



# Paw Prints

Atlanta Community Schools

April 2024



## New Attendance Incentive

Beginning on Monday, April 1st, we began an attendance incentive program. Earn weekly reward for perfect attendance and a larger reward for four (4) weeks (non-consecutive) of perfect attendance. Rewards will be handed out during elementary lunch and HS/JH Howl classes.



## Join us! Kindergarten Round-up (4/30)

Kindergarten Round-up is a time for incoming Kindergarteners to register for Kindergarten. Qualifying children must be at least five years of age on September 1, 2024 to meet Michigan's eligibility requirement. Alternatively, if a student will be five years of age not later than December 1, 2024, a student may enroll with a waiver.

Please join us on Tuesday, April 30 from 5-6 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. to see the Kindergarten classroom, learn to prepare your child for Kindergarten, complete enrollment paperwork, ask questions, and more. Every family will receive a bag with educational goodies. We hope all new Kindergarten families will join us!

## Spring Testing Tips (3-11th grades)

We will have a lot of testing happening in April for our Spring data collection. Here are some helpful tips to help your students do their best:

- Get plenty of sleep.
- Eat nutritional food, especially a good breakfast.
- Be well hydrated.
- Help discourage testing anxiety by breathing, stretching, and replacing negative thoughts with positive ones.

<https://summer.harvard.edu/blog/14-tips-for-test-taking-success/>

## Important Dates

4/10 - CB Testing Day (HS)  
4/15 - BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.  
4/30 - Kindergarten Round-up  
5/4 - Senior Prom, 7-11 p.m.  
5/7 - Blood Drive, 12-5:30 p.m.  
5/8 - Band Concert & Art Show  
5/10 - JH Dance, 6-9 p.m.  
5/15 - HS Academic Awards  
5/27 - No School, Memorial Day  
6/5 - Half Day, Last Day of School

You can find our 2023-2024 School Calendar on our website.

## Huskie Athletics

Spring sports, JH & HS Track, Softball, and Baseball, are in full swing.

2023-24 athletic schedules, along with a list of other important dates, are on our website under the Athletics tab.

## Upcoming Testing

Save the dates for some upcoming testing for our secondary students:

Wed, April 10 - 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will take the required College Board test. Seniors will have the day off of school.

Thur, April 11 - 11th graders will take the required Work Keys test.

# March is Reading Month!

Every March, our Huskie Pack celebrates “March is Reading Month.” This year, our theme was “Readers are Leaders.” Our students spent a lot of time reading. As a school, they logged a total of 28,929 minutes (482 hours)! We were glad to have so many special guests from our community join us as guest readers to share their love for reading. Our Family Literacy Night was also a great success. We finished the month with an assembly to recognize all of our super readers.

Overall Top PK-5 reader: David Cumper, 4th grade (3295 minutes)

5th Grade: Trinity Schoening (3250 minutes)

4th Grade: MaKenzi Walden (1846 minutes)

3rd Grade: Irenya White (2135 minutes)

2nd Grade: Frank Krzysztan (573 minutes)

1st Grade: Ryan Cumper (737 minutes)

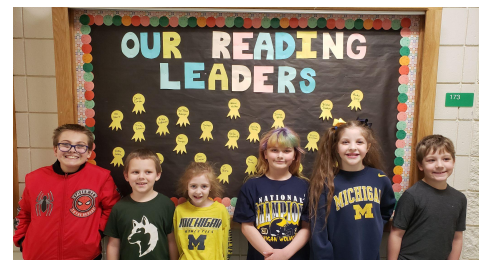
Kindergarten: Ruby Emig (825 minutes)

Preschool: Samuel Cumper (477 minutes)

Best class participation: Mrs. Krzysztan’s 3rd grade

Door Decorating Contest: 1st place: 1st grade, 2nd place: Kindergarten

Two reading leaders got to put a shaving cream hat on Mrs. Kayla Cumper and Mrs. White: Alex Andreoni (Kindergarten) and Zarielle Fultz (5th grade).



## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

The Parent Advisory Committee to the Superintendent is composed of parent representatives. This group was started in May 2023. They meet with the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent/Principal and other district staff on a monthly basis during the school year. Members work together to:

- Identify common needs and goals among the parents of students enrolled in Atlanta Community Schools and facilitate strategies to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of their school.
- Provide the superintendent with feedback and insight from the parents' perspective on school process, policies, initiatives, facilities, programs, and curricular and extracurricular activities to ensure that the needs of parents and their families are included as decisions are made in the district.
- Bring to the superintendent's attention existing and emerging issues expressed by parents.
- Serve as an advisory, not a decision-making body, that makes recommendations, encourages brainstorming and provides opportunities for parent involvement on sub-committees and task forces.
- Facilitate communication between and among the parents, stakeholders, and community of the district, and serve as a forum for sharing innovations and best practices in education that propel the Public Schools of Atlanta forward as a leader in education on a local, state, and national level.

If you are interested in joining us, please reach out to Tawny Hisscock ([thisscock@atlantaschools.us](mailto:thisscock@atlantaschools.us)) or Sue Grulke ([sgrulke@atlantaschools.us](mailto:sgrulke@atlantaschools.us)).