

Altoona Intermediate School Gr 4 & 5

September 2019

Photo day!

During P.T.
Conferences
Oct 22nd &
24th

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“You are
never too old
to set another
goal or to
dream a new
dream.”

- C.S. Lewis

“Back to School Issue”

Altoona Intermediate School
1903 Bartlett Avenue,
Altoona WI 54720
AIS Office 715-838-7111

Absentee Hotline 715-839-6095

AMS Office 715-838-7111

Student Transit 715-839-5116

Food Service 715-839-6056



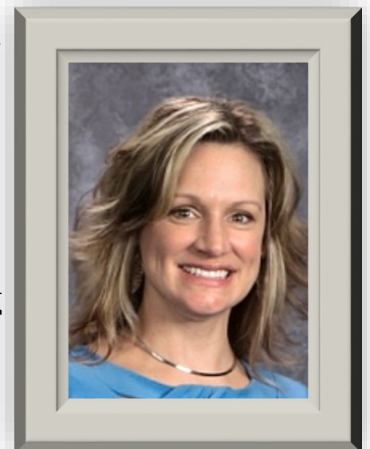
Welcome back! We hope your summer was an awesome and fun filled one!

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.

Please note that Lifetouch will be taking school photos during conferences this year, on Tuesday October 22nd from 4-7:30pm and on Thursday, October 24th from 1:45-7:30pm. Forms will be sent home next week.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any concerns or questions you have. If you do stop by please remember that all visitors/parents/guardians/volunteers must sign in at the office and take a visitor tag.



Andrea Steffen
AIS Principal

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 ...?

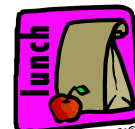


A Skyward account has been created to help you monitor your child's schooling.

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.

4th Grade



Mrs. Drescher Mr. Henrichs Mrs. Langlois Mrs. Roff Mrs. Smith

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

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

5th Grade



Mrs. Bain Ms. Baker Mrs. Brahan Mrs. Gagnon Mrs. Gutsch Mrs. Scott

5th Grade	EMAIL	EXT
Jennifer Bain	jbain@altoona.k12.wi.us	331
Serena Baker	sbaker@altoona.k12.wi.us	328
Sara Brahan	sbrahan@altoona.k12.wi.us	334
Shalyn Gagnon	sgagnon@altoona.k12.wi.us	335
Chris Gutsch	cgutsch@altoona.k12.wi.us	338
Julie Scott	jscott@altoona.k12.wi.us	337

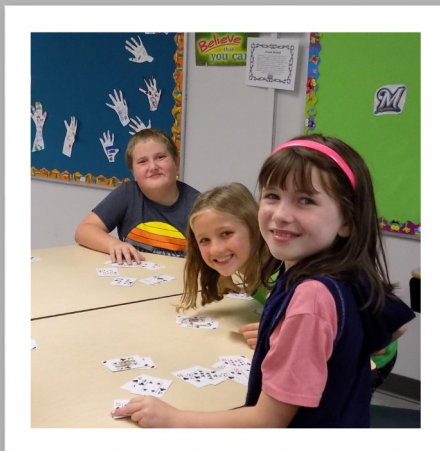
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8:30 - 9:35 MATH
9:35 - 9:45 Snack
9:45 - 10:50 ELA-Lang workshop
10:50 - 11:25am SPECIAL 1
11:30 - 12:00 SPECIAL 2
12:05 - 12:45 LUNCH
12:50 - 2:00 ELA
2:00 - 2:30 PIE
2:30 - 3:30 Social Studies or Science
3:30 - 3:35pm PACK UP

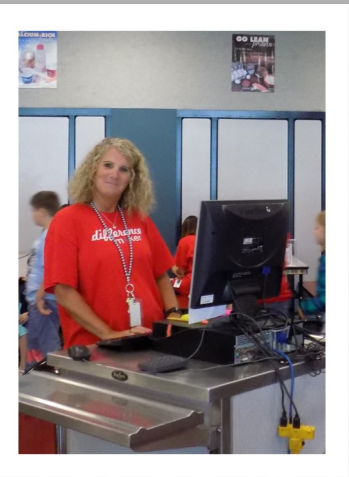
AIS Yearlong Home/School Communication Plan

We value our partnership with you and want you to know what your student is learning and how he/she is doing throughout the year.
We will also communicate important dates and events in the AIS Newsletters emailed at the beginning of each month.

How ?	When?	What?		
Face-to-Face Welcome Back Day	Sept. 3	<p>At Welcome Back Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Parents/Guardians will receive this overview of our yearlong communication plan.Teachers and Parents/Guardians will identify preferred communication method(s) for any additional individual needs or events.What's coming up between now and Parent-Teacher conferences in October:<ul style="list-style-type: none">FASTbridge: A reading and math assessment completed on the computer by all students in September, January, and May.Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener (SAEBRS): A brief screener completed by the student and teacher to consider the needs of the whole-child. <table><tr><td><p style="text-align: center;">4th Grade Units</p><p>English Language Arts (ELA):</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1A - Setting the Stage for SuccessUnit 1B - Traditions<p>Science: Birth of Rocks</p><p>Social Studies: Geography</p><p>Math:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1 - Arrays, Factors, & ComparisonsUnit 2 - Measurement Data</td><td><p style="text-align: center;">5th Grade Units</p><p>English Language Arts (ELA):</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1A - Setting the Stage for SuccessUnit 1B - Andrew Clements Books<p>Science: Spaceship Earth</p><p>Social Studies: 5 Themes of Geography</p><p>Math:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1 - Multiplication and DivisionUnit 2 - Prisms and Solids</td></tr></table>	<p style="text-align: center;">4th Grade Units</p> <p>English Language Arts (ELA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1A - Setting the Stage for SuccessUnit 1B - Traditions <p>Science: Birth of Rocks</p> <p>Social Studies: Geography</p> <p>Math:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1 - Arrays, Factors, & ComparisonsUnit 2 - Measurement Data	<p style="text-align: center;">5th Grade Units</p> <p>English Language Arts (ELA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1A - Setting the Stage for SuccessUnit 1B - Andrew Clements Books <p>Science: Spaceship Earth</p> <p>Social Studies: 5 Themes of Geography</p> <p>Math:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1 - Multiplication and DivisionUnit 2 - Prisms and Solids
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Skyward	End Sept.- Beg. Oct.	<p>Parents can access their child's Gradebook in Family Access in Skyward. The Gradebook houses <i>only reports cards</i> (end of semester 1/January and end of semester 2/year). Parents will be able to see their child's grades on all assessments at Parent Teacher Conferences in October and in their child's backpack for every test given thereafter. A reminder will be sent to check the backpack.</p> <p>Skyward Family Access Tutorial: https://docs.google.com/drawings/d/1kIAv8ikHqBraQnGSaQIRf07YUyzdmrpn_DxaL38niXw/edit https://docs.google.com/drawings/d/1gggBQeIDpTHa35Lv4J4xA5JMMjNCsNKbWZDv4y1Uydw/edit</p>		
Face-to-Face Parent Teacher Conference	October 22 & 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parents/Guardians and Teachers will discuss FASTbridge and SAEBRS results.Progress report on Units listed above<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parents/Guardians will receive descriptions on upcoming units.Parents/Guardians will receive notes on school core values (responsible, respectful, safe).		
Email or Written Notice (written for those without email/internet access)	November December January	<p>As your student(s) complete a unit, you will receive the below email. This email will let you know how to check your student's grades and what is coming up next:</p> <p><i>We just finished (topic/unit) in (subject). You can see your student's progress by checking their grade on their assessment labeled (name). This assessment will be sent home in their backpack/folder on (day). Our next unit in (subject) will focus on (topic).</i></p>		
Report Card	End of January	<p>Report card will be mailed home and can also be accessed on Skyward.</p> <p>Skyward Family Access Tutorial: https://docs.google.com/drawings/d/1kIAv8ikHqBraQnGSaQIRf07YUyzdmrpn_DxaL38niXw/edit https://docs.google.com/drawings/d/1gggBQeIDpTHa35Lv4J4xA5JMMjNCsNKbWZDv4y1Uydw/edit</p>		
Face-to-Face Parent Teacher Conference	February 25 & 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Go through FASTbridge and SAEBRS assessment informationProgress on standards completed since the last email (end of unit)Topics coming up next in each subject area		
Email or Written Notice (written for those without email/internet access)	March April May	<p>As your student(s) complete a unit, you will receive the below email. This email will let you know how to check your student's grades and what is coming up next:</p> <p><i>We just finished (topic/unit) in (subject). You can see your student's progress by checking their grade on their assessment labeled (name). This assessment will be sent home in their backpack/folder on (day). Our next unit in (subject) will focus on (topic).</i></p>		
Report Card	June	Final FASTbridge and SAEBRS results and report card will be mailed home.		

*** progress reporting is available for all specials courses a minimum of 4x/year (PT Conferences in October, report card in January, PT Conferences in February, & report card in June).









2019-2020 School Calendar



If an Early Release is required for AIS, students are dismissed at 12:35pm.
If a Late Start is required, AIS students begin class at 10:20am

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALTOONA

CALENDAR FOR 2019/20

ADOPTED: 1/21/19

August

M	T	W	TH	F
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

September

M	T	W	TH	F
LD	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

October

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

November

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

December

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

January

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

February

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

March

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

April

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

May

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
MD	26	27	28	29

June

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12

Inclement Weather Days: This calendar includes 3 "snow" days. June 8-9 are designated as make-up days in the event an additional day(s) is needed.

Stu's Tch'r's:

10	4	Aug
20	20	Sept
22	23	Oct
16	18	Nov
15	15	Dec
21	22	Jan
19	20	Feb
17	17	Mar
21	21	Apr
20	20	May
5	5	June
NA	3	Holidays
NA	2	Prep Days *
176	190	

*Prep Days = 2 day worked 7/1-9/2

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Oct 22 (evening) / Oct 24 (afternoon/evening)

Feb 25 (evening) / Feb 27 (afternoon/evening)

(Teachers work two evenings in Oct and Feb to equal one-day in each month)

Early Release/No School PM:

Oct 24, Jan 23, Feb 27, Apr 9, June 5

Qtr End Dates: 11/1, 1/23, 4/3, 6/5

Teacher Inservice, Aug 26-29
First Student Day, Sept 3
Early Release Day/No School PM, Oct 24
No School, Oct 25
Inservice/No School, Nov 25-26
Thanksgiving Break, Nov 27-29
Winter Break, Dec 23-Jan 1
Early Release Day/No School PM, Jan 23
Inservice/No School, Jan 24
Early Release Day/No School PM, Feb 27
No School, Feb 28
Spring Break, March 23-27
Early Release Day/No School PM, Apr 9
Spring Break, April 10
Memorial Day, May 25
Graduation, May 29
Last Student Day/No School PM, June 5
Last Teacher Day, June 5

UPCOMING DATES:

Monday, November 4th, 5:30-6:30pm Family Learning Night

Wednesday, December 11th 6:00-7:00pm "Bring on the Snow" AIS Play