - Thursday for anyone wishing to walk the hallways. You must enter through the main entrance and sign-in and out in the register book.

Important Dates

Wed, Nov 23 - Half Day, dismiss at 12:45
Thur, Nov 24 - No School, Thanksgiving
Fri, Nov 25 - No School, Thanksgiving
Fri, Dec 9 - Half Day, dismiss at 12:45
Thur, Dec 22 - No School, Christmas
Tues, Jan 3 - School Resumes

Elementary Art

The Atlanta Public Library will be presenting art lessons to our 2nd thru 5th graders beginning this month. It will be a 6-week session and classes will meet once a week. We participated in this program last year and the students loved it!

After School Program

The After School Program is underway every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00-4:30 pm. National Honor Society students are also available to tutor students in math. Students 3rd-12th grades are welcome. Students are welcome to come in and get extra help with any subject, work on homework or study for their tests. Students are required to bring homework and are responsible for completing their assignments during this time.

Life Skills Classes

Randy Mullard, with Catholic Human Services, has been meeting with our 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes providing some life skills instruction. Classes have been going very well and enjoyed by all students. He meets with each class once a week for eight (8) weeks and covers subjects like self-image, decision making, communication, peer pressure, bullying, etc.

In addition to the life skills curriculum, each class is working on a project. They have identified what they believe to be an issue within their grade (bullying, vaping, etc.) and they are researching why they believe it's an issue and possible solutions that might assist in resolving the issue. Each class is responsible for creating and presenting their projects at the end of the eight week class schedule.



Successful Seasons for Both Football and Volleyball



Both the football and volleyball teams had great seasons this year. The boys finished with a record of 4-5 but it does not really reflect the true success of the season. The Rogers City loss came down to the last second of the game after leading for the entire game. The biggest win of the season was against rival, Hillman Tigers, with a 60-18 win. The trophy is now back in the Dawg House! The girls finished a very impressive season with a record of 15-2 bringing home the district championship against Augres! This was the first district championship since 2004. Congratulations to both teams! We are all very proud of each and every one of you!

Huskie Hoops & Wrestling

It's basketball and wrestling season! The following Huskie sport teams are currently practicing and have either already had contests, or will soon.

- JH Girls & Boys Basketball
- Varsity Girls & Boys Basketball
- Varsity Boys & Girls Wrestling

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



ATLANTA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

**Junior High & High School
Winter Band Concert**
Wednesday, December 14, 2022
7 PM
High School Gymnasium

Elementary Christmas Program
Thursday, December 15, 2022
6 PM
High School Gymnasium

MSU Extension Nutrition Program

We are extremely happy to be able to bring back the MSU Extension Nutrition program. Danielle Jirasek has been working with our 3rd and 8th grade classes on healthy eating. The students are learning about nutrition, MyPlate and the 5 food groups, healthy food choices, food safety and physical activity. The curriculum is called "Show Me Nutrition." This is a 6 week program that meets once a week. Each lesson is about 45 minutes long. Most weeks, the students have a food tasting as well! At the end of the series, each student will receive a small giveaway item. The students love this program. We hope to expand to additional grade levels after the first of the year.