

AITKIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2018 SPRING ACCENT ON EDUCATION



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COUNSELORS AT AITKIN HIGH SCHOOL

Samantha Croatt will be working with grades 7-9, and Meredith Sander will be working with grades 10-12. Both assist students in the areas of academic counseling, career counseling, and personal/social development.

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COPY DEADLINE DATES:

Dec. 22, April 1, July 1, Oct. 1

MAILING DATES:

Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1, Nov. 1

Questions or Concerns?

Contact Krista Olson at: kolson@isd1.org or
(218) 927-7736.

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Any articles, information or photos for publication in the Accent may be submitted to the Aitkin Community Education director no later than the deadlines listed.

We will make every effort to print appropriate articles, but do not guarantee your information will be published. Information for Community Education pages may also be submitted for publication.

2018 SPRING CALENDAR	
Feb. 16	No School
Feb. 19	No School - Presidents' Day
March 1	HS Conferences, 4:30 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.
March 8	No School (Elem. Conf. all day and eve., HS Teachers In-Service)
March 9	No School
March 28	End of 3rd Quarter (43 days)
March 29-30	No School - Easter Break
April 2	No School - Easter Break
April 27	No School - Staff In-Service
May 28	No School - Memorial Day
May 31	Last Day of Classes for Students Elementary Schools - Final Marking Period (41 days) End of 2nd Semester (84 days)
June 1	1/2 Day-Teachers' Workshop, a.m. Graduation

AITKIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

When: Feb. 12, March 19, April 16, May 21
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Aitkin High School Media Center

Board meeting schedule as the third Monday of each month, except in January and February, which are moved ahead one week due to holidays. Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. Research will be done on sites in Palisade and Glen or Malmo for meetings once per year.

THE RUSTIC FLAG

“The Rustic Flag” is a restaurant designed and operated by The Aitkin High School Restaurant and Culinary Arts class. We will open for lunch in early February. There are 13 students (mostly seniors) who have taken the Servsafe manager course and have created an appealing menu to make sure your visit is the best it can be. This year our theme is “America” and our foods are based on American classics, such as burgers, wraps, soups, salads and sandwiches, as well as weekly specials. The restaurant will be open each week Tuesday through Thursday until May 18. Please check the high school web page for more details as opening day approaches. Join us for lunch, enjoy delicious food and wonderful service from a great group of students.

RENTAL POLICY

The Aitkin Schools desire to cooperate with community organizations by making school facilities available when there is not a conflict with the educational program. For service organizations, such as PTO, Lions, Jaycees, Quarterbacks, Legion, 4-H, Boy and Girl Scouts and political parties, there is no rental charge for facility use.

Private businesses, individuals and religious organizations are assessed a fee as outlined in the District Policy DFD. There is a charge for any extra custodial work that is necessary or, if the kitchen is used, for a cook's time.

During the school year there are custodians on duty each school night and usually there is no charge for their time when they are already working. There will be a charge for refuse disposal and air-conditioning in the auditorium when requested.

Persons and organizations wishing to use school facilities should go to the District Office to sign the rental form and to review board policy. This should be done well in advance to ensure reserving the date.

Athletic fields and other outside areas also need to be reserved.

PLEASE, NO PEANUTS OR TREE NUTS



Multiple students in our district have life-threatening peanut/tree nut allergies. This is a major health concern, and we take this seriously. Student safety is top priority. A child with a severe food allergy can have a reaction from eating, touching or smelling peanuts/tree nuts. Therefore, we need your help in keeping our students safe and part of that is ensuring safe schools.

- Please do not send any peanuts, tree nuts, peanut butter, nut butters or foods containing these items to be eaten as snacks to school. Having peanut/tree nut free foods in the schools prevents contact exposure from surfaces.
- Parents/guardians who will send a lunch from home for their child are free to pack the foods of their choice. It is our hope that families CHOOSE not to send foods containing peanut butter or tree nuts.
- Teach your child the importance of not sharing food or utensils.
- Teach your child the importance of washing their hands with soap and water before leaving home, upon entering the classroom and after eating. Water alone and hand sanitizers do not remove peanut residue.
- Celebrations are fun for students, but can be scary for students with food allergies. Please consider nonfood items for celebrations.

We trust you understand how significant this is and the need to adhere strictly to the guidelines. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe. If you have any questions regarding food allergies, please contact Kathleen Warren (district nurse). Please see the school nurse website for safe food choices.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



When: Thursday, April 26
 Time: 9:30 a.m. or 3:45 p.m.
 Ages: Children eligible for kindergarten next year must be five years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2018.
 Register: Invitations will be sent to parents of kindergarten-age children regarding registration procedures. Parents should contact the elementary principal's office if they do not receive an invitation by mid-April at (218) 927-4838.

It is not too early to begin planning for kindergarten registration. Kindergarten is a special year for both children and parents alike. Please plan on attending.

State law requires all children have an immunization certificate and proof of birth date before the child can start school. If parents have an immunization certificate form signed by a doctor or health officer they should bring it to registration. Parents who haven't completed this requirement will be given a form and advised at registration so the requirement can be completed for the fall term. The school will also accept proof of birth date at the registration. This can be in the form of a legal birth certificate, hospital certificate signed by a doctor or administrator, or baptismal certificate.

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

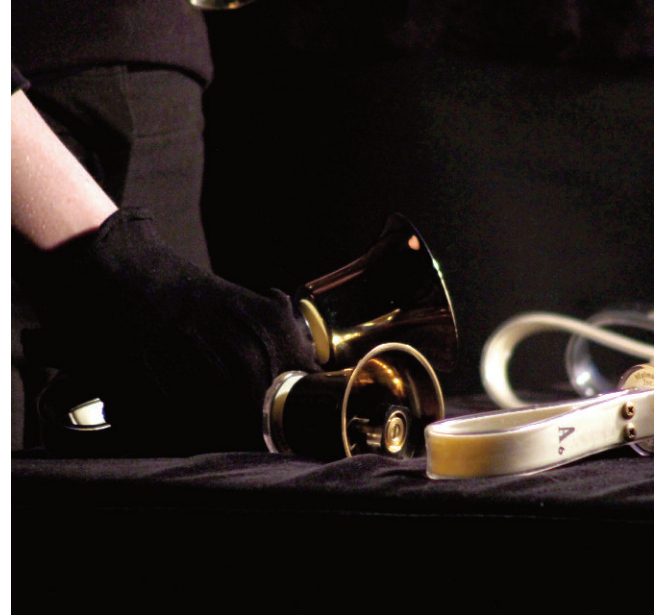


When: Tuesday, Feb. 13
 Time: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
 Where: Rippleside Cafeteria
 Ages: All area children birth - Pre-K with older siblings welcome
 Fee: FREE



Mark your calendars for the Aitkin Children's Center Annual Valentine's Day Party! There will be games, prizes, crafts, and cookie decorating. Bring the entire family for an evening of fun. This event is FREE, no registration is required and is open to ALL area children birth through pre-kindergarten age with older siblings welcome.

2018 AHS CHORAL/HANDBELL CALENDAR



Performances are in the Aitkin High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. unless noted.

Mrs. Blake - Director of Choirs - 218-927-2115 ext. 3114

- Monday, Feb. 12 - Classics Concert (9-12)
- Monday, Feb. 19 - Choreography Day for the Musical All Day
- Tuesday, March 6 - MSHSL Vocal Solo/Ensemble Contest at UMD All Day
- March - CLC Choral Festival - TBA
- Monday, April 2 - Parent's Night Musical Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday, April 3 - Student Dress Rehearsal
- Wednesday-Saturday, April 4 - 7 - Musical Performance (Wednesday matinee 2:00 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 7:30 p.m.)
- Monday, May 14 - 7th, 8th and 9th Grade Choirs Spring Concert
- Friday, May 18 - High School 10 - 12 Choir Pop Concert
- Friday, June 1 - Graduation (Required performance for Concert Choir, Handbells and Concert Band 8:00 p.m. in the New Gym)
- Sunday, June 3-9 - Concert Choir/Band Trip to Washington D.C. and NYC - details TBA

