

ATHOL ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK 2026-2027



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	Jennifer Turner, Speech Language Teacher
Christina Fromm, Assistant Principal	Ashley Crosby, Title Teacher
Leanna Kelley, Administrative Assistant	Makaley Chidiac, Paraprofessional
Heather Hamilton, Counselor	Brittany Thornton, Paraprofessional
Mikell Hogan, Armed Guard	Joan Robinson, Special Education Teacher
School Clerical	Gail Garcia, Paraprofessional
Stephanie Martin, Kindergarten Teacher	Karen Brooks, Paraprofessional
Carmen Woolman, Kindergarten Teacher	Terri Bailey, Paraprofessional
Sammi Curry, First Grade Teacher	Anna Goodwin, Paraprofessional
Ashley Sapp, First Grade Teacher	Tina Barr, Paraprofessional
Rebekah Bradford, Second Grade Teacher	Sadie Schmeling, Life Skills Teacher
Kristina Cooper, Second Grade Teacher	Sara Lake, Paraprofessional
Bree Burrows, Third Grade Teacher	Ruth Shultz, Paraprofessional
Lisa Brick, Third Grade Teacher	Hannah Wilkerson, Paraprofessional
Kristie Mitchell, Fourth Grade Teacher	Kathi Quattrocchi, Paraprofessional
Alicia Francis, Fourth Grade Teacher	
Kelly Cain, Fifth Grade Teacher	
Linda Payne, Fifth Grade Teacher	Becky Tran, Noon Duty
Kendal Sterling, STEAM Teacher	Shandry Massey, Noon Duty
Karen Akers, PE/Music Teacher	Noon Duty
Amber Stephens, Librarian	Audry Moede, Head Custodian
	Rachelle Barber, Night Custodian
Jennifer Schwartz, Cafeteria Lead	Nurse
Cynthia Ricks, Cafeteria	Nurse

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 – 2026–2027

MONDAY – FRIDAY	
WARNING BELL	8:53AM
SCHOOL STARTS	8:55AM
RECESS K & 1ST	10:30AM – 10:45AM
RECESS 2ND & 3RD	10:45 AM – 11:00 AM
RECESS 4TH & 5TH	11:00AM – 11:15AM
LUNCH KINDER	11:15AM – 11:35AM
RECESS KINDER	11:35 AM – 11:50 AM
LUNCH 1ST & 2ND	11:35 AM – 11:55AM
RECESS 1ST & 2ND	11:55 AM – 12:10PM
LUNCH 3RD	12:00PM – 12:20PM
RECESS 3RD	12:20PM – 12:35PM
LUNCH 4TH	12:25 PM – 12:45 PM
RECESS 4TH	12:45 PM – 1:00 PM
LUNCH 5TH	12:45PM – 1:05PM
RECESS 5TH	1:05 PM – 1:20 PM
RECESS K-2	2:00 PM – 2:15 PM
DISMISSAL	3:15 PM