

MID-TERM GRADES COME HOME FRIDAY

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This Friday, all students will be receiving their Mid-Term Grades for this nine weeks' period. It hardly seems possible that we're already headed for Spring Break on March 25th. "Time Flies" as the saying goes!

Athens City Middle School continues with Cougar Volleyball into next week. On Thursday, Feb. 7th, the Cougars will be at Rhea County, beginning at 4:30. On Monday, Feb. 11, The Chilhowee team comes to ACMS for a game at 4:30. On the 12th, Cleveland comes to Athens for a home game. Then, on Wednesday, the Cougars travel to Ocoee Middle for a game at 4:30.

Winter Sports Pictures will be made on Friday, Feb. 8, for all winter athletes. Be sure to bring your uniforms and a smile! We have to congratulate our ACMS Basketball Teams for the great season they just completed. They had a great time and made it all the way through the sectionals in Sevierville! Next year looks to be another great year. A huge "thank you" goes out to their coaches, the cheerleaders, students, and parents who followed and supported them. They gave it their all!

Athens City Board of Education will hold its February meeting on Monday, the 11th. The meeting will be held in the Administration Building on Crestway Drive, beginning at 5:30. As always, the public is invited to attend.

With the new emphasis on safety in schools, our ACS Safety Committee is currently meeting monthly. We put great emphasis on the safety of our students and faculties. Bob Harrison is our Safety Coordinator. We are currently evaluating specific issues and updating our safety plans. The use of the "Raptor" identification system has proven to help validate the safety at each school site. The public and parents have been most cooperative and appreciate this new step in safety.

By Friday, Feb. 8, you'll be receiving a paper copy of this year's Family Engagement Survey. The survey has been shortened in length, with only 20 questions to answer. The back of the survey allows room for any comments you might want to add. These are due back to your child's school by Friday, Feb. 15th. The survey is also available online at www.athenscityschools.net

This year, the survey is also available in 5 languages: English; Spanish; Japanese; Vietnamese; and Gujarati (Indian). Rewards will be given to those who return the survey. We encourage you to make your ideas known! We want your feedback.

There are lots of special events lined up throughout Athens to celebrate “Black History Month.” Let’s make an effort to support these activities.

Kids’ Connection is participating in “The Great Backyard Bird Count”. This is the 21st annual event. Last year, 160,000 folks participated nationwide.

When we have warmer, lovely days, it makes us think of spring. Our ACMS boys are out getting ready for baseball season already! It was great to see students outside, walking, playing on playgrounds this week. Of course, Mother Nature may have some more tricks (snow) up her sleeve! Just remember, we are ATHENS CITY SCHOOLS. You’ll see notices of any change in schedule via email, school cast, facebook, or channel 95.

Remember to drink lots of water and wash your hands often. The flu is still running around our community.

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