

Altoona Intermediate School

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A 2020 National Blue
Ribbon School

It's hard to believe, but we are now through October and the end of the first quarter. Reflecting on the first quarter, while there are challenges, it has been a smooth start to the year. We are diligently keeping our safety procedures in place, and because of this, we have been able to maintain in person schooling even as COVID is peaking in our county and state in general.

In keeping with our motto that AIS is a safe, respectful, and responsible school, one of the behaviors we are currently focusing more closely on is "Fall-owing" Directions. All classes can earn a leaf for the AIS tree, posted in the iZone, and when we reach 200 leaves as a school, we will have a celebration. We are so, so close!

Academically, your child has completed (4th grade) or is near completion (5th grade) Unit 2 of math and the second unit in ELA. What have we noted so far this year in regard to academics? As a whole, we saw a little wider gap in learning coming in than we have in previous years. This makes sense as we moved to off-site learning mid-March last spring. While this is an additional challenge, we have very strong practices and processes/systems in place to counter these learning gaps. I have said to many in the last month, or month and a half, that I have never seen my staff work so hard to close gaps in learning... but they are and they do.

And so, reflecting on the first quarter of our year, I am just thankful and happy. We are moving forward and doing a great job if I do say so myself. :)

Now some news from a couple of our students. Layla W, grade 5, would like to start a Prodigy club. Please see her ad below and ask your child if interested.

Do you love Prodigy? Do you love to battle friends? Then play with the Prodigy Club! No sign-up needed! Just do the following instructions every Wednesday. Go on Prodigy at 10:30am. Go to home, go to Emerald, and go to the Academy Keystone.

Please see page 2 for an article by Emma M in 5th grade!



Thank YOU for doing your part to keep EVERYONE safe.

Blue Ribbon Award for Altoona Intermediate School

By Emma M.

The Altoona Intermediate School has received the National Blue Ribbon Schools award. The National Blue Ribbon Schools award is an award that schools get when their students have progressed a lot in certain subjects. AIS was one of 367 nationwide and one of eight schools in Wisconsin to receive the award. AIS won the National Blue Ribbon Schools award for the first time. Our school won the award because of how many students progressed in math and ELA.

I have asked Mrs. Drescher (4th grade teacher), I asked “Have you ever heard of the Blue Ribbon Schools award before?” She answered “I didn’t know about it until we earned it.” I then asked “How do you feel about the AIS winning the Blue Ribbon award.” “I feel that it’s so nice to be recognized for the hard work and dedication of the staff here at AIS.” answer Mrs. Drescher, “We are constantly striving to improve and help students make the greatest gains,”

I have also interviewed Jada T (5th grade student). I asked her if she knew what the Blue Ribbon Schools award was, she had answered “No.” So I explained what the Blue Ribbon was. Then I had asked how she felt about the AIS winning the award and why she feels that way. She said “I feel proud and happy about AIS winning the award. I feel that way because there are thousands of schools that could have won the award but AIS won the award.”

I have also interviewed Mr. Henrichs (4th grade teacher). Have asked him If he has heard of the Blue Ribbon Schools award before the AIS won the award. He answered “Yes, it is for schools that do really well and when your school performs very well they are recognized. I also asked Mr. Henrichs how he feels about the AIS winning the Blue Ribbon Schools award. He answered “It’s very exciting because our district is able to celebrate the accomplishment. It is a great team effort in order to receive this award.”

I also interviewed Layla W (5th grade student) . I asked her if she knew about the award before the AIS won the award and she said “No, I have not.” I also asked her how she feels about the AIS winning the award and why. She had answered “I think that it is super cool because it is like an honor for the school I go to, to earn such an award.”



Those are all the people I interviewed but I personally think that it is just awesome to have an award that few schools have in the country and state, I think that because it feels like we won the best award ever because we have, the Blue Ribbon Schools award is the best award a school can get and **Altoona Intermediate School** won this amazing award. Thanks for reading my article, I hope you enjoyed reading this article. Good Bye!

Emma M.



Box Tops have gone digital. Have you signed up for the Box Tops APP yet? It’s so easy, just download it from The Google Play or Apple store, set up your account, and choose your school. Receipts must be scanned in your APP within 14 days of purchase. We have always earned a lot of money for the school through the Box Tops program, so please sign up now!

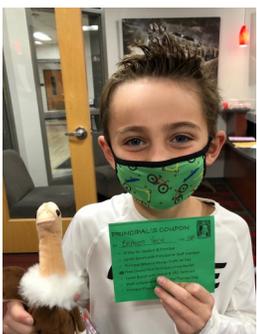
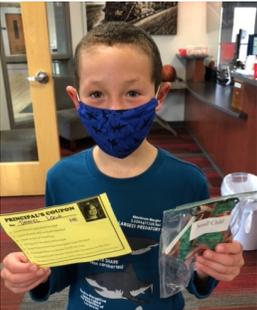
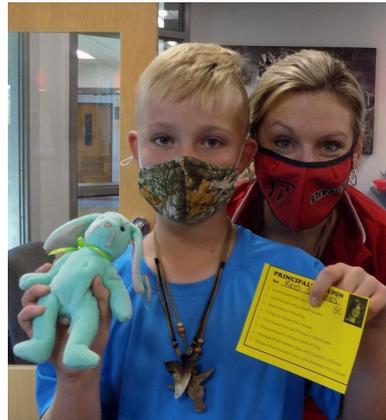
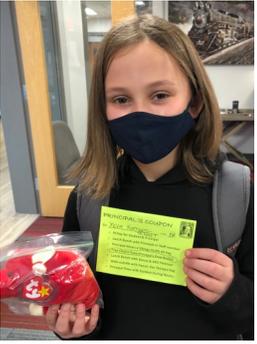
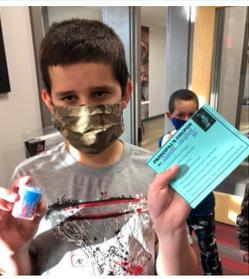
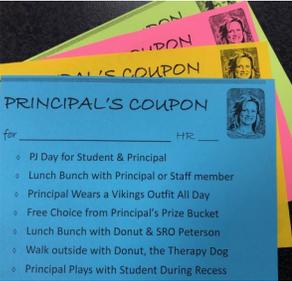
If you have any clipped paper Box Tops, you can still turn them in as long as they are not expired. Thank you for all your hard work!!
Monica



Hope Gospel Mission's
Thanksgiving Day
Community Dinner
Join us for a FREE Thanksgiving Dinner
EVERYONE IS WELCOME
Due to Covid-19 and social distancing guidelines, we will be serving this dinner as DRIVE-THROUGH and TAKE-OUT ONLY.
November 26, 2020
11:30 am — 1:30 pm
2650 Mercantile Drive, Eau Claire
HOPE GOSPEL MISSION
Lives Rescued. Rebuilt. Renewed.
INFO - VOLUNTEER - DONATE
CALL: 715-552-5566 ext. 1300
www.HopeGospelMission.org

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR IN SCHOOL

At AIS, great behavior is recognized and rewarded! Students who follow expectations receive PBIS tickets. Each week, we draw names for students to win a Principal's Coupon. Students are able to select from a variety of prizes, including a lunch bunch with a staff member or with SRO Peterson and Donut, our Therapy Dog!





2020 - 2021 School Calendar



LATE START 4th Grade

10:30-11:30 Math
 11:30-12:00 Lang Workshop
 12:00-12:40 Lunch/Recess
 12:40-2:00 Specials
 2:00-3:00 ELA
 3:00-3:30 Soc Science
 3:35 Dismissal

EARLY RELEASE 4th Grade

8:30-9:30 ELA
 9:30-9:40 Snack
 9:42-10:45 Math
 10:50-11:14 Specials
 11:17-11:41 Specials
 11:44-12:25 Lunch/Recess
 2:25-12:35 Clean/Pack Up

LATE START 5th Grade

10:30-10:50 Homeroom
 10:50-12:05 Specials
 12:05-12:45 Lunch/Recess
 12:45-2:00 Math
 2:00-3:30 ELA
 3:35 Dismissal

EARLY RELEASE 5th Grade

8:30-9:30 Math
 9:30-9:38 Snack
 9:41-10:05 Specials
 10:08-10:32 Specials
 10:36-11:41 ELA
 11:44-12:25 Lunch/Recess
 12:25-12:35 Clean/Pack Up

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- 6-12 A In-Person, B Virtual
- 6-12 B In-Person, A Virtual
- K-12 Virtual Learning
- School Closed
- Early Release Day
- Educator Inservice (No Students)
- New Educator Orientation
- Family-Teacher Conferences

Jul 1 - Aug 31	One Educator Preparation Day
Aug 18 - 20	New Educator Orientation
Aug 21 - 27	Educator Inservice - No School for Students
Sept 1	Student First Day
Sept 7	Labor Day - No School
Oct 20	K-5 Family-Teacher Conference - Evening
Oct 22	K-5 Family-Teacher Conference - Afternoon/Evening
Oct 23	K-5: No School
Nov 23	Educator Inservice - No School for Students
Nov 24 - 27	Thanksgiving Break - No School

Dec 24 - Jan 1	Winter Break - No School
Jan 22	Educator Inservice - Early Release for Students
Feb 23	Family-Teacher Conference - Evening
Feb 25	Family-Teacher Conference - Afternoon/Evening
Feb 26	No School
Mar 29 - Apr 2	Spring Break - No School
Apr 5	Educator Inservice - No School for Students
May 28	High School Graduation
May 31	Memorial Day - No School
Jun 4	Student Last Day - Early Release