



Altoona Elementary

MARCH



Newsletter

Principal's Message:

Dear Altoona Families,
We have had some interesting weather this past month! I understand when school gets canceled due to the weather it can put a burden on you to find childcare. I want to thank you for your understanding and flexibility in regards to these inclement weather days. Your child's safety is one of our top priorities.

We have many upcoming events in store for you. March 7th will be our next Family Learning Night. The activities for this night are geared toward 2nd and 3rd graders. There will be many engaging STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) activities for you and your family to participate in. Please return your RSVP no later than Friday, March 1st. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
Tara Betlach
Elementary Principal



Reminder
The PTO
Altoona
Railroaders
apparel
orders are
due on
Friday,
March 1st.



WE NEED YOU!!

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is looking for board members for the 2019-2020 school year. Positions available are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These positions are a rewarding way to volunteer at our school to make a difference. Here are a few ways they make a difference: purchasing additions to our playground, funding Books In the Park (free book giveaway throughout the summer), Family Learning Nights, and the End-of-Year Carnival. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Lenberg at klenberg@altoona.k12.wi.us.

Important Dates



3/7 3rd Trimester Begins



3/7 Family Learning Night – 2nd & 3rd Grade
5:15-7:00 p.m.



3/8 Early Release Day - 11:30 a.m.



3/12 PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

3/14 Report cards sent home with students

3/21 Kindergarten Specials Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.

3/25-3/29 Spring Break – No School



Coming soon.... After School Clubs!



Snap, Dash, Dot

In this problem solving class, students will build, create, and explore with electronics. Throughout the six weeks of *Snap, Dash, Dot*, students will learn to follow directions and develop their own instructions for making technology come alive. We will build wonder and imagination by working with a variety of mechanisms including snap circuits and dash/dot robots. This after school class is perfect for building confidence and teamwork as students work together to problem solve and construct exciting projects.

Altoona Engineers

Take your creative thinking skills to the next level in this hands-on STEM club. Throughout the six weeks of exploration, students will think “outside of the box” to solve a variety of engineering dilemmas. How strong is your bridge? How many pennies can your boat float? Who can build the tallest tower? We’ll even build some chain reactions! This club will help your student become a more creative thinker and learn some teamwork skills as well. These challenges may take more than one set of hands!

LEARN, IMAGINE, PLAY

In this cooperative play class, students will get the chance to try out classic card games and board games! Along with satisfying your child’s competitive side, board games and card games are rich in learning opportunities! Throughout the six weeks of *Learn, Imagine, Play*, students will work on social skills, taking turns, teamwork, hand-eye coordination, logic and reasoning skills, and mental agility. A few of the games used in this after school club will be: Pictionary, Skip-Bo!, and Trouble. We will even have some time for imaginative play as well; this helps develop social/emotional skills, language abilities, and much more.



You should have received a flyer home in your child’s folder. **(1st – 3rd Grade only)**
Please let their teacher know if you need a new one.



4 Year Old Kindergarten



4K PREP, NATURE-BASED,
SUMMER CAMP
MONDAY - FRIDAY
6AM TO 6PM



In our Monday - Friday, full day 4K Prep Summer Camp, LMM will bring to life the fundamental steps of learning and life. Our goals focus on education and, of course, nature and play. The educational piece activates background knowledge on math, phonics, science, reading and social studies. Structured, pre-planned play flourishes creative thinking, problem solving and the use of imagination. Our program is in the nature (River Prairie Park) so we will be engaging in a lot of outdoor learning.

ENROLL NOW!
10 Spots Available

3085 MEADOW LARK LANE
SUITE #10
ALTOONA, WI 54720
(RIVER-PRAIRIE DEV.)
715-210-9993
SUPPORT@LITTLEMINDSMATTER.COM



All Aboard! 4K Registration Day



Come in and learn about our 4 Year Old Kindergarten Program and register your child for the 2019-2020 school year!

Who: Parents/Guardians who have a 4K eligible child

4K Eligibility: Your child is eligible for our 4 Year Old Kindergarten program if they are 4 years old on or before September 1st.

Computers will be available to complete the online registration forms. Any questions will be answered by our 4K Coordinator or Elementary Secretaries.

Please bring:

- *Your child's birth certificate
- *Proof of Altoona residency

Open Enrollment applications are available!

**Friday, March 8
1:00-3:30**

**Altoona Elementary School
Conference Room
157 Bartlett Avenue
Altoona, WI**

Schedule your appointment by calling the Altoona Elementary Office at 715-839-6050.
Please call by Wednesday, March 6.





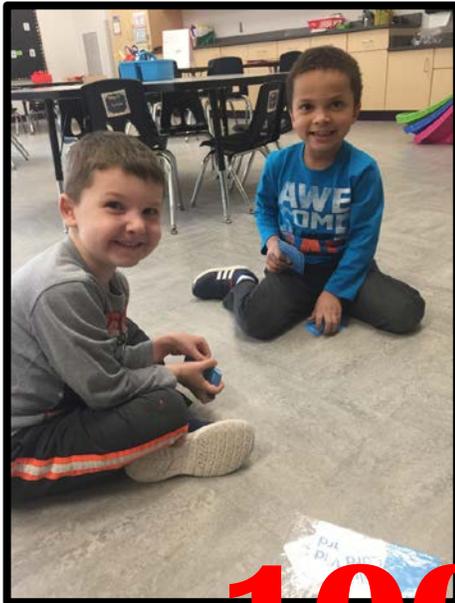
Kindergarten

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Kindergarten sure was busy this month! We had both our 100th day of School Celebration and our Valentine's Day Celebration. Our 100th day was filled with many fun 100 themed activities, like, building a tower with 100 cups, making fruit loop necklaces with 100 fruit loops, and creating a 100 piece trail mix for snack.

Valentine's Day was extra sweet. Students exchanged cards, listened to Valentine's stories, and participated in many great activities.





1st Grade



It's been a busy and fun month for our First Graders! Students have been working hard learning the difference between facts and opinions. They have had the opportunity to listen to a variety of stories like Red is Best, Duck Rabbit, Spoon and many more! Not only do students get to listen to a variety of stories, but complete follow up activities stating their own opinions! In math our First Graders have been working hard on finding combinations that make 10 and the unknown number in addition equations. They have really enjoyed playing several games to master these skills.

When not working hard, our First Graders have been having fun! At the beginning of February we took a field trip to the beautiful Pablo Center to watch the play, Dragons Love Tacos. The students were truly in awe of the building and fully engaged with the entertaining play. The following week was followed up with a variety of 100th Day and Valentine's Day activities.





2nd Grade



A gentle, helpful, furry friend has joined our 2nd grade hallway and our school community. His name is Jerry and he is a certified Therapy Dog through Therapy Dogs International. He comes to school with his handler, Mrs. Howell (2nd grade teacher) on Mondays and Fridays. Students walk, talk, pet and even read with him. Jerry was introduced to the students at a recent all school assembly. Ask your child about him.





3rd Grade

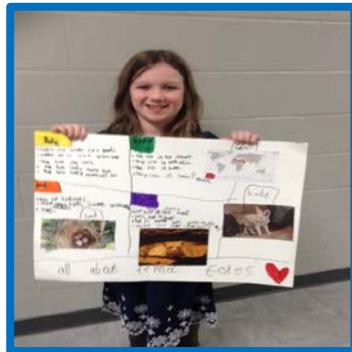


3rd Grade Inquiring Minds Want to Know

This month, 3rd graders took control of their own learning by using the **inquiry process** to research scientific topics. They conducted short research projects using this model. Because they were studying fossils and dinosaurs in Mystery Science, all students chose a prehistoric animal to research. (Students were allowed to study any scientific topic of their choice after the 1st project was complete.) First, the students had to search for and find information from a variety of **resources** including books, articles, websites and more, in order to find answers to their inquiry **questions**. Next, they learned how to take notes using the RCRR method (read, cover, remember, retell). This helped them **interpret** information in their own words. After that, students were able to **report their findings** by producing a project of their choice. The projects included posters, Google slide shows, brochures, decorated cereal boxes, dioramas, written reports, or an approved project idea that they came up with on their own. Having so much choice made this project quite engaging for our students! Take a peek at some of their creations...



Dino Style "Pokemon" Game



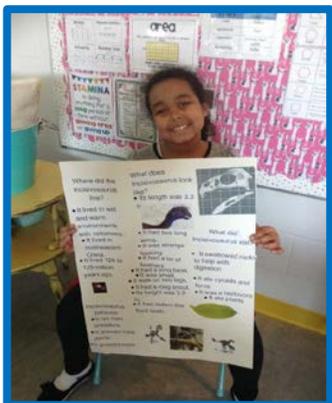
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Cereal Box Displays

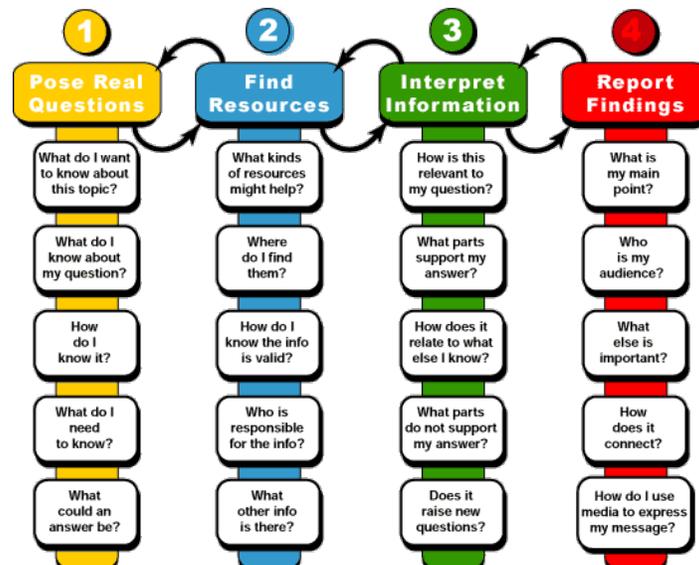


Google Slide Shows



Poster

The Inquiry Process



Brochures

Creativity takes courage.
-Henri Matisse

Art News

I dream of painting and
then I paint my dream.
-Vincent van Gogh

Mrs. Werner **Art Teacher**

Kindergarten: "Love Monsters" & Pandas



1st Grade: Digital Art inspired by Henri Rousseau jungles



2nd Grade: Self-Portraits



3rd Grade: Sculptures inspired by Dale Chihuly



By Dale Chihuly



National
Nutrition
Month

Altoona Elementary

Lunch Menu

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit
are Offered Daily on the Fruit & Vegetable Bar

March

2019

MONDAY



TUESDAY



March is National
Nutrition Month

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

HOM Strawberries

Whole Grain Pancakes
with Sausage and Fruit
Topping

Sloppy Joe Sandwich on a
Whole Grain Bun

Strawberries

National Noodle Month

Lasagna Roll Up with a
Breadstick

Chicken Nuggets with a
Breadstick

Side Caesar Salad

Cheeseburger on a Whole
Grain Bun

Chicken Tender Basket
with Whole Grain Roll

Baked French Fries

Pizza Munchable - with
Cheese, Sauce and
Pepperoni

Roasted Hot Dog on a
Whole Grain Bun

Garden Green Beans

Early Release Day

Turkey and Cheese
Sandwich with Baby
Carrots, Apple and Fruit
Snacks

Waffles with a side of
Scrambled Eggs

Creamy Macaroni and
Cheese

Mixed Fruit Cup

Mini Corn Dogs with a
Whole Grain Roll

Chicken Caesar Salad with
a Whole Grain Roll

Potato Wedges

Chicken Soup Day

Cheesy Italian Flatbread
with Dipping Sauce

Breaded Chicken
Sandwich on a Whole
Grain Bun

Chicken Noodle Soup

Popcorn Chicken with
Buttered Noodles and a
Whole Grain Roll

Cheeseburger on a Whole
Grain Bun
Roasted Broccoli
Chocolate Brownie

Walking Taco with Lettuce,
Cheese and Salsa

Hot Ham and Cheese
Sandwich on Flatbread

Black Beans

Homemade Italian
Stromboli

Deli Sub Sandwich with
Turkey and Cheese

Steamed Corn

French Toast Sticks with
Sausage

Yogurt Pack - Yogurt,
String Cheese, Whole
Grain Bagel and Cream
Cheese
Breakfast Potatoes

Fish Stick Basket with
Tater Tots

Chicken Tender Basket
with Tater Tots

Whole Grain Roll
Side Caesar Salad

Soft Shell Tacos with
Lettuce, Cheese and
Salsa

Roasted Hot Dog

Whole Grain Tortilla Chips
Pineapple

Toasted Cheese Sandwich

Chicken Nugget Basket
with a Whole Grain Roll

Tomato Soup
Chocolate Ice Cream

Have a Great Spring
Break!

March 25 - 29

PRICES

Regular	\$2.60
Reduced	\$0.40
Adult	\$3.55
Milk	\$0.50

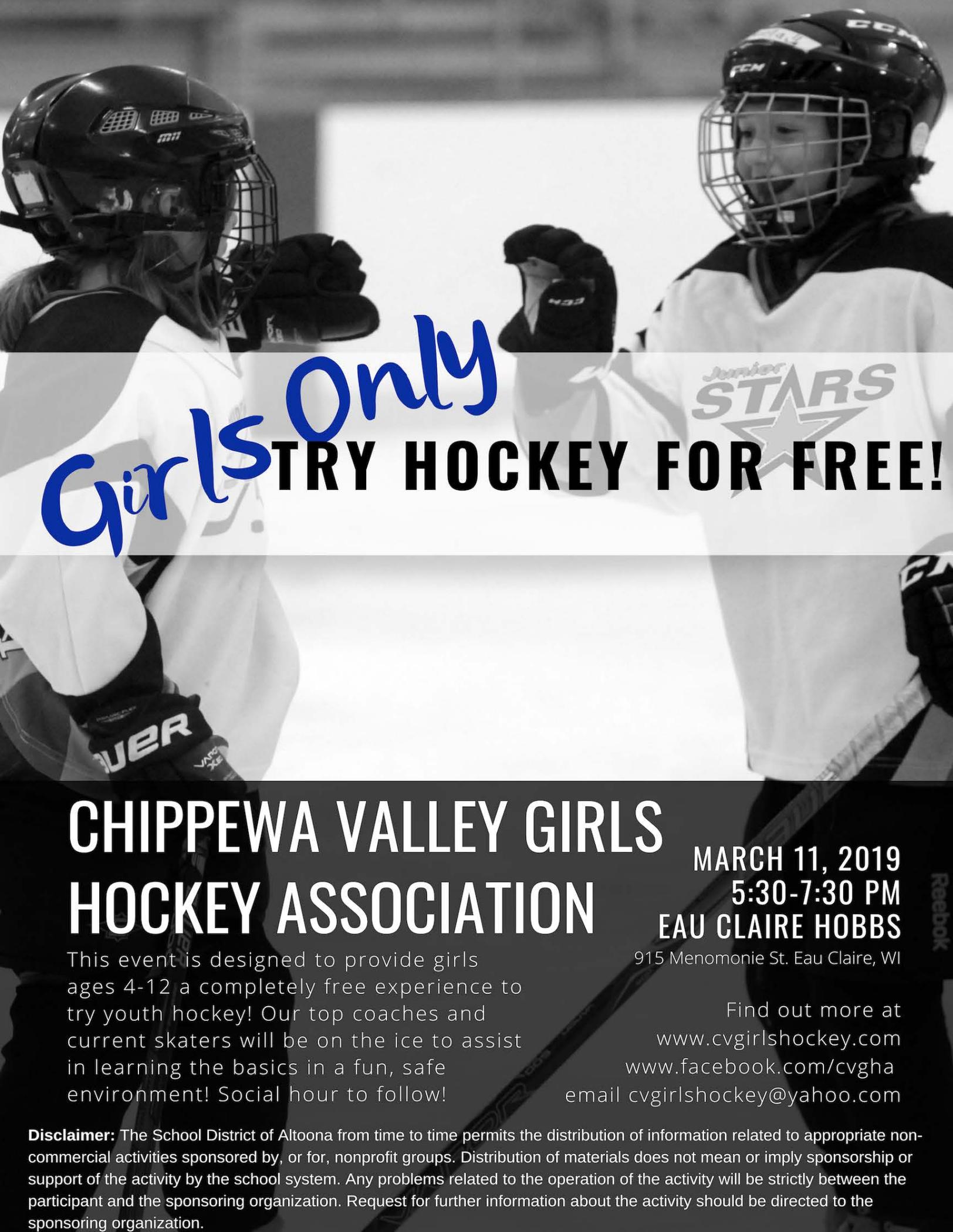
HARVEST OF THE MONTH



EXTRA INFO

Milk choice of 1% White or Chocolate is
included with lunch.
Entree Salads are served with a dinner roll.
For questions or comments, contact
Bernie Allen at 715-839-6056 or email
ballen@altoona.k12.wi.us.





Girls **Only**
TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE!

CHIPPEWA VALLEY GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

This event is designed to provide girls ages 4-12 a completely free experience to try youth hockey! Our top coaches and current skaters will be on the ice to assist in learning the basics in a fun, safe environment! Social hour to follow!

MARCH 11, 2019
5:30-7:30 PM
EAU CLAIRE HOBBS

915 Menomonie St. Eau Claire, WI

Find out more at
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www.facebook.com/cvgha
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