



Athens Area School District

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Check out Athens Area School District Superintendent Craig Stage's YouTube page where he is highlighting current and past Wildcats as well as Athens teachers on a weekly basis:

<https://www.youtube.com/@AthensWildcatsSuperintendent/featured>

This channel celebrates excellence in the Athens Area School District through stories of our amazing students, dedicated staff, and successful alumni. We spotlight the "Wildcat Way" - showcasing how our school's mission shapes bright futures through quality public education. Join us as we share classroom achievements, educator innovations, and inspiring stories from our Athens community. Whether you're a student, teacher, graduate, or community member, discover why we're proud to be Wildcats!

#WildcatPride #AthensAreaSD #PublicEducation #WildcatWay

AASD Driver Education Program

Adam Kemp is our newest licensed Wildcat! The Athens Area Drivers Education program is open to all students that reside within our school district. Information can be obtained in our high school office. Way to go, Adam!



Athens Area High School

Veteran's Day Assembly

Thanks to Mr. Bronson, Mrs. Cheresnowsky, Mr. Weldy, and Mr. Wayman for the wonderful breakfast and assembly in recognition of Veteran's Day. Veterans were honored today with a breakfast this morning and a thankful and encouraging message from Staff Sergeant Jon Kliner of the Pennsylvania National Guard. A big thank you from the Athens Area School District to all of our Veterans on Veteran's Day.



High School FACS

High School FACS students volunteered at the Feed My Sheep food pantry, serving over 100 local families! The students bagged pantry items, including Thanksgiving bags that will provide for an entire holiday meal. They carried bags to cars and greeted every person with a smile and wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.



Harlan Rowe Middle School

Middle School Students at Harlan Rowe To Launch Their First Podcast Series: "Rowe with the Flow"

In a remarkable display of creativity and initiative, middle school students at Harlan Rowe have transformed a playful idea into a groundbreaking project: a podcast titled "Rowe with the Flow." What began as a whimsical discussion about life as a middle school student evolved into a dynamic platform for student voices.

Inspired by their unique perspective, the students recognized the potential to share their experiences and insights with the broader Rowe community. With the support of resources borrowed from the Sayre Public Library, they embarked on a journey to bring their podcast to life.

Local radio host Matthew Dishler from Wink 106.1 generously offered his expertise, demonstrating how to use podcasting equipment and providing invaluable advice on starting and streaming a podcast. His guidance has empowered the students to take ownership of the project, ensuring that it remains student-led and authentic.

Roles within the podcast team include producer, sound technician, camera operator, and two enthusiastic podcast hosts, all of whom are dedicated to creating engaging and relatable content. The students are excited to explore a variety of topics relevant to their peers, fostering a sense of community and connection within Harlan Rowe Middle School.

"Rowe with the Flow" is set to launch in 2025, and the team is eager to share their journey and insights with listeners. This innovative project not only showcases the talents of Harlan Rowe students but also underscores the importance of student-led initiatives in education.



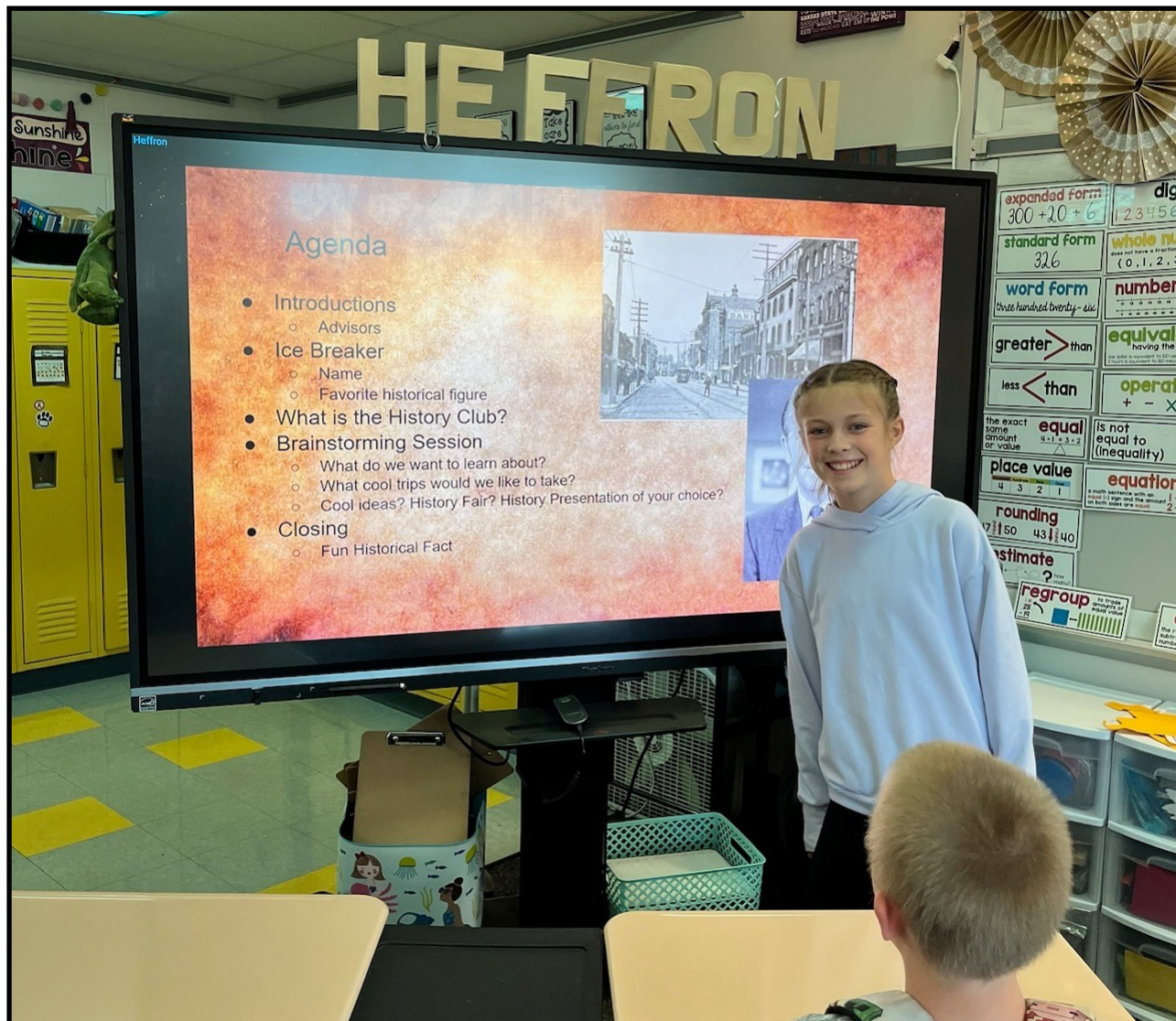
Lynch Bustin Elementary School

Kensley Gabriel, a fourth-grade student at Lynch-Bustin Elementary, has turned her deep love of history into an exciting opportunity for students, a 4th Grade History Club! With over 22 students showing enthusiasm and joining the club, Kensley has successfully sparked interest in historical exploration among her peers.

With the support of our Wildcat community, Kensley organized the club to provide a platform for students to discuss various historical time periods that capture their interest. The club aims to engage members through hands-on activities, enriching discussions, and planned field trips that will bring history to life.

In addition to their regular meetings, the club will host a History Showcase at the end of the school year, where students will present their learnings and projects to the school community, highlighting the importance of history in our lives.

Kensley's initiative not only fosters a love for history among her classmates but also encourages teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking. The 4th Grade History Club is poised to be a valuable addition to Lynch-Bustin Elementary's extracurricular offerings.



SRU Elementary School

Students in third grade recently completed their CKLA unit on the Human Body Systems. They celebrated with operating room stations. Thank you to all the families that donated materials to this engaging experience for our students!



2nd graders in Mrs. Wanck's painting their names in Chinese symbols as part of their culminating activity on Ancient Asian civilizations.



HOW DO I...make a comment or address a concern? THIS is where you should go:

CONCERN	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
ATHLETICS	Coach or Physical Education Teacher	Supervisor of Athletics and Youth Programs Craig Stage	Principal	Superintendent of Schools Craig Stage	
BUDGET	Business Manager Jennilee Shores	Superintendent of Schools Craig Stage			
CURRICULUM	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Principal	Curriculum and Instruction Maryellen Rhodes	Superintendent of Schools Craig Stage
DISCIPLINE ISSUES	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Superintendent of Schools Craig Stage	
FACILITIES USE— FOR BUILDINGS OR ATHLETIC EVENTS	Electronic Submission	Principal / Athletic Director			
MEDICAL	Nurse	Principal	Superintendent of Schools Craig Stage		
SPECIAL EDUCATION	Special Education / Classroom Teacher	Principal	Special Education Director Corey Mosher	Superintendent of Schools Craig Stage	
STUDENT CONCERNS	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Principal	Superintendent of Schools Craig Stage	
TRANSPORTATION	Transportation Lynda Harkness	Principal	Business Manager Jennilee Shores	Superintendent of Schools Craig Stage	

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Harlan Rowe Principal	James Schmiegl	570-888-7766 ext. 3263
Harlan Rowe Assistant Principal	Matt Patton	570-888-7766 ext. 3261
Lynch-Bustin Elementary Principal	Stephanie Hillman	570-888-7766 ext. 1255
SRU Elementary Principal	Jordan Collum	570-888-7766 ext. 6006
Transportation / Enrollment Coordinator	Lynda Harkness	570-888-7766 ext. 4104
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Inclement Weather Information

When inclement weather or an emergency strikes, please check the district website at athensasd.org or listen to **Radio Stations:** WAVR 102.1 FM, WHGL 1310 AM or 100.3 FM. **TV Stations:** WETM (18/34) Elmira, WENY, Elmira (36), WNEP Wilkes-Barre (16). Under some conditions, school may be dismissed early. Parents & employees are called on the School Info App System. All parents should develop a plan for child supervision in case of such an event. Please do not call the school as this ties up the telephone lines to contact bus drivers, teachers, etc. Thank you.

Start And Dismissal Times

2024-2025 School Day:

Elementary Schools 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Middle School 7:55 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.

High School 7:55 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

*** Two Hour Delay - School Begins at
10:00 a.m.**

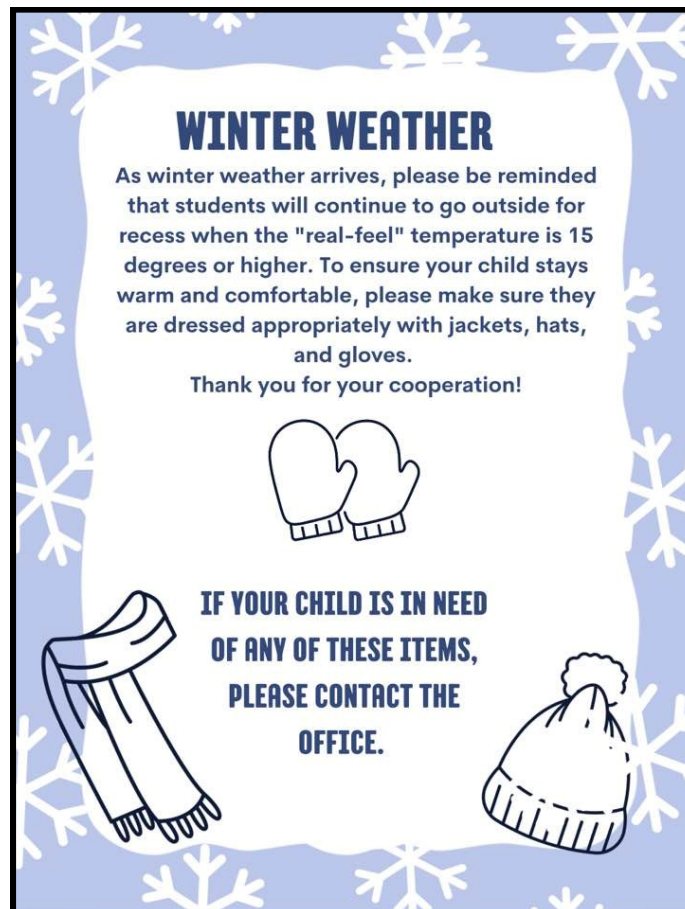
Early Dismissal Times

2024-2025 School Day:

Elementary Schools 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Middle School 7:55 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.


High School 7:55 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.



WINTER WEATHER

As winter weather arrives, please be reminded that students will continue to go outside for recess when the "real-feel" temperature is 15 degrees or higher. To ensure your child stays warm and comfortable, please make sure they are dressed appropriately with jackets, hats, and gloves.

Thank you for your cooperation!



**IF YOUR CHILD IS IN NEED
OF ANY OF THESE ITEMS,
PLEASE CONTACT THE
OFFICE.**

