

Altoona Intermediate School Gr 4 & 5

December 2019

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What a wonderful November! As part of the state accountability system, the Department of Public Instruction produces report cards for every public school and district in WI. We are **very** proud to announce that with a total score of 88.5, our school once again reached the highest category, "Significantly Exceeding Expectations." All four areas of the report card were strong for us, but the area in which we truly excel is Closing the Gaps. Wisconsin has large and persistent achievement gaps affecting students across lines of race, socioeconomic status, language proficiency, and disability status. Our excellence in this area is achieved when students who are behind academically show an increased rate of growth that allows them to catch up to other students. There are many factors that go into this excellence in performance, but if I had to pinpoint one overarching factor it is the culture we have in our school. I am **blessed** to work with staff who are *passionate about their own learning and who have a growth mindset. They actively seek out areas for improvement and create and implement action plans for those areas. We are a team in our little school, and I am so, so lucky to be the principal of this tight-knit community.*

Rating	Score
Significantly Exceeds Expectations	83-100
Exceeds Expectations	73-82.9
Meets Expectations	63-72.9
Meets Few Expectations	53-62.9
Fails to Meet Expectation	0-52.9

Our students also continue to blow it out of the water in regard to living our values in which we strive to have a safe, respectful and responsible school. This month was extra special in that we caught acts of kindness in others and recognized this by writing notes that were shared. Our goal was to catch at least 750 acts of kindness and write this up/recognize this in others. Each note equaled one degree on the thermometer to cook our school turkey located in the iZone (Caught Cooking Up Kindness at AIS). Once again, our students met the goal and we celebrated with a movie, centered around kindness, at the end of the day on the 22nd. There was a menu of movies. Please be sure to ask your child which he/she watched.



In the rest of this newsletter, we are featuring articles by our students. It is so fun to read their writing... oh the perspective of kids! Enjoy, and I hope that your family has a wonderful Thanksgiving break.

Trick or Treat to Help Those in Need

By: Kylie M and Katelynn H



Have you ever heard of the Care Closet? If you haven't it is a house that is filled with clothes, supplies, and hygiene products. The house is organized in neat sections. When you walk into the Care Closet there are kids clothes and shoes. From there if you keep going there are more clothes. Then if you go down the hallway and turn into a room there are hygiene products such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and many other things. If you continue going down the hallway you will find adult clothing and shoes. The Care Closet is a place where anyone can shop for things they need for FREE!

The Care Closet was running low on hygiene products. So AIS held a competition for all of the classrooms to help the Care Closet stock up on hygiene products. A group of students from Mrs. Gagnon's classroom made baskets that looked like ghosts because it was almost Halloween. In the time period of two weeks, the classes contributed hygiene products to the baskets. At the end of the two weeks, we collected the baskets and weighed all of the baskets. The class with the heaviest basket won a pizza party. In the end, the overall weight of all of the baskets was over **800 POUNDS** of hygiene products! That is a lot of hygiene products and AIS families blew us away with their generosity. Who's the best? AIS!



Guess The Specialist



By Jacob H, Logan H and Austin H



1) I earned "Be an officer for a day".

2) I was the Toys"R"Us Mascot



3) I hung out with 6 of the NFL mascots as sasquatch

4) I am friends with Brian from Koo Koo Kangaroo

5) I ran 2 marathons in my 30's



6) I went bungee jumping

7) I grew up on one of the Great Lakes



Mr. Burgraff - 1 Mrs. Steinke - 2 Mr. Emerson - 3 Mrs. Lierman - 4 Mrs. Skifstad - 5 Mrs. Bandli - 6 Mrs. Bourget - 7

Bring On The Snow

The A.I.S. School Play

Wednesday, December 11th, at 6:00pm AHS Auditorium.



AIS cast members of ***“Bring On the Snow”***, are busy practicing and excited to share their performance on Wednesday, December 11th, at 6:00 p.m. in the AHS Auditorium. A cast reception, including an AIS Bake Sale fundraiser, will follow the performance.



We hope to see you there!



Cafeteria Tour

By Jacob H and Ethan B



Bernie (Mr. Allen) let Ethan B, Jacob H, Tessa B, Jackson P, Kiara K, Kimberly L, and Payton G take a tour of the cafeteria on Wednesday October 23rd, 2019, for a Fuel Up to Play 60 challenge.

Right when they got there they took a picture with Bernie. They did a normal picture, then a goofy picture. On the goofy picture, almost everyone was trying to bunny ears each other.

After that they looked at all of the ovens. They had a lot of ovens. A lot more than people have in their homes. The biggest one is one that a person 5 feet tall can fit in.

After looking at the ovens, they went to the first walk in freezer and their fridge. Bernie said it was below 0 degrees. They shivered while they stood in the freezer. It sure was cold.



Once they got done in the freezers, they went to look at the dry foods that didn't need to go into a freezer or fridge. In the dry food spot they had another freezer.

Once they got done in there they looked at all of the cleaning stuff. They had close to 10 sinks and one dishwasher.

Once they got done with the cleaning spot. Then they looked at all of the spices and a spot that they let the hot food sit so it doesn't get cold.

Once that was done we got cookies for going to take the tour. Thank you Mr. Allen!





Port Authority® Stadium Blanket
 Color: Red or Black or Athletic Heather
 Fabric: 7.8-ounce, 50/50 cotton/poly pill



Sport-Tek® Pom Pom Team Beanie
 Color: True Red/ Black/ White
 Fabric: 100% acrylic
 One Size Fits Most

Altoona PTO Spirit Wear - Stocking Stuffer

Name: _____

Phone: _____

# of red blankets ordered ____ (@ \$15 each)	Total \$ _____
# of black blankets ordered ____ (@ \$15 each)	Total \$ _____
# of grey blankets ordered ____ (@ \$15 each)	Total \$ _____
# of Beanie hats ordered ____ (@ \$15 each)	Total \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Cash, or checks to Altoona PTO.
All items are available in the AIS/AMS
Office, until sold out.

Yes, my student _____
 in grade _____ may pick up my order.

This is a gift. Please hold it in the office until I can
 pick it up.

5th grade

8:20 - 8:30am Homeroom

8:30 - 9:35 MATH

9:35 - 9:45 Snack

9:45 - 10:50 ELA-Lang workshop

10:50 - 11:25am **SPECIAL 1**

11:30 - 12:00 **SPECIAL 2**

12:05 - 12:45 LUNCH

12:50 - 2:00 ELA

2:00 - 2:30 PIE

2:30 - 3:30 Social Studies/ Science

3:30 - 3:35pm PACK UP

4th grade

8:20 - 8:30 Homeroom

8:30 - 9:45 ELA

9:45 - 10:15 P.I.E.

10:15 - 10:30 Snack

10:30 - 11:55 Math

12:00 - 12:40pm LUNCH

12:45 - 1:20 **SPECIAL 1**

1:25 - 2:00 **SPECIAL 2**

2:05 - 2:50 ELA Writing & IXL

2:50 - 3:30pm Social Studies or Science

3:30 - 3:35pm PACK UP

THERE IS
always, always,
ALWAYS
something
to be thankful for

CCFBANK STUDENT \$SAVER



The spirit of Thanksgiving is about showing gratefulness for our good fortune and giving to those who are in need. Express your thanks this holiday season by showing your children the importance of earning, donating, and spreading kindness to others.

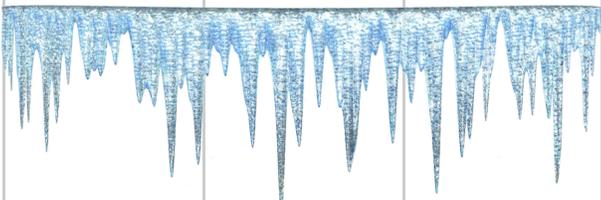
One exercise that can help your children learn this behavior is practicing the 3 S's philosophy to financial literacy – Save, Share and Spend. During the month of November, give your children some chores to do around your home or yard and give them an allowance for the chores completed. Remind them that we all have to make choices with our money and that the three broad choices are to save, share and spend. Help them label envelopes with the three S's and divide the money they earn between the three envelopes. At the end of the month, put the SAVE envelope into savings, allow your child to choose how they spend their SPEND envelope, and help them find a worthy cause for the SHARE envelope that makes them happy. Ultimately, you are helping your kids create a habit that will make their hearts happy while developing a healthy relationship with money.



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December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5 CCF Bank 7:50-8:15AM	6	7
8	9	10	11 AIS Play 6pm AHS Auditorium	12 CCF Bank 7:50-8:15AM	13	14
15	16 Board Meeting 6:30pm	17	18	19 CCF Bank 7:50-8:15AM	20	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
Winter Break - No School				Monday, Dec 23rd - Wednesday, Jan 1st		
29	30	31				
Winter Break - No School						

UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday, January 23rd: Early Release at 12:35pm

Friday, January 24th: In-Service/**No School**

Tuesday, February 25th: PT Conferences 4 - 7:30pm

Thursday, February 27th: PT Conferences 1:45 - 7:30pm

Friday, February 28th: No School