

Altoona Intermediate School September 2020



Photo day!

Tuesday,
October
20th

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#AIS STRONG



AIS PTO

See Page 5 for a limited
time AIS clothing order.

BREAKING NEWS!!!

We are VERY excited to tell you that our school has been awarded the 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award. This is the top award public and non-public schools in our country can attain. Altoona Intermediate School is one of eight schools awarded in Wisconsin and one of 367 awarded nationally.

This award is not one that schools apply for. Rather, the Chief State School Officer of each state makes the nomination. Nominations occur in two areas; Exemplary Achievement Gap Closure and Exemplary High Performance, and while our school is also a high achieving school, we are being recognized for our excellence in Achievement Gap Closure. What does it mean to close gaps? Students performing below expectation have higher than average growth rates, and therefore close the distance between their performance and that of their peers. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction looks specifically at the progress of subgroups of students, and these subgroups may be based on income, race, ethnicity, or disability. Our school has consistently excelled in this area for several years.

We are so excited to share this news with you and hope that you are as proud of our little school and the accomplishments of our students as we are!



Altoona Intermediate School
A 2020 National Blue Ribbon School



**Want this shirt? Need a Mask?
See page 5 to order your own!**



“Back to School Issue”

Altoona Intermediate School, 1903 Bartlett Avenue, Altoona WI 54720
AIS Office 715-838-7111 Absentee Hotline 715-839-6095
Student Transit 715-839-5116 Food Service 715-839-6056

Please save this issue.

It contains information you may refer to throughout the year. We are excited for another productive, engaging and successful year at AIS.





Andrea Steffen
AIS Principal

It's hard to believe we have a month into school already. We have had a wonderful start to the school year, and we have all said that it feels so good to be back with our kids! We really missed the kids. While there were some initial challenges with planning **before** our students arrived, these safety measures have been figured out, are being fully implemented, and have been highly effective. Our students are back, we are happy, we are learning, and everything is going so well. Our students have all completed their first units in both English Language Arts and Math, and we had our first school celebration on Friday the 25th as our behavioral data was down-right amazing in our first month! What more can we ask for :)? Our students are learning at high levels, and they are all contributing to an environment that is safe, respectful, and responsible. Yes, it feels so good to be back.



KINDNESS ROCKS AT AIS. Mrs. Smith and her 4th graders talked about what kindness means and painted rocks to put either at home or in the community because "kindness rocks" :)



CCFBANK STUDENT \$SAVER

RESPONSIBLE MONEY MANAGEMENT STARTS **HERE.**

WHAT YOU NEED TO OPEN THE ACCOUNT

- \$5.00 Opening Deposit Required
- Social Security number and contact information for both student and parent or official guardian
- Identification of parent or official guardian (driver's license or passport)

Altoona Intermediate and Middle Schools are proud to offer the CCFBank Student Saver Account. In years past, we have been on-site. While we are unable to be at the school this year, you can still make an appointment at a CCFBank location to open an account.

THE RAILS BRANCH STUDENT SAVER ACCOUNT OFFERS:

- ✓ The opportunity to have your student make deposits weekly at the Railroaders CCFBank branch location in the future.
- ✓ No monthly fee or minimum balance required
- ✓ Competitive 1.50% annual percentage yield up to \$5,000.00 and 0.20% annual percentage yield on balances over \$5,000.00
- ✓ Up to six withdrawals each monthly cycle at CCFBank branches
- ✓ Opening gifts: savings pouch, keychain, and train whistle
- ✓ CCFBank will match opening deposits up to \$5.00



ATTENDANCE: *A few important reminders!*

Our school hours are 8:20am-3:35pm. Students should not arrive before 8:00 am.



Arriving Late/Leaving Early: If your child is arriving late/leaving school early, please call or send a note to the office. All students must be signed in/out by a parent/guardian.



Illness/Vacation/ Family Business: A parent/guardian must call the Absentee hotline (715) 839-6095 or the AIS 715-838-7111 if your child is going to be absent. Please provide a reason why your child will not be attending (e.g. illness, vacation).

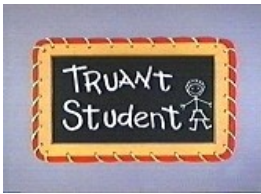
Number of Days Allowed: A student may be excused by a parent/guardian for up to 10 days during the school year. Course work missed during the absence must be made up.



Appointments: Medical, dental, chiropractic, optometric or other valid professional appointments. Parents/guardians are requested to make their appointments during non- school hours. Parents/guardians may sign their child out of school before the appointment and sign them in following the appointment. For an absence to be considered medically exempt, an appointment card with date and time seen will suffice.



Unexcused Absences: Students who are absent from school, without the office being notified by a parent/guardian, shall be considered unexcused (truant).



Habitual Truancy: The school attendance officer shall notify the parent/guardian of a student who is habitually truant by certified or registered mail. "Habitual truant" means a student who is absent from school, without an acceptable excuse, for part or all of five or more days on which school is held during a school semester.

DID YOU KNOW ...?

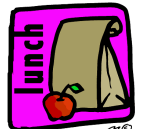


A Skyward account has been created to help you monitor your child's schooling.

What Can SKYWARD Help Your Family With?

SKYWARD is a useful tool to keep you informed about what is going on at school with your child/children. For example, you can

- *Check your child's schedule, attendance, tardies, etc.
- *Find alerts regarding any missing assignments or notes from teachers.
- *Check & pay your lunch account balance.
- *Find information on any discipline referrals & more.



Your account has been set up with a login and password. Using this information, visit the Altoona Schools' homepage at www.altoona.k12.wi.us and click on the Family/Student access link, located on the upper left hand side of the page.

If you need help navigating SKYWARD please stop into the LMC or the AIS Office to ask for help. You may also call the office at 715-838-7111 to request assistance, or ask for x 320 and Ms. Steward in the LMC will be happy to help you.

AIS PTO School Spirit

T-Shirts & Masks Clothing Order

Online orders only until Wednesday, October 28th, 2020



T-Shirts \$10

Charcoal or Red



Masks \$6



- T-Shirts \$ 10, Available in charcoal or red, Sizes Youth M, L, XL & Adult S, M, L, XL (at an additional cost for the following sizes 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL)
- Masks are \$ 6, and available in sizes Youth L/XL, Adult S or Adult L/XL
- Delivery will be approx. 4 weeks after closing date - Oct 28th to AIS

No orders will be taken after October 28th.

Enter the link listed below to access the login page:

<https://chippewavalleysportinggoods.itemorder.com/>

Enter the code **(AIS2020)** in the box.

Code: AIS2020

Click on the products, choose the color and size of the t-shirt, and size for the mask. Add to cart and then enter your information.

4th Grade Information

4th Grade	EMAIL	EXT
Rachel Drescher	rdrescher@altoona.k12.wi.us	368
Paul Henrichs	phenrichs@altoona.k12.wi.us	329
Teresa Langlois	tlanglois@altoona.k12.wi.us	332
Lisa Roff	lroff@altoona.k12.wi.us	375
Larissa Smith	lsmith@altoona.k12.wi.us	379
Abbie Statz	astatz@altoona.k12.wi.us	338

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



Mrs. Drescher



Mr. Henrichs



Mrs. Langlois



Mrs. Roff



Mrs. Smith



Mrs. Statz

5th Grade Information

5th Grade	EMAIL	EXT	5th grade
Jennifer Bain	jbain@altoona.k12.wi.us	331	8:20 - 8:30am Homeroom
Serena Baker	sbaker@altoona.k12.wi.us	328	8:30 - 9:35 MATH
Sara Brahan	sbrahan@altoona.k12.wi.us	334	9:35 - 9:45 Snack
Shalyn Gagnon	sgagnon@altoona.k12.wi.us	335	9:45 - 10:50 ELA-Lang workshop
Tiffani Guse	tguse@altoona.k12.wi.us	344	10:50 - 11:25am SPECIAL 1
Julie Scott	jscott@altoona.k12.wi.us	337	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 or Science
			3:30 - 3:35pm PACK UP



Mrs. Bain



Mrs. Brahan



Mrs. Gagnon



Mrs. Guse



Mrs. Misch



Mrs. Scott



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