# **Altamont Eagle News**

#### Phone Number: 620-784-5511

#### Important Dates in December

- 2 JH Bball @ Mdview 1:00 start Parsons Christmas Parade
- 4 Altamont Christmas Parade
- JH Bball vs. Altoona @ AGS
  Penguin Patch 12:00 3:00
  Dental Hygienist here
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- 13 JH bball @ AGS vs. St. Paul @ home 4:00 pm
- 14 JH Girls bball vs. Coffeyville @
  Home 4:00 pm
  8th grade visit to LCHS for the day
- 16 8th Grade Gift of Love
- 17 Pajama Day
- 20 AGS Christmas Program
- 21 Classroom Christmas parties
- Jan. 5 School resumes

### **Colder Weather:**

Please be sure your child is wearing a coat to school as the weather becomes colder. All classes go outside every day unless the temperature is extreme. If your child needs a coat, please contact the school office.



PAJAMA DAY -

Please help us raise money for our Booster Club by paying \$1.00 to wear your jammies to school on Friday, Dec. 17. Please make sure jammies are school appropriate.



Be sure and like us on Facebook: Altamont Grade School and follow us on Twitter: @AltamontEagles

# Inclement Weather School Closings:

In the event of inclement weather, school may be closed. Please tune into the following communication avenues for information related to school closings.

- KOAM -TV
- KODE TV
- KKOW Radio, 96.9
- KGGF Radio 690 AM
- AGS Facebook page
- District Facebook page

• AGS Twitter/District Twitter Families would also receive a Brite Arrow text message and email. December 2021

# Positive Office Referrals for November:

Congratulations to Faith Davis, Kegan Bates, Karson Lamb, Kinsey Bebb.

### Lost & Found:

We have many hoodies and jackets in the lost and found. If your child is missing some clothing, please have them check with us in the office.

### **Penguin Patch**

We are excited to announce that the Penguin Patch Holiday Shop will be at school on Monday, Dec. 6 - Fri. Dec. 10 from 12:15 - 3:00 at AGS. The Penguin Patch Holiday Shop is a temporary gift store set up within the school which will aive our children the opportunity to purchase gifts for friends and family in a secure atmosphere. This shop will provide our children the opportunity to make real life shopping decisions while learning about budgeting. They will learn that giving is as important as receiving. Price ranges from \$0.25 - \$12.00. Students will shop during their designated time slot. If they are absent or forget their money, they can go another day or time at the teacher's convenience. Please make checks out to AGS PTO. Please call the school or call Tricia Poe if you have questions or can assist any time during the week. 765-432-1362

## **Transportation Corner for December of 2021 Parents**

The transportation department wanted to pass along some praise for our students and a few reminders that you can talk to your children about. The following are things that have been noticed that we would appreciate you knowing about and also passing along to your child.

#1. The majority of our students are doing an excellent job of wearing the masks while riding.

#2. The majority of our students follow our riding rules but we can always do a few things better.

#3. The majority of our students are pleasant and practice good manners. It means a lot to the drivers and to me when we get a "good morning" or "hope you have a good evening Mr. Bus Driver". I would also note that our drivers do a great job of greeting and engaging the students as the enter or exit the bus. This may not seem like much but developing these "soft skills" such as how to appropriately engage with an adult go a long way in later life. With that said, a couple of things that our riders can do a better job of and help protect them as they ride include . . .

#1. If sitting next to the aisle the student needs to keep their body out of the aisle. Many students want to lean out to talk to someone across or at an angle or behind them. If the driver has to go hard on the brakes the student has a greater chance of being injured. Bus seats are designed using what is called "compartmentalization" but it is only effective if the rider stays fully in the compartment.

#2. The student sitting next to the aisle not only needs to keep their body out of the aisle but also their book bag. The greatest blind spot for the driver is that area directly behind the bus and being able to see out that back door glass is crucial. It is nice to know when we have a car in that spot and it decides to pass us.

On behalf of the transportation department we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas!

