



ATOMIC NEWS

Alexander II Magnet School

Home of the Finsteins

1156 College Street, Macon, GA 31201

September 2016

The Principal's Corner

September is Attendance Awareness Month. I want to continue to encourage "all day, every day" attendance. Please make sure students arrive on time and are only picked up for early dismissal when necessary. Tardies and early dismissal count against perfect attendance awards.

We have identified one table in the cafeteria as the "Peanut Free" table. Please be respectful of this table when you have lunch with your child. We have students who have severe peanut allergies. Thank you for following this procedure.

September the 21st is a ½ day professional learning day for teachers. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM. Please mark your calendars.

Respectfully,

Bertha Caldwell, Principal

Signed Paper Folder

Volunteers Are Needed

Wednesday Signed Paper Folders:

Volunteers are needed every Tuesday to prepare the folders that are sent home with the students on Wednesday. Please call Ms. Strong at 478-779-2700 for details. Sign in at the front desk and at the volunteer center.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5 Labor Day No School	6	7	8	9 Grand Pal's Day 1:45 PM
12 Parent Academy 4 th Grade	13 PTA Meeting @ 6PM, Parent Academy at 6:30 PM	14 Picture Day	15	16 Cookie Dough Money Due
19 Parent Academy for 2 nd & 3 rd Grade	20	21 ½ Day, Students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM	22	23 \$1 Hats 4 Hope
26 GKIDS OPENS	27 Parent Academy 5 th Grade	28	29 Parent Academy for 1 st Grade	30

4th Grade News: The Wahsega permission form and the first payment is due on September 9, 2016.

Garden Work Day: A special thanks goes out to Mr. Friar, the Master Gardeners from UGA, and all volunteers that came out to support our Garden Work Day, Saturday, September 10, 2016.

Thank you for supporting our **Cookie Dough Sale** this month.

Bring \$1 and wear a hat on September 23rd, 2016

in support of our local kids battling cancer



Thank you for joining us for **Grand Pal's Day!**

Friday, September 9, 2016 at 1:45 PM.

If was a great pleasure to see all of our Grand Pals at school!



Ms. Mathis 1st Grade News

My students need three iPads with cases, a printer, and books to enhance the foundation skills

I teach every day.

Please visit Ms. Mathis's donors choose project and donate if you can, or share with friends and family. Include this link:

https://www.donorschoose.org/project/things-i-want-to-give-my-students-but-ca/2164750/?rf=link-siteshare-2016-08-teacher-teacher_2625195&challengeid=20507318

My students need three iPads with cases, a printer, and books to enhance the foundation skills I teach every day. If funded, my students will benefit so much. The iPads will allow me to re-mediate and challenge all learners with reading, sight word and math apps. The sight word app is beneficial because it reinforces the sight words we teach, which make up 50% of everything we read. The math apps help the students master addition and subtraction facts which will help them have greater success when learning multiplication and division in coming years. Because I only have 1 computer, I can use the apps to reinforce the foundation skills, which will come in handy when doing research projects. The books will allow first graders to build fluency and increase their knowledge of our science and social studies standards. The printer and ink will allow me to print games and other teaching materials that students use during centers and small group instruction.

Oct. 3	Staff Development Day No School!
Oct. 4 – 7	Student/Teacher Holidays No School!

"STRIVE FOR FIVE"



Students and Staff Strive for 5 or less
absences for the entire year!

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

An Attendance Campaign through
Bibb County Public Schools Office of Student Support Services

Mark your calendar for **Parent Academy**.

What is a Parent Academy?

The Parent Academy is created to help you know what your child is expected to learn to be ready for the next grade. It is also created to help you know how to help your child at home. Many parents have asked for help with math. You will learn how math is taught and what your child is expected to know and do in math. In addition, you will learn about ELA expectations and other content areas.

All Parent Academies begin at 6:00 PM

Dates:

September 12- 4th Grade

September 13- Kindergarten @ 6:30 PM

September 19- 2nd and 3rd Grades

September 27- 5th Grade

September 29- 1st Grade