

The Altoona Atlas



March Calendar of Events

- 1-5 Dr. Seuss Week at Altoona Elementary
- 1 Virtual PTA Book Fair runs through March 14
- 1 PTA Virtual Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 5 Second trimester report cards will be sent home with students
- 8 Dollars for Scholars "Hat Day" @ Altoona Elementary-\$1.00 donation to wear a hat
- 9 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00
Note: School will be dismissed at 3:35pm.
- 11 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:30-7:30
Note: School will be Dismissed at 11:30am
- 11 Modified Lunch Schedule:
 - 10:00am-Kindergarten
 - 10:15am-1st Grade
 - 10:30am-2nd Grade
 - 10:45am-3rd Grade
 - 11:00am-4th Grade
 - 11:10am-5th Grade
- 12 No School
- 15-19 Spring Break Week- No School
- 24 Student Council Mting @ 8:00am
- 30 Pre-K Hearing Re-tests

SCHOOL HOURS

- 8:15-8:35 Buses arrive
- 8:25 Breakfast students enter
- 8:30 Doors open for all students
- 8:45 Tardy bell rings
- 8:50-8:55 AM Announcements

Lunch Schedule:

- 10:50-11:15 Kindergarten
- 11:15-11:40 First Grade
- 11:40-12:05 Second Grade
- 12:05-12:30 Third Grade
- 12:3-12:55 Fourth Grade
- 12:55-1:20 Fifth Grade

- 3:25-3:35 Staggered Dismissal

NOTE: Please keep an eye out for students as they arrive to school and dismiss from school each day.

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Special Thanks for Supporting the PTA Cookie Fundraiser

During the month of February, the Altoona PTA sponsored a cookie fundraiser to help raise funds for our PTA organization. Approximately 1,500 tubs of cookie dough were sold during the event, netting the PTA \$9,000. Many thanks go out to those of you who purchased the cookie dough to help support our Altoona PTA. Details will soon be released regarding the pick-up plan for the tubs of cookie dough. It was very important that we had a successful fundraiser because the Covid pandemic took away the opportunities to host our annual "Golf in the Halls" event and the BoosterThon event this school year. The PTA will also be getting the student prizes out in the near future. As always, we truly appreciate your support!

We Welcome our Virtual Students back to Altoona Elementary

As we prepare for our last trimester of learning for the 2020-2021 school year, many virtual learners will be coming back to join us for in-person learning. Everyone is excited to welcome these students back into the classrooms. We should mention that our safety protocols will continue to remain in place to help keep our students and staff members safe from the Covid virus. All students and staff members are required to wear masks and we will continue to do our best to keep our students socially distanced. The students will also continue to eat their breakfast and lunch within their homeroom. Staff members are also giving the students plenty of opportunities to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer throughout the school day. We ask that our parents/guardians continue to do their part to help keep their children safe and healthy at home as well.

No Time Like the Present to Improve School Attendance

We realize that 2020-21 has been a very trying year for our school families. The Covid pandemic has provided many challenges and the nasty winter mornings have also caused problems with getting your child to school on time. As we journey into the third and final trimester of school, we ask that our families do their very best to get their child to school on time and make sure our students get plenty of rest so that they be fully engaged in their learning during the school day. The final trimester of school includes numerous district-wide assessments that must be completed and reported to the state. It is also an important time for our classroom teachers to complete a final evaluation of your child's progress as they prepare to transition to the next grade level for the 2021-22 school year. Please realize the importance of having your child in school and having them here on time to start a very important day of learning. We appreciate your support in helping your child be successful in school.

**Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on
Tuesday, March 9 (4:00-8:00pm) & Thursday,
March 11 (12:30-7:30pm)**