

Altoona Intermediate School Gr 4 & 5



October 2018

Picture Retake

Day: 8:30am

Wed, October
24th, 2018

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School
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PBIS Weekly Winners

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- Be sure to check out our new staff video on the AIS Homepage, called "How AIS Teachers Spent Their Summer Vacation". It was shown to all AIS students and is certain to put a smile on your face.
- In the month of October AIS students will be working hard, discovering the characteristics of legends, and learning about stars, planets and the solar system!
- Has your child been "Caught With Character"? These coupons are being sent home as another way we recognize our students who are doing the right thing.

Ella & Rainie find some fun facts about Ms. Steffen



Our principal, Ms. Steffen, at AIS is amazing and you probably know some things about her, but you probably don't know this... Did you know that our principal has three sons and two of her sons are in high school and one is in middle school? They all go to Altoona. She also has two cats. She also thinks that the project based units at AIS, such as Shark Tank, Comic Con, Immigration, and Colonial Fair, are very successful and fun. When Ms. Steffen became a principal, she thought the school was inviting and welcoming. She also wanted to work in the same district that her kids attended. When she was a kid, she always made up games with her friends and family. Did you know that she had some collections as a kid such as rocks, stickers, dolls, ponies, and trolls? WOW that is a lot of collections. She loves to do puzzles and spend time with her family and friends. She also loves to be organized and neat. When she's not working, she's taking care of her children and spend time with her friends. We hope you learned a little more about the AIS principal, Ms. Steffen .

CSR NEWS: Callie, Sandy & Remy interview Ms. Steffen



Have you ever wondered what your principal does all day? Well, we are about to tell you! Keep reading the AIS news. Do you know what your principal's favorite grade is? It's 4/5. When she was younger she went to Phillips Elementary School. At the end of the day, Ms. Steffen leaves anywhere from 4 through 6, sometimes even later! When she has free time she likes gardening, puzzles, family/friends, reading, taking care of her children and go out to eat. Fun fact: She has 3 kids and two cats!



Andrea Steffen
AIS Principal



An interview with Mrs. Bain

By Levi G

When she was young she had two cats and a rabbit. Now she has had a cat for 17 years and one still living. She has been teaching for 21 years! Mrs. Bain estimated that she has taught around 1,300 kids. Her favorite season is summer because she gets to spend more time with her family. She has worked at a daycare, a camp as a counselor and a Mc Donald's. Mrs. Bain really likes writing and she likes math.

One Amazing Teacher, MRS. SCOTT

By: Alizybeth & Kylie

Mrs. Scott absolutely LOVES being a teacher and ever since she was 7 years old, that is all she ever wanted to be. She used to play pretend school. Mrs. Scott has 4 grown up children and 11 grandchildren. Her 12th grandchild is expected to arrive in early April!!! This is her 24th year of teaching and she's taught in 4th 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades but she has spent most of her years teaching 4th grade. The largest number of students she has had in one class was 31. Shining up her classroom of stars, that is us, her students, and watching us grow into amazing, confident, and strong young people makes her heart so happy! Mrs. Scott LOVES her coworkers. Each of them bring so many special talents and gifts that they share with everyone!



8 Things About Mrs. Steinke

By Carter & Gabe

Favorite Movie: I Can Only Imagine
Favorite Dessert: Chocolate Chip Cookies
Favorite TV Show: Home Improvement
Favorite Thing To Do: Be with Family

Favorite Color: Yellow
Favorite Football Team: Packers
Favorite Food: Steak
Do you Like Coffee? Yes!

Who is Mrs. Smith?

By Lucy & Yonna

Hi AIS Families! We are very excited to introduce you to a new face at our school. Mrs. Smith teaches 4th grade and we asked her to answer some questions so we can all get to know her better.

Q: **Where did you teach before coming to AIS and why did you come here?**

A: I taught at three different schools before coming to AIS. My first two years of teaching, I taught 4th grade in Las Vegas, Nevada. Then I taught 4th grade for 6 years in Mosinee, Wisconsin. Lastly, I taught two years at Sherman Elementary in Eau Claire. I decided to come to AIS because I heard so many good things about this school. I loved the technology that everyone implements into their classrooms. Also, I loved the idea of how this school is project based.

Q: **Tell us about you and your family?**

A: This is my 11th year teaching fourth grade. We moved to the Eau Claire area three years ago and it was the best decision for our family. I have a 4 year old girl named Eloise. She loves everything pink and loves playing house. I also have twin boys named August and Adler that are 18 months old. These boys are love to play outside and climb anything. My husband is a physical therapist and we met while going to college at UWEC.

Q: **How do you like AIS so far?**

A: I love AIS so far. The teachers and students have been so welcoming.

Q: **How long have you been teaching?**

A: This is my 11th year of teaching.

Q: **What is your favorite subject to teach?**

A: This one is a hard one. I love teaching math to students but I also really like watching students fall in love with reading while they are in my classroom.

Welcome to AIS Mrs. Smith! You are going to love it here!



Guidance Counselor Mrs. Kaldor By Kennedy & Lily

Hey AIS kids, it's Lily & Kennedy, and today we interviewed Mrs. Kaldor. Here are some of the questions. First we asked her what her childhood was like. Her response was that she lived in a town with only 180 people and loved to play outside. Next we asked how many years she has been teaching. She answered "9 years, well I don't really know but it has been a really long time". Next we asked her what was something hard you had to go through. She said it was when her mom passed away. She said it was hard because her mom was her role model. Thank you Mrs. Kaldor for giving us these responses. Bye!



More News About Mrs. Smith By Nevaeh

Favorite Subject To Teach: Math Favorite Time: Probably the Morning
Favorite Food: A Sandwich Favorite Teacher Growing Up: 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher
Favorite Sport: Football Favorite Free Time Activity: Spending Time With My Family
Favorite Color: It used to be purple but now I really like pink because it's my daughter's favorite color.
Favorite Book Series: The Books of Elsewhere by Jacqueline West



Update from Mrs. Langlois Class By Owen

The 7up and M&M's activity was a fun filled activity that I did in Mrs.Langlois' class. It is a writing activity where the kids all line up and get at least 5 M&M's. (She didn't tell us why so then we would get a lot) Then, you count all of you're M&M's. However many you have, that's how many sentences you have to write about, and they have at least 7(up) words in each sentence. Each M&M color represents a different topic you had to write about. For example, if you had a green M&M, you would have to write about something you did over the summer. Mrs. Langlois then let us eat the M&M's and she even gave us a little soda can! This is a very sweet (get it?) activity.

The Musical Mrs. Lierman By Kamryn, Hannah,& Gaby

This week we decided to do an interview with Mrs. Lierman. The first question we asked was, "How long have you been teaching at Altoona?". As an answer to the question she said, "I have been teaching at Altoona for 5 years." We also asked, "What is your job like at Altoona?" As an answer to the question she said, "It is amazing! It is the best job ever!" Another question we asked was, "What grades do you teach?" She said, "4th-8th." What degrees have you earned? She said, "I've earned my BME."

Thanks for tuning into the news according to AIS!



The Interesting Mrs. Gilmartin By Amaia & Ethan



Today we interviewed the one and only Mrs. Gilmartin. First, we asked her why and when she moved to America. She said that in 1996 she was traveling around Scotland and an American wanted her to come to America with him. He said he would take her to Disneyland. After Disneyland they got married and had four kids. When we asked her where she grew up she said it was in a small country town in Australia, near Melbourne. We asked her how Wisconsin was compared to Australia. She said that there's a lot more options here. For example, there are many more choices in groceries and restaurants. They types of foods are different also. Finally, we asked why she likes her job. She said she was a teacher in Australia but her degree did not let her teach here, so she likes to be in the office because she still gets to be around kids and help them. As you can see, Mrs. Gilmartin is a very interesting person.

Wisconsin is Great



Did you know Wisconsin has over 15,000 lakes and 46% of our state is covered in forests? Students at AIS have spent the first few weeks of school learning about the five themes of geography and how they apply to Wisconsin. Using maps, newspaper articles, videos, personal experiences, and class discussions, students have really dug deep into identifying key characteristics of Wisconsin including movement around the state, its regions, human environment interaction, and what makes this state a fantastic place to live, work, and visit.

Once all the research is complete, they will begin designing a t-shirt that will represent the five themes of Wisconsin's geography. Who knows, maybe we will see one of their designs on display at the Local Store someday soon.



AIS 5th Graders We're Going on a Field Trip

AIS 5th graders will be travelling to Neillsville, WI on Friday, October 5 to visit The Highground Memorial Park. The Highground is a memorial park that pays tribute to the fallen, and honors the survivors, their service, and their sacrifices. It also pays tribute to the people who supported them when they were away and upon their return. Our students will see history come to life as they tour The Highground with a knowledgeable guide. They will discover the significance of The Highground Veterans Memorial Park and hear unexpected stories.



In addition, there will be fun, educational exhibits and presentations including the history of the U.S. flag and the Liberty Bell as well as stories from military working dog handlers and more! Students will be invited to a flag retirement ceremony as well. We are really looking forward to spending the day at The Highground.

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Friday, Oct 5th 2018



Ahoy, Mateys! Why does it take pirates so long to learn the alphabet? Because they spend years at C!!!

September 19th was National Pirate Day. The AMS 8th grade team treated AIS students to an impromptu parade.



The Great Origami Yoda Trend By: Laci

Hello AIS this is Laci and I'm here to talk about The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger. AIS teachers have been reading this book in their classes and making origami Yoda finger puppets is really starting to become a trend! Throughout AIS kids have been making origami Yoda puppets and giving them to their teachers to use when they are reading Yoda's lines in the book. We have learned many life lessons from this book and I highly recommend you get your hands on a copy soon. May the force be with you!



Hey AIS! Have you ever wondered why a teacher wanted to teach, or what a teacher's life is like? We interviewed our teacher, Ms. Baker, to find out all of our questions. To find out the answers, keep on reading.

An Interview with Ms. Baker. Why did you become a teacher?: "I love working with children, I always wanted to be a teacher!"

What do you like about your students?: "I love how they can always put a smile on my face, even if I am having a bad day, they also help keep me energized!"

Second Dream job?: "Stay at home mom"

Why did you choose to teach at AIS?: "Because when I student taught with Mrs. Gagnon, I discovered I loved the atmosphere here and the kids are great too!"

Favorite quote?: "Mistakes are proof you are trying!"

How would your describe style?: "Casual"

What is your favorite subject?: "Reading"

How many kids do you have?: "One"

Name three words that describe you: "Funny, fun, cheerful!"

When you were in 5th grade, were you outgoing or shy?: "Outgoing"

What was your favorite subject when you were in 5th grade?: "Science"

If you were a superhero what would your superpower be?: "The ability to fly!"

What word is not in your vocabulary?: "Fail"

How many years of teaching experience do you have?: "Two years!"

What is your favorite book?: "Lord of the rings"

These questions describe just one of our amazing teachers at AIS! Thank you for reading this article I hope you learned a lot about Ms. Baker at AIS!

Article by: Evie, Lily, Kaylee, Rory and Maddy



AIS News: Acts of Kindness



By: Daylen, Justin & Braydin — AIS story top news: There are a lot of acts of kindness at AIS this week. Everybody needs to be respectful. If you are kind to a friend, it will make you happy. Here's an interview from a teacher. We asked Ms.

Stamos, "What do you think about the kindness you have seen in your classroom?"

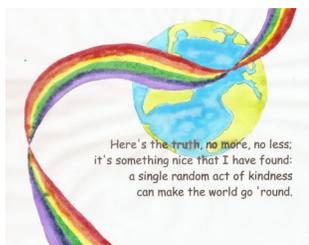
She said, "I see students helping others when they are confused with math problems. Other students are respectful by asking classmates to join their games at recess."

There have been some people making messes in the boys' bathroom. We have noticed other people cleaning it up. Remember you will never regret kindness.

Thanks for listening until next time.

The Slime Spill by Harmoni

I had a container of slime in my backpack. When I got to school I found out that it spilled all over my backpack! It stuck to everything. My friend Rieley came over and she started to help me get it off everything in there. She missed a part of class for helping me.



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A LITTLE HALLOWEEN HUMOR

Keep your kids extra safe this year if you take them trick-or-treating. Make sure they can see out of their masks, wear reflective clothing, and take them only to the houses that you know. And of course, last but not least, be ready to tell a few Halloween jokes!

Q: What does a skeleton order in a restaurant?
A: **Spare Ribs!**

Q: What ghoul is the best dancer?
A: **The Boogie Man!**

Q: What is a monster's favorite food?
A: **Fettuccini Afraid-o**

Q: How does a ghost like its coffee?
A: **With scream and sugar!**



www.ccf.us

Flu Clinics 2018

The Eau Claire City-County Health Department is offering flu shots:

CHILDREN up to 19 years: **No cost**
ADULTS: **\$44** (Cash OR make check out to ECCHD)

[Influenza \(Flu shot\)](#) (Nasal Flumist is not available through health department)

Clinic times open to all students, family, and the community

School	Date	Time	Location
Indoor Sports Center	Monday, Oct 8	3:00 – 7:00 PM	Conference Rooms
Northstar	Wednesday, Oct. 10	1:00 - 5:00 PM	Multipurpose room
Altoona High School	Tuesday, Oct 16	2:00 - 5:30 PM (students) Opens to community at 4:00 - 5:30 PM	High School Gym
Delong	Wednesday, Oct 17	1:00 - 5:00 PM	Library
Fall Creek	Tuesday, Oct 23	9:00 - 12:00 AM	Administrative Entrance
Augusta High School	Tuesday, Oct 23	2:00 - 5:00 PM	Commons
South	Wednesday, Oct 24	1:00 - 5:00 PM	IMC

For Students, an [Immunization Consent Form](#) must be signed and turned into school office 2 weeks prior to clinic IF a parent is NOT present.



Eau Claire City-County Health Department

For details, call the Eau Claire City-County Health Department 715-839-4718

BLUGOLD BEGINNINGS MENTORING & TUTORING PROGRAM

What we do!

- Work with students on homework (current & late work)
- Do enrichment activities
- Host on-campus (UWEC) events for students & families
- Snacks are provided!

Who can join?

- Any Intermediate or Middle students
- Any students who need extra assistance
- Any students who want to have fun!

When?

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
- 3:35pm-5:00pm

How?

- Ask school counselor for an application!

Any Questions?

Contact Karen Dominguez at 715-836-5121 or domingkc@uwec.edu



Would You Like to Help Inspire Young People to Embrace Successful Futures?



"I truly enjoyed going into my son's classroom once a week and teaching the students about being an entrepreneur. I loved seeing them understand the concepts that were taught and relating them to real life stories. I like to think that I, in a small way, have contributed to their drive to be an entrepreneur someday!" – JA Volunteer

Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization that partners with business and community members in our classrooms to share real-life experiences. Through JA, our students learn about skills needed to run a business, how to budget, and what skills they need to get a job in their future.



Volunteering for JA is only a 5-7 hour investment of your time over a semester and there are multiple volunteer openings for 5th grade this year.. We will provide a training to help you make the most of your classroom experience, all you need is a desire to learn and share with the students at Altoona Intermediate School!

To learn if this position is right for you, please contact Allyson Barka at abarka@jawis.org or 715-214-1125. If you aren't able to volunteer, consider sponsoring a student at your school for just \$25.

<https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-wisconsin/donatenorthwest>



October 2018



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14	15 Board Meeting Play Practice 3:35-5pm	16 PT Conferences	17 Play Practice 3:35-5pm	18 PT Conferences	19 NO SCHOOL	20
21	22 Play Practice 3:35-5pm	23	24 Retake Day Play Practice 3:35-5pm	25	26	27
28	29 Board Meeting Play Practice 3:35-5pm	30	31 Play Practice 3:35-5pm			

NOTE: UPCOMING 2018 DATES:

Tuesday, October 16th - PM Parent/Teacher conferences 4-7:30pm

Thursday, October 18th - Early Release & PM P/T conferences 1:45-7:30pm

Friday, October 19th - No School

Monday, November 5th - Family Learning Night 5:30-6:30pm

Inservice Days: Nov 19th & 20th and Thanksgiving Break: November 21st - 23rd