

Athol Elementary Handbook 2022-2023



A GUIDE FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND STUDENTS

Dear Parents,

The staff and I would like to welcome our new families and returning friends. We are looking forward to working with each of you as a partner in your children's education. The Athol Elementary staff is a caring, nurturing, and highly qualified group of professionals who strive to give their best to every student.

It is our hope that this handbook will give you the necessary information regarding the policies and procedures at Athol Elementary. These policies and procedures are common to all Lakeland Joint School District Elementary Schools. We appreciate you taking the time to read and discuss the handbook contents with your child/children. Students do best when their attendance is prompt and regular. Please notify the school of any absences or tardies.

We encourage you to visit the school by checking in at the office. If you plan to visit a classroom, prior confirmation is requested. We are looking forward to working with you and your child.

**Sincerely,
Kathy Thomas, Principal**

ATHOL ELEMENTARY'S VISION STATEMENT--Athol Elementary – An inclusive, nurturing community dedicated to lifelong learning and responsible citizenship.

MISSION STATEMENT--Athol Elementary's Mission is to establish a strong foundation for lifelong learning by nurturing, guiding, and challenging all of our students to achieve their maximum potential through the cooperative efforts of home, school, and community.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

- All students can learn and each is a valued individual with unique physical, emotional and intellectual needs.
- Our main priority is student learning and the promotion of a common set of values reflecting the respect of self, others and property.
- Parents are the first and primary teachers and are responsible for their children's basic needs and values.
- Each student shares in the responsibility of his/her academic, moral and social behavior.
- Students learn in different ways and should be provided a basic curriculum with a variety of instructional approaches to support their learning in an orderly, safe, comfortable and disciplined environment.
- A caring community, in which students, staff, parents and visitors feel welcome, safe and respected, is essential to learning.
- The right to pursue an education within a school setting is the privilege and right of each student.
- Instructional and curricular practices must include basics in technology and communication skills for all students.
- To enable students to become confident, self-directed, lifelong learners and responsible citizens in tomorrow's workforce, a commitment to continuous improvement is imperative.

SCHOOL WIDE GOALS

- *Maintain and promote safety within the school.
- *Maintain and improve high academic standards.
- *Promote and maintain a climate of respect for students, staff and community.
- *Promote school spirit and unity.
- *Promote student/family support and involvement.

Athol Elementary Staff

Kathy Thomas, Principal
Christina Fromm, Principal Assistant
Heather Hamilton, Counselor
Mikell Hogan, Armed Guard
Donna Cooper, Administrative Assistant
Stephanie Martin, Kindergarten teacher
Kendal Sterling, Kindergarten teacher
Ashley Sapp, 1st grade teacher
Sammi Curry, 1st grade teacher
Torrie McKellar, 1st grade teacher

Kris Ramirez, 2nd grade teacher
Erin Rice, 2nd grade teacher
Paul Swofford, 3rd grade teacher
Carmen Woolman, 3rd grade teacher
Kristie Mitchell, 4th grade teacher
Kate Gillespie, 4th grade teacher
Kelly Cain, 5th grade teacher
Linda Payne, 5th grade teacher
Bree Burrows, 5th grade teacher
Helen Devane, Title 1 teacher
Tracey Feight, SWD teacher
Axelle Landis, SLP
Mercedes Schmeling, Life Skills teacher

Matt Tabler, Technology
Lisa Brick, Librarian
Lloyd Moe, PE/Music & Movement
Lillian Gravatt, Art/ALP
Judy Gerstenberger, School Nurse
Cathy Nereaux, BIC
Tina Collison, Title 1 Parapro
Terri Bailey, Title 1 Parapro

Makaley Chidiac, Title 1 Parapro

Janice Bitner, SWD Parapro
Gail Garcia, SWD Parapro
Chelsie Kurtz, SWD Parapro
Debbie Lane, SWD Parapro
Sara Lake, SWD Parapro
Ruth Shultz, SWD Parapro
Tommie Wieberdink, PSC
Betty Eppers, Noon Duty
Shandry Massey, Noon Duty
Barb Keller, Noon Duty
Rachelle Barber, Night Custodian
Mandy Medley, Night Custodian
Deanna Hall, Head Custodian



Athol Elementary Schedule
(THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

There will be supervision starting at 8:40.

School starts at 8:55

Dismissal: 3:15 pm

DAILY SCHEDULE - 2022-23

8:53	Warning Bell
8:55	School Starts
10:30-10:45	Kdg. and 1 st Recess
10:45-11:00	2 nd and 3 rd Recess
11:15-11:30	4 th and 5 th Recess
11:30-11:50	Lunch for Kdg and 1 st
11:50-12:05	Lunch recess for Kdg and 1 st
11:50-12:10	Lunch for 2nd and 3rd
12:10-12:30	Lunch recess for 2nd and 3rd
12:10-12:30	Lunch for 4th
12:30-12:45	Lunch recess for 4th
12:30-12:50	Lunch for 5th
12:50-1:05	Lunch recess for 5th
3:15	Dismissal