

Eagle Watch



OCTOBER 2020/2021 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO ATHOL ELEMENTARY

TO THOSE RETURNING, WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU BACK! TO OUR NEW FAMILIES, YOU ARE GOING TO LOVE THE SMALL SCHOOL, FAMILY FEEL AND OVERALL CLIMATE AS YOU GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS. ATHOL ELEMENTARY IS A GREAT PLACE FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN AND GROW. WE FOCUS ON ALL STUDENTS BEING LEADERS AS WE LEARN THE 7 HABITS OF HAPPY KIDS. THESE TRAITS PROMOTE LEADERSHIP AND FOCUS ON EVERY STUDENT BEING IN CHARGE OF THEMSELVES. WHILE THIS HAS BEEN A YEAR FULL OF CHALLENGES, WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL! WE HAVE MADE ALTERATIONS TO CLASSROOMS, SCHEDULES AND SEVERAL OTHER PROTOCOLS TO ADHERE TO GUIDELINES GIVEN TO US BY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO MAKING THIS A FUN YEAR OF LEARNING AND GROWING!!

SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN KEEPING THE PARENT PICK UP LOOP MOVING! THIS IS SO HELPFUL IN GETTING YOUR KIDS TO AND FROM YOU AND ALSO MAKING SURE THEY ARE SAFE. MR. HOGAN CONTINUES TO LOOK AT THIS SITUATION AND ALWAYS HAS CREATIVE WAYS TO IMPROVE OUR PROCESSES.

SAFETY DRILLS

WE HAVE ALREADY HAD A SAFETY DRILL AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO THIS MONTHLY. THESE DRILLS ARE SITUATIONAL AND ALLOW TEACHERS AND OTHER STAFF TO KEEP KIDS SAFE EITHER OUTSIDE OR INSIDE DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION. BY DOING THIS ON A REGULAR BASIS WE ALLEVIATE FEARS KIDS MAY HAVE AND ARE ABLE TO MAKE SURE OUR SYSTEMS ARE THE MOST EFFICIENT.

SCHEDULES

HERE IS OUR SCHEDULE FOR [YELLOW LEVEL](#) OF OPERATION. WE APPRECIATE YOU DROPPING YOUR CHILDREN OFF CLOSE TO 9:00. THIS HELPS US NOT GATHER IN BIG GROUPS AND ALLOWS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING TO GET KIDS INTO THE BUILDING.

RECESS

WE HAVE ZONES THIS YEAR FOR RECESS. THIS ALLOWS US TO MINIMIZE CONTACT WITH SEVERAL DIFFERENT GROUPS DURING THE DAY. EACH CLASSROOM IS ASSIGNED TO A ZONE FOR THAT DAY. THERE ARE 4 ZONES. DURING THE WEEK CLASSROOMS WILL GET TO ACCESS EVERY AREA OF THE PLAYGROUND.

MRS. KATHY THOMAS- ATHOL ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

PTU- Parent & Teachers United

A **HUGE THANK YOU** goes out to **ALL** the people who donated products, time, energy and money to the installation of the two new playgrounds at the school.

Mike Nunemacher and Crew from the Kroc Center, Prime Time Excavating, Mike, Peggy and Mikie Cutler of Cutler Logging, Tyler and Share Eberle, Alex and Sally Barnhart of Hughland Logging, Mark Dane, the Ballance Family, the Moseley Family, Bridget Sundahl, Robert Moore, Jason Peterson and Steve Birmingham of CDA Paving, Lloyd Moe, Rich and Kathy Thomas, the Behnke Family, the Lambrecht Family, Colton and Harrison Cutler, Hudson Stapleton, Allen and Samuel Simmons, Aydin Hester, Dwayne Honeycutt, Craig and Beverly Bowers, Amber Stephens, Ruth Strickland, Cathy Nereaux, April and Camden Bradshaw, the Lutz Family (Rob, Kristin, Gloria and Isaac), Jamon and Arden Lockwood, the Yarbrough Family, LSD Maintenance For bringing in chips. And last but by no means least The Athol Elementary PTU for making this possible & for their superb job on fundraising.

Next Mtg: Tuesday-October 27th -We will have an Election of New Officers Athol Elementary PTU has partnered up with **AMAZON SMILE & FRED MEYER Reward Programs**.

If you shop at either Amazon or Fred Meyer, link your account to Athol Elementary PTU. They will make donations to AE-PTU based on the percentage of what you spend at no extra cost to you! WIN! WIN!! THANK YOU for Helping!

A NOTE FROM MRS. THOMAS: MRS. BERGER HAS BEEN ENJOYING MEETING OUR NEW STUDENTS AT ATHOL ELEMENTARY AND SHE LOVES SEEING SO MANY FAMILIAR FACES TOO. THE LIBRARY IS ON WHEELS THIS YEAR. YES, YOU HEARD THAT RIGHT. MRS. BERGER WILL BE ROLLING HER CART FULL OF BOOKS TO CLASSROOMS THIS YEAR. STUDENTS CAN PICK A BOOK OFF THE ROLLING CART AND CHECK THEM OUT JUST LIKE IN THE LIBRARY.

Llibrary - Welcome Back!!

I have been enjoying meeting our new students at Athol Elementary and it has been so nice seeing many familiar faces too. Library is on wheels this year. Yes, you heard that right. I will be rolling my cart full of books to classrooms this year.

Students can pick a book off the rolling cart and check them out just like in the library.

Thank you,
Mrs. Berger



BREAKFAST and LUNCH:

THIS YEAR THESE MEALS ARE SERVED IN THE CLASSROOM. CURRENTLY ANY STUDENT MAY RECEIVE BREAKFAST AND/OR LUNCH FREE OF CHARGE.

[BREAKFAST MENU](#)

[LUNCH MENU](#)

RED RIBBON WEEK - October 26th through October 30th

MONDAY 10/26 : Red Ribbon Week Kick-off (Mrs. Hamilton)

Dress-Up: Wear Red

Activity: Fill out hand pledge to healthy living

TUESDAY 10/27: Eat Healthy

Dress-Up: Wear green

Activity: Bring/share a favorite healthy snack

WEDNESDAY 10/28: Exercise

Dress Up: Wear favorite sport team attire, or workout clothes (school appropriate)

Activity: Take time for activity (run/walk, GoNoodle, et.)

THURSDAY 10/29: Build Positive Relationships

Dress-Up: Dress like a friend

Activity: Write a friendly note to another person about why you appreciate them.

FRIDAY 10/30: Rest and Relax

Dress-Up: Wear sweatpants or pajamas

Activity: Practice a relaxation technique (yoga, deep breathing, etc)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

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