

# ALLEN EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS

## 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

**SUPERINTENDENT, Mr. Mel Rentschler**

### What's New

There are a couple important changes for the 2023-2024 school year. The first day of school for all students will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. This will give students and families time to recuperate from the fair. The start time for all students will be 8:15 a.m. with the entry doors opening at 8:00 a.m. Teachers will be collaborating daily from 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. to work on professional development, team meetings, parent meetings, etc. Dismissal time for grades P-4 will be 3:05 p.m. and grades 5-12 dismiss at 3:10 p.m.

The middle school will have a new identity for the 2023-2024 school year. The middle school wing was expanded to create new office space, six new classrooms, and a state-of-the-art Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) lab. The construction project also included the addition of a courtyard that will be used by all students in the district. Students and families are welcome to tour the new addition from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. during open house on August 31.

Lastly, Allen East has averaged 6 calamity days a year over the past 10 years. In the past, students were required to complete online lessons during calamity days. There will be no calamity day online assignments required of students during the 2023-2024 school year, unless unusual circumstance occur such as a blizzard or an extended severe weather situation.



### Be Careful

The most dangerous time for young students is during drop-off and pick-up time in the morning and afternoon. With so many moving vehicles, we all need to exercise caution. Parents of young students please do not pull out to leave until you see that your child is away from your vehicle. Many times, young student double back to their cars because they forgot something. Helpful tips to make the process move smoothly:

- Please SLOW down.
- Have your child ready to exit the vehicle once you reach the curb.
- Children should exit the vehicle from the passenger door side (curb side).
- If there is a problem/delay, please pull into a parking space so you do not hold up the drop off process.
- Park if you need to enter the building. Leaving a car parked in the drop off lane causes back-ups.

### Mustang Breakfast

Allen East will once again hold a breakfast for residents age 55+ this year. The breakfast will be held on the first Thursday of each month during the months of October 5, November 2, December 7, January 4, and February 1 in the cafeteria at 9:00 a.m. Allen East students will provide the entertainment with the meal sponsored by local businesses. A huge thank you goes out to last year's sponsors Lost Creek (Lance Nickles), RD Jones Excavating (Dana Jones), and RightWay Foods (Dirk Rummel).

## **Veterans Day**

Allen East will once again be honoring military veterans on Friday, November 10. The celebration will start at 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend. An invite will go home in the month of October with students. You can also email Mel Rentschler at [rentschlerm@alleneastschools.org](mailto:rentschlerm@alleneastschools.org) to register for the event. *Thank you* goes out to Lance Nickles from Lost Creek Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center for sponsoring last year's event.



## **State Champions**

The 2022-2023 school year was a very successful year for many students at Allen East. The following students earned the distinction of being named the best in the state at their event:

Eli Criblez-State Champion Wrestling; Jacob Hershberger-1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State Football; Jack Hoel-State Champion Powerlifting, Maggie Wanamaker-State Champion Powerlifting, Trey Hensley, Isen Schafer, Jackson Friesner, and Jacob Hershberger-State Champions 4x200M Track; Devan Foster-FFA Job Interview State Champion; Keiden Johnson, David Haney, Nolan Twining, Isaiah Rettig, Brody Wright, Weston Corbet, Hailey Lawrence, Izzy Webb, Elly Blevins, Kaia Cotrell, Kelsey Eley, Briana Kirkpatrick, Oakley Foster, Dominic Heselting, Landon Dray, Camden Ealy, and Casen Ealy-Middle School State Champions Robotics; Landen Twining, Ethan Rutherford, and Alex Viola-High School State Champions Robotics.

**Congratulations Mustangs—way to make the community proud!**

## **Free/Reduced Lunch**

It is very important that families fill out the PaySchools application for free/reduced lunches. Allen East has a federally funded reading program with funding tied to the percentage of students qualifying for free and reduced lunches. Students who qualify for free lunches will have their instruction fees waived for the year.

**Due to recent legislation, if your student qualifies for reduced lunch – they will now receive free lunch in 2023-2024; but, reduced lunch does not qualify for waiver of school fees in 2023-2024.**

## **HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—Mr. Jeff Amspoker**



Greetings Mustang Nation! I hope you are all enjoying your summer vacation because school will be back in session before we know it! I am eager to begin my second year as the Principal at Allen East High School. The students had such a successful 2022-2023 school year. There were 87 students that received their high school diplomas. Two students enlisted in various branches of the military, and we had State Champions in wrestling, powerlifting, and track. Not to mention the gains that were made in almost every extra-curricular and co-curricular activity at the school.

The concert band went to district contest, the FFA program had many students receive regional, state, and national honors. Students participated in the Rotary Speech Contest, volunteered through the Senior Seminar class, and raised money to support veterans. The pride that the current students, alumni, and community members have for the school is something that makes Allen East unique.

This year I would like to welcome Mrs. Emily Hamric to Allen East. She will be our new English teacher and yearbook advisor. She is originally from Wynford, Ohio. After spending several years at Apollo Career Center, she is excited to get back to a small school environment with strong community support. Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation and I will see you at Open House on August 31 from 4-7 p.m.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—Mrs. Nicole Rettig**

My husband and I reside in the Allen East School District and are vested in serving our community. We have been blessed with 13 children, some of whom are grown, away at college, and in the military. Eight of those children currently attend Allen East and will be in grades 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 12 in the upcoming school year. We also have 5 grandchildren, 2 of those who will be attending Allen East Elementary this coming year.

Prior to serving at Allen East, I have spent the last 6 years as Director of the Pathway to Success Alternative School Program at the Allen County ESC as well as overseeing the education at the Allen County Juvenile Detention Center a portion of that time. I obtained my Bachelor's Degree from Bluffton University and my Master's Degree from the University of Cincinnati.

In the middle school, we are excited to introduce Molly Davisson teaching science, Tayler Hutchinson teaching 8th grade ELA, and Nicole Flory as our STEM teacher. Please help us make them feel welcome!

I love what I do and am truly humbled by the opportunity to work with such an amazing group of students, parents, and a staff who is committed to serving our youth. I have an open door policy and welcome feedback from our parents and community partners. I look forward to a wonderful 2023-2024 school year!

## **ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL-Mrs. Tiffini Flugga**

Thank you for a wonderful first year as the elementary principal at Allen East! I have truly enjoyed working with all of the students and staff and they have taught me so much throughout the year. I want to thank everyone for all of the support I have received from the community. I feel very blessed to be serving you all in this role and am looking forward to starting my second year! In preparation of the 2023-2024 school year, there are a few important items that I want to share.

### **General Information and Updates**

Please remember that this year, students will be able to enter the building at 8:00 a.m. and are expected to be in their classrooms and ready to learn by 8:15. If you plan on dropping your child(ren) off in the mornings, please do **NOT** drop them off before 8:00 as the entry doors will be locked and there will be no supervision before then. If you have at least one child enrolled in the elementary school, please drop off that child and **ALL** siblings in front of the elementary building at the same time.

The elementary building dismissal time is 3:05 p.m. If you have at least **ONE** child enrolled in the elementary building, please plan on picking up that child along with **ALL** siblings in front of the elementary building. All students will bring home two visitor cards with his/her last name printed on them on the first day of school. For safety and efficiency reasons, we ask that whomever is picking the child up **MUST** have the visitor card placed in the dashboard of the vehicle for staff to see. If you do not have the visitor card in a visible location, you may be asked to pull into a parking spot and walk over to pick up your child(ren). In addition, we ask that you stay in the pickup line and please do not cut through the parking lot for any reason. Once you have your child(ren) safely in your car, you may carefully pull out of the line and exit the parking lot slowly.

We are implementing a new process to share the name of the homeroom teacher your child(ren) will have this year. Names will be shared electronically in a text message alert at the beginning of August so that you will know what homeroom teacher your child(ren) will have. **If you are new to the district or currently do not receive the message alerts, please be sure to text "Yes" to 67587 so that you will receive these notifications.** Class lists will also be posted during Open House on August 31st from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Please help us congratulate and welcome our new staff members. Ally Richardson and Stephanie Hunter will be joining the third grade team, Alexis Swaney will be joining our kindergarten team and Laura Ayers will be our new elementary music teacher.

### **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)**

The elementary staff would like to thank all families for taking the time out of your busy schedules to complete the PBIS Family Survey that was sent out in a text message alert link this spring. As a district and building, we are committed to developing strong relationships with families and the community in order to help our students thrive and reach their full potential. In an effort to grow these relationships, our building PBIS team has reviewed the data collected from the survey and will be using the results to continue to make improvements. We appreciate all that you do for our students and staff! All sections are out of a 4 point rating scale, so we are very pleased with the results.

## Ohio State Test Results

State testing results are in and we want to share the results. Although we met the state average or higher in all areas, we are devoted to continuous improvement. This year, teachers and staff will continue learning more about the science of reading as we complete year two of our Language Essentials for Teachers of Language and Spelling (LETRS) training. Our goal is for ALL of our students to reach their full potential and we understand that as educators, our learning never ends.

## PBIS Family School Climate Survey

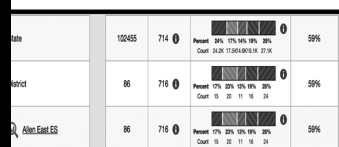
Category	Description	Results Out of a 4 Point Scale
Teaching & Learning	Parents' perceptions of the degree to which they feel their student enjoys and is successful at school.	3.26
School Safety	Parents' perceptions of their student's safety at school.	3.4
Interpersonal Relationships	Parents' perceptions of the degree to which their student is supported and treated fairly by adults and peers within the school.	3.2
Institutional Environment	Parents' perceptions of the maintenance and resources of their student's school.	3.6
Parent Involvement	Parents' perceptions of the degree to which they are involved in their student's education.	3.4

### 3rd Grade Ohio State Testing Results

3rd Grade ELA Test Results:

State Average: 59% proficient

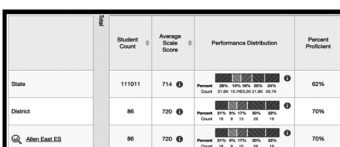
AE Elementary Average: 59% proficient



3rd Grade Mathematics Test Results:

State Average: 62% proficient

AE Elementary Average: 70% proficient

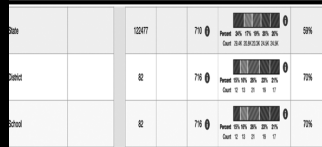


### 4th Grade Ohio State Testing Results

4th Grade ELA Test Results:

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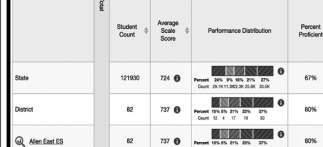
AE Elementary Average: 70% proficient



4th Grade Mathematics Test Results:

State Average: 67% proficient

AE Elementary Average: 80% proficient



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## SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR—Mrs. Amanda Fetter

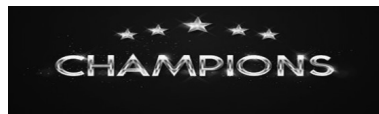
Hello Mustang Families!

This year at Allen East, the special education department, has big plans! We have expanded our program by adding a third cross categorical unit and will now be providing our own in-house psychology services. This expansion will better allow our team to serve our students and their specially designed instructional needs.

In our preschool program we are once again completely full for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in getting your child on the waitlist for the following school year please contact me (419-648-3333 ext. 3515 or fettera@alleneastschools.org). We do preschool screenings every spring.

Please welcome our new staff: Bailey Gibson (8th grade intervention), Katrina Meyer (Assistant SPED Director), Kristi Austin (returning to special education- 3rd-4th grade), Marianne Ference (PK) and Michelle Frump (Educational Aide)

## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR-Mr. Allan King, Jr.



With the fall sports season quickly approaching, Allen East sports fans have a lot to look forward to this year! Coming off a banner year athletically where our community witnessed 2 State Championships, 17 School and 2 State Records broken, 2 Regional Champs, 5 Sectional and District Champs, and 4 NWC Champions Crowned. We also had 4 NWC Players of the Year, 1 Coach of the Year, 47 All NWC Athletes (20 1st Team), 17 All District Athletes (6 1st Team), 1 District Player of the Year, 17 All-Ohio Athletes (12 First Team or Podium Finishers), 144 NWC Gold Scholar Athletes, 54 NWC Silver Scholar Athletes and did I mention **2 State Champions!** Our Junior High Teams also produced 3 NWC Champions (football, 8th boys basketball, and wrestling) and a runner-up (7th boys basketball). Those accomplishments are a testament to

the hardworking and talented community we have here at AE! I am very excited about the future and what it holds for our student athletes and the community! I look forward to seeing you all at games cheering on our teams and enjoying the success and lessons learned throughout the athletic seasons. If you want to get involved, please contact me and we have numerous opportunities for you to volunteer your time and become a part of our team, helping our students realize their dreams and build a solid foundation for them now and in the future!

If you just want to watch and support AE athletics, our ticket prices have not changed this year! We will offer a cash option at the door at EVERY event! We also added a NEW way to watch the Mustangs in action! AE has partnered with NFHS to stream every game at Goodwin Field (with the exception of track) and every game in the high school gym (with the exception of wrestling) this season! Visit our athletics page to find the link and learn more about this option!

Lastly, the OHSAA has changed it's scheduling partner from Arbiter to DragonFly. Starting immediately all Allen East athletics have moved to DragonFly, so for accurate schedules, please use that resource that can also be found on our athletic webpage.

As exciting as 2022-2023 was for the Mustangs and our community, I believe there is even more in store for our student athletes in the future! Thank you again for the part you, our community, parents and AE supporters, all play in making AE a great place to live, play and dream big!

Go Mustangs! See you at the game soon!!

**CAFETERIA-Mrs. Heather Burden**



Welcome back. Let me introduce myself, I have worked in Allen East's cafeteria for the past 16 years. I live in the school district. My sons graduated from AE in 2017 and 2020; my daughter is a freshman. I look forward to serving the students at Allen East in the capacity as cafeteria supervisor.

As we head into the new school year, there are a few important Food Service topics to highlight. We are also excited to welcome Katie Helser and Jodi Culbertson as new cooks to our staff.

- Free and Reduced Meal Application—you are encouraged to complete this application found on the Allen East website under the PaySchools/Free & Reduced link.
- Meal Prices
- Lunch Account Payment—can be made online through your PaySchools account. Cash or check still accepted (younger children can give to their teacher, older students can bring to cafeteria cashier). When sending cash or checks it is necessary to have the student's name and ID number written on the envelope or check memo line to ensure the funds are properly deposited to the correct account.
- Low Balance Notifications—parents and students can login to their PaySchools account and view purchase and balances. Families can also choose to receive low-balance emails or text alerts which help prevent your child(ren) from having a negative lunch account balance.

Breakfast (K-12)	\$2.00	Reduced price \$.30
Lunch (K-4)	\$3.25	Reduced price \$.40
Lunch (5-12)	\$3.50	Reduced price \$.40
Mustang Meal (Grades 5-12)	\$4.25	Reduced price \$.40

Our Food Service Department follows the state guidelines/standards to provide the children of Allen East healthy and nutritious meals. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Burden, [burdenh@alleneastschools.org](mailto:burdenh@alleneastschools.org) or 419-648-3333, ext. 1505.

## Nurse-Mr. Dave Pryer

VACCINES	FALL 2023 IMMUNIZATION FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
DTaP/DT Tdap/Td Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	<b>K-12:</b> Four (4) or more of DTaP or DT, or any combination. If all four doses were given before the 4th birthday, a fifth (5) dose is required. If the fourth dose was administered at least six months after the third dose, and on or after the 4th birthday, a fifth (5) dose is not required.* <b>Grades 7-12:</b> One (1) dose of Tdap vaccine must be administered on or after the 10th birthday. **
POLIO	<b>K-12:</b> Three (3) or more doses of IPV. The FINAL does must be administered on or after the 4th birthday regardless of the number of previous doses. ***
MMR, Measles, Mumps, Rubella	<b>K-12:</b> Two (2) doses of MMR. Dose 1 must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after first dose.
HEP B Hepatitis B	<b>K-12:</b> Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after the first dose. The third dose must be given at least 16 weeks after the first dose and at least 8 weeks after the second dose. The last dose in the series (third or fourth dose), must not be administered before age 24 weeks.
Varicella (Chickenpox)	<b>K-12:</b> Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine must be administered prior to entry. The first dose must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose should be administered at least three (3) months after dose one (1); however, if the second dose is administered at least 28 days after the first dose, it is considered valid.
MCV4 Meningococcal	<b>Grade 7:</b> One (1) dose of meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccine <u>must be administered on or after the tenth birthday.</u> <b>Grade 12:</b> Two (2) doses of MCV4. Second dose on or after age 16 years. If the first dose was given on or after the 16th birthday, only one dose is required. ***

### NOTES:

\* Vaccine should be administered according to the most recent version of the Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger or the Catch-up Immunization schedule for persons aged 4 month-18 years who start late or who are more than 1 month behind, as published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Schedules are available for print or download through [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html).

\* Vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four days before the minimum interval or age are valid (grace period). Doses administered greater than or equal to five days earlier than the minimum interval or age are not valid doses and should be repeated when age appropriate. If MMR and varicella are not given on the same day, the doses must be separated by at least 28 days with no grace period.

\* For additional information, please refer to the [Ohio Revised Code 3313.67](#) and [3313.671](#) For school attendance and the ODH [Director's Journal Entry](#) on required vaccine for child care and school. These documents list required and recommended immunizations and indicate exemptions to immunizations.

**\* Please contact the Ohio Department of Health Immunization Program at 800-282-0546 or 614-466-4643 with questions or concerns.**

*\*Recommended DTaP or DT minimum intervals for kindergarten students are four weeks between the first and second doses, and the second and third doses; and six months between the third and fourth doses and the fourth and fifth doses. If a fifth dose is administered prior to the fourth birthday, a sixth dose is recommended but not required.*

*\*\* Tdap can be given regardless of the interval since the last tetanus or diphtheria-toxoid containing vaccine. Children age 7 years or older with an incomplete history of DTaP should be given Tdap as the first dose in the catch-up series. If the series began at age 7-9 years, the fourth dose must be a Tdap given at age 11-12 years. If the third dose of Tdap is given at age 10 years, no additional dose is needed at age 11-12 years.*

*\*\*\* The final polio dose in the IPV series must be administered at age 4 years or older with at least six months between the final and previous dose. Only trivalent OPV (tOPV) counts toward the U.S. vaccination requirements. Doses of OPV administered before april 1, 2016, should be counted (unless specifically noted as administered during a campaign). Doses of OPV administered on or after April 1, 2016, should not be counted. If any combination of IPV and OPV was received, four doses of either vaccine are required.*

*\*\*\* Recommended MCV4 minimum interval of at least eight weeks between the first and second doses. If the first dose of MCV4 was administered on or after the 16th birthday, a second dose is not required. If a pupil is in 12th grade and is 15 years old or younger, only one dose is required. Currently, there are no school entry requirements for meningococcal B vaccine.*



# ALLEN EAST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

## AUGUST, 2023

Aug. 30 & 31 - Professional Development  
Aug. 31 - OPEN HOUSE (4-7 PM)

## SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day  
Sept. 5 - Students 1st day

## OCTOBER

Oct. 26 - End of 1st Quarter  
Oct. 27-NO SCHOOL, Professional Development

## NOVEMBER

Nov. 6-NO SCHOOL (grades PS-4 only) Par. Tchr.Conf.  
Nov. 6-Parent Teacher Conferences 10 AM - 7 PM  
Nov. 7-Parent-Teacher Conf. (4:00-7:20 PM)  
Nov. 21-24 - Thanksgiving break

## DECEMBER

Dec. 21 - Jan. 2 - NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

## JANUARY, 2024

Jan. 3 - School resumes  
Jan. 15 - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day  
Jan. 19 - End of 2nd Quarter

## FEBRUARY

Feb. 2-NO SCHOOL (grades PS-4 only) Prof. Dev.  
Feb. 19 - NO SCHOOL - President's Day

## MARCH

Mar. 22 - End of 3rd Quarter  
March 29-April 5-NO SCHOOL, Spring Break

## APRIL

Apr. 8-NO SCHOOL, Professional Development  
Apr. 9 - School resumes

## MAY

May 26 - Graduation  
May 27 - Memorial Day  
May 31 - Students Last Day (2-hour early dismissal)  
May 31 - End of 4th Quarter

**Start Time: K-12 - 8:15 AM**

**Dismissal: ELEM 3:05 PM**

**Dismissal: MS & HS 3:10 PM**

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Preschool Hours: (Morning) 8 -11 AM

Preschool Hours: (Afternoon) 12 - 3 PM

1st/Last Days
  No School
  Graduation
  Parent-Teacher Conf.



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### **BUS TRANSPORTATION/GROUNDS-Mr. Perry Heise**



Hello to the Allen East community. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer break and all are staying safe.

All of our buses have passed the summer inspection and are ready to go this fall. Our school has purchased and received two new buses that will go into service this fall. Bus number 6 will be replaced by number 10. Bus 19 will now be number 11.

The bus routes will remain basically the same. Morning pick up times will be roughly ten minutes later as our school day start time is changing from 8:05 to 8:15 in the morning. School dismissal time will be five minutes later so bus drop off times will also adjust accordingly. The Apollo bus will be leaving our parking lot at 7:15 a.m. again this year, and we will continue to provide transportation for qualifying preschool students.

I'd like to remind everyone that when school starts back up please be careful to look out for school buses, students on foot and student drivers. If you drop off or pick up your students, please watch out for buses as they leave and enter the school.

If you haven't done so already, I urge you to sign up for the Allen East text alerts. This is the best way to be notified of any school delays, cancellations and other important school news.

Lastly, if you have any interest in become a bus driver for Allen East please call the school to find out about trainings and procedures to become a bus driver. We are always looking to add to our transportation staff with either full time or substitute drivers. As always if you have any questions you can contract me at 419-648-3333 ext. 1506. Thank you and enjoy the rest of your summer!