

The Altoona Atlas



May Calendar of Events

- 3-11 ISASP Testing for students in grades 3-5
- 5 Student Council Meeting @ 8:00am
- 7 Tornado Practice Drill
- 10 FAST Reading & Math Testing for grades K-5
- 10 Altoona PTA Virtual Meeting at 6:30pm
- 12 Student Council Meeting @ 8:00am
- 12 Dollars for Scholars Program @ SE Polk HS @ 7:00pm
- 12-14 ISASP Make-Up Tests
- 14 Intruder Safety Drill
- 17-21 Student Council will host their Animal Rescue League Fundraiser Drive (8:25-8:45am)
- 21 Last day for FAST Testing in Reading & Math
- 24-28 PBIS "Special" Grade Level Activity Week
- 26 Annual 5th Grade Bike Ride
- 31 No School-Memorial Day
- ~Events in June~
- 1 Bicycle Registration for Grades K-5
- 1 Silly String Event & Ice Cream Truck
- 2 Last Day of School

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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Month of May Starts with ISASP Testing

Students in grades 3-5, will start the month of May by completing a series of state-wide assessments in the areas of math, reading, language arts, and writing. Our fifth grade students will also complete a science assessment before the testing wraps up the week of May 10-14. The ISASP assessments were first introduced to students during the 2018-19 school year, but the Covid pandemic prevented the students from completing it during the 2019-2020 school year. The tests are not timed and students can take a break during the test if needed. The average test is typically completed by a student in approximately 60 minutes. We are hoping to receive the students' testing results by the end of May and then we will be able to share them with our parents and guardians when the "end of the school year" report cards are sent home with students on the last day of school. If you have any questions regarding the ISASP assessment, please feel free to contact Mr. Stotts at (515) 967-3771.

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO
DO THEIR BEST ON THE TEST!**

Student Council Plans Fundraiser to Support the Animal Rescue League of Central Iowa

During the week of May 17-21, the Altoona Elementary Student Council will be collecting donations to support the Animal Rescue League. Each morning from 8:25-8:45am, students can donate \$2.00 to the cause and then receive a chance to "Spin the Wheel" to win a treat. This is just our way of saying "thank you" for helping to support a great organization! The student council has raised approximately \$3,200 over the last eight years to provide much needed support to the ARL. We hope you will consider making a donation. Our goal is to raise at least \$500.00 this year.

Modifying Special Events to Celebrate our Students

Typically, we get a chance to host several events at the end of the school year to celebrate our students and their great accomplishments. This year, we plan to host some of these events, but we must modify them to maintain our mitigation efforts to address the Covid pandemic. During the week of May 24-28, we will be hosting PBIS grade-level activities that resemble our traditional field day, but we will complete the activities with one grade level at a time. The PTA is also planning on hosting our annual "Silly String" event, but we will again complete the event with one grade level at a time. Because of these changes, we will unfortunately not be able to have parent volunteers to support our events. The PTA will assist in some ways, but we will continue to require facial masks and social distancing to keep everyone safe and healthy.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2ND
REPORT CARDS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS ON THIS DAY.
WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A TERRIFIC SUMMER BREAK!**