

Altoona Elementary School

MARCH



2021

Newsletter



Dates to Remember

March 14:
Daylight Saving Time Begins



March 29 - April 5:
No School - Spring Break

A Note From the Principal

Thank you, families, for making time to connect with teachers during our scheduled Parent/Teacher conferences. It is so important that we work together to support your children in their learning. While the format was different, staff appreciated the opportunity to connect and celebrate successes with families.

I am so fortunate to work with the Altoona Elementary students and staff through the remainder of the school year. I'm looking forward to being part of all the exciting learning that takes place each and every day.

With your children in mind,
Mary Begley



Read Across America Week – March 1-5



Monday- Hats off to reading! Wear a hat day.

Tuesday- Silly Day! Read a silly story and wear a silly outfit

Wednesday- Read at home with your favorite stuffed animal or a pet

(share a picture with your teacher on seesaw)

Thursday- Reading makes our lives colorful. Wear your favorite color.

Friday- Cozy up to reading! Wear something cozy!



**2021-22
4K REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN!**

Dear Parents:

You are invited to participate in **the Altoona School District 4K Program** at our new Early Education Center, located at **754 Bartlett Avenue, Altoona**. Our 4 year old Kindergarten program is an enriched, play-based program designed to prepare your child for their educational career. We provide an enriched curriculum that provides school readiness skills, social emotional development, and school expectations. We know that our children learn best through play and provide age appropriate activities in all areas of development. We are the only 4K program connected with our school district, we work closely with the Elementary staff to make this a simplified transition to Kindergarten, and our program is provided at **no cost**.

Our 4K program is a half day program (morning and afternoon options) that runs four days a week. It's a program designed for all children who live in the Altoona School District who will be four years old by September 1, 2021. Four year old children who have been accepted for open enrollment will also be eligible to participate. Transportation options are available.

4K Enrollment is completed online. Please visit our website to complete the necessary paperwork: <https://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/parents/registration> If you do not have access to complete the required online forms, we will be able to provide online access at the Elementary School for you.

While enrolling online, we require the following forms to be uploaded:

- Original Birth Certificate (we verify the information and return it to you)
- Proof of Residency (mortgage documents or utility bill with your name and address on it)
- Immunization record
- Other important documents if applicable (IEP, court documentation, etc.)

If you are unable to upload the required documents, please bring the above listed forms to the Altoona Elementary School Office, located at 157 Bartlett Avenue, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., **before Friday, May 28th, to complete the enrollment process**. Contact Shannon Ross at 715-839-6050 to coordinate a time to come into the Elementary School Office.

We encourage you to take advantage of **Altoona 4K**! If you have questions, please contact Laura Trachsel, Altoona 4K Coordinator, at: ltrachsel@altoona.k12.wi.us. Please pass this information on to others who may not have received it. We want all Altoona families with four year olds to be aware of this exciting opportunity!

Sincerely,

Laura Trachsel

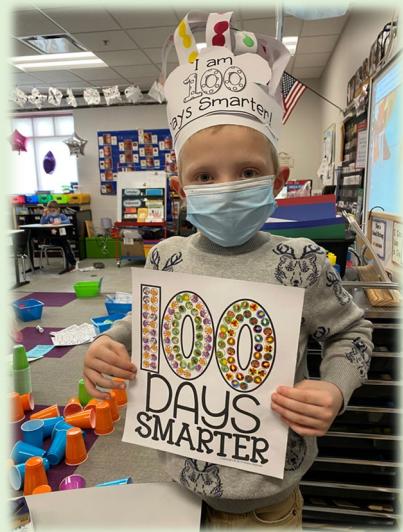
4K Coordinator
715-838-7350

Kindergarten News



This past month, Kindergarten celebrated some big milestones! The students celebrated the 100th Day of School and Valentine's Day in the classroom. For the 100th Day, students in Mrs. Martell's room practiced counting skills with games and fine motor sticker projects, and also made their very own 100th day hat!

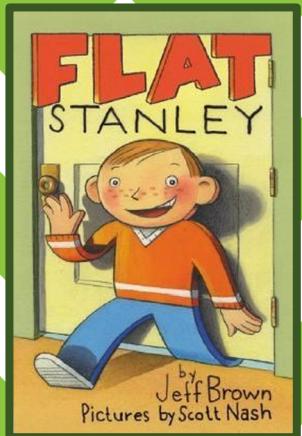
This month, Kindergarteners are working on what it means to be a good citizen, phonics skills, and 3D shapes!



FIRST GRADE NEWS

Our first grade students have been learning about adventure stories. We have been exploring several adventure stories such as *Mr. Putter and Tabby*, *Flat Stanley*, *Louise the Adventures of a Chicken*, *Hilda Hen's Scary Night*, and many more to help build upon our imaginations and love of reading! Along with the exploration of adventure stories, students have been writing their own adventure stories to share with others!

Along with adventure stories, students have celebrated the 100th day of school! Celebrations included fun party hats, tootsie rolls, and 100th day activities! **First grade is so much fun!**

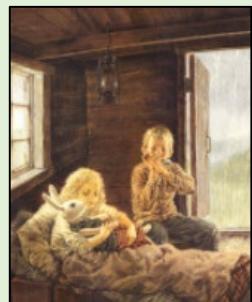
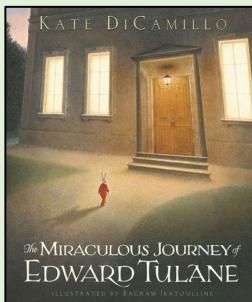




News from 2nd Grade

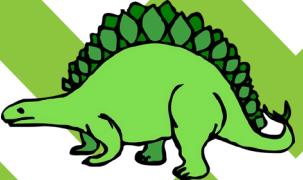


During the past month, second grade students started a new read aloud book for Language Workshop. It is called *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* and is written by Kate DiCamillo. Along with enjoying a great book, students participated by using Talk Moves. Students build on what other students say using phrases like: "I agree/disagree with you because..." and "I think ____ is saying that..." The book is sure to become a favorite with many!

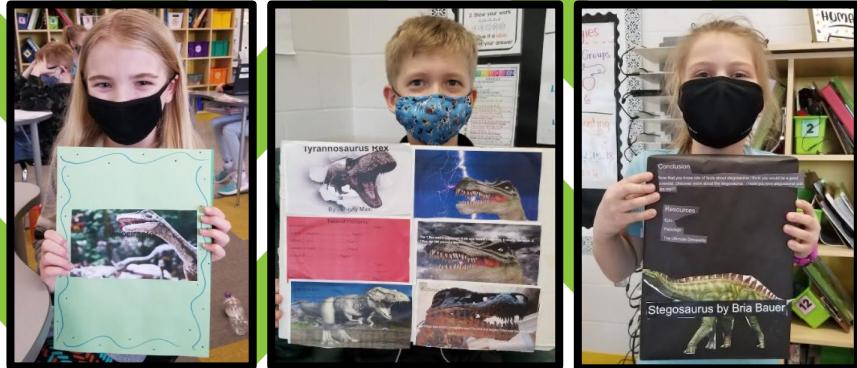


In math class, second grade students have been learning how to collect data, graph their findings and interpret their results. In the process, they are learning a lot about each other! Some of the survey topics include favorite weekend activities, number of pockets worn and number of teeth lost. They have created picture graphs, bar graphs and line plots to make their information meaningful.

Third Grade News

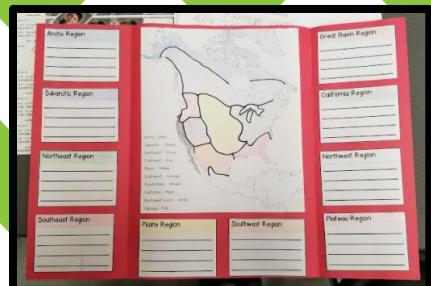


Last month the 3rd graders were talking about the multiple intelligences. The students chose a project that highlighted their strengths and abilities. The students then had the opportunity to present their dinosaur research projects to the class. For their next piece of writing, the students will be working on personal narratives.



In Social Studies, the third graders have been studying about who the first people were to live in what is now the United States. They are taking a look at the 10 different regions, writing notes on each, coloring a map, and then creating a lap book to showcase what they have learned.

The third graders have a special challenge this month! Each class has “adopted” a high school football player. If the students read 400 minutes for this month, their name will go into a drawing. If they are picked, they will get to throw a pie into the face of that football player. One lucky person in 3rd grade will actually get to throw a pie in the face of Coach Hanson!



News from PE

Hello from the AES physical education department. We are continuing with our skills-based PE curriculum. Students in 2nd and 3rd grade have been learning the skills of tossing, throwing, and catching. In our upcoming unit, students will be learning the skills related to jump roping. Students in Kindergarten and 1st grade have also begun exploring the skills of tossing, throwing, and catching, along with refining their movement language skills. We encourage you to ask your child/children what they are learning each day in PE. As we make our way through these winter months, we encourage you to continue finding time to engage in 60 minutes of play per day with your children. Whether it is going for a walk, sledding, or building a snowman, movement and play is extremely beneficial in a child's proper development. We look forward to continuing to assist your children in becoming physically literate individuals.



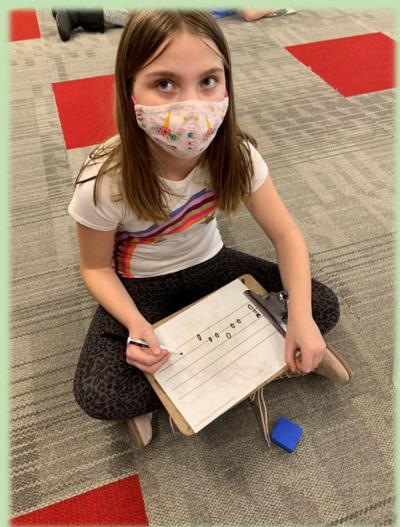
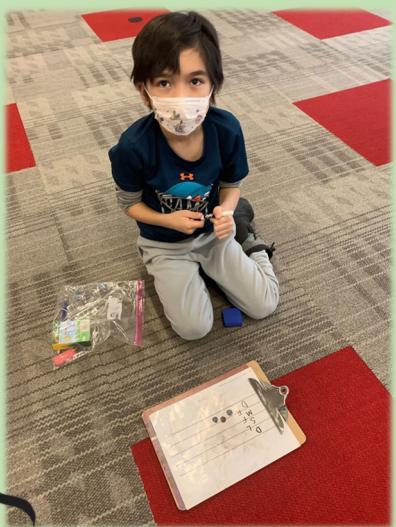
A Note from Music Class



Kindergarten, First and Second grade are continuing on their journey to be tuneful, beatful, and artful musicians.



3rd grade is writing do, re and mi on the 5 line staff in the music room.





Altoona Elementary

Lunch Menu

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Hotdog on Whole Grain Bun Golden French Fries Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	2 Soft Beef Tacos Mexican Corn Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	3 NO SCHOOL	4 Pizza Munchable Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	5 Cheeseburger on Bun with Pickles Golden French Fries Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk
8 Crispy Chicken Nuggets Tator Tots Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	9 French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Tri Tater Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	10 NO SCHOOL	11 Meatballs and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	12 Cheese Pizza Caesar Side Salad Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk
15 Pizza Dippers With Marinara Sauce Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	16 Roast Pork & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	17 NO SCHOOL	18 Hamburger on a Bun With Pickles Golden French Fries Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	19 Pancakes Egg Patty Tator Tots Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk
22 Cheese Pizza Roasted Broccoli Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	23 Crispy Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Steamed Corn Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	24 NO SCHOOL	25 French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Breakfast Potatoes Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	26 Cheesy Italian Flatbread Spiral French Fries Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk
29 SPRING	30 BREAK!!	31	 This is for Food 4 Thought	 ChooseMyPlate.gov

PRICES

Regular
 Reduced
 Adult
 Milk

\$2.70
 \$0.40
 \$4.00
 \$0.50

EXTRA INFO

Milk choice of 1% White or Chocolate is included with lunch.
 For questions or comments, contact Polly Dake-Jones at 715-839-6056 or email pdakejones@altoona.k12.wi.us.

HARVEST OF THE MONTH



Your MENUS plus more information on our app
TaherFood4Life.com



www.taher.com