

**ALLEN EAST LOCAL  
SCHOOLS**

**Spring, 2018**

**Newsletter**



**SUPERINTENDENT, MEL RENTSCHLER**

**Welcome New Football Coach, Wes Schroeder**

At a special board meeting in January, Wes Schroeder was hired by the Board to be the next head football coach of Allen East. Wes is only the fifth head football coach in the history of Allen East and the first to be hired outside the system. He is a graduate of Leipsic High School and received college degrees from Bluffton University and The University of Findlay.

Wes is certified as an Intervention Specialist and can also teach Health and Physical Education. He has helped build three very successful programs as an assistant coach. He coached football at Leipsic, Lima Senior, and most recently at Olentangy Liberty under three very successful head coaches. Please welcome Wes to the Allen East community.

**Mustang Breakfast**

There are two remaining Mustang Breakfasts for any Allen East community member age 55+ on March 1 and April 5, 2018. All are welcome to come enjoy a free breakfast and most importantly be entertained by Allen East students. A big *thank you* goes out to this year's sponsors: Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio, Liberty Retirement Community of Lima, R.D. Jones Excavating, and Right Way Food Service of Lima.

**Safety Drills**

Unfortunately, we live in a world in which schools have to be concerned with an outsider or a student bringing a weapon into the school. All staff at Allen East have been trained on ALICE protocol (**A**lert, **L**ockdown, **I**ncome, **C**ounter, and **E**vacuate). Allen East holds drills monthly to prepare for a number of situations that could cause the school to evacuate or lockdown. The best defense to prevent a tragic situation at school is communication. If a community member or student hears a rumor or has first-hand knowledge of a potential situation, it is important that they speak up. Please report any suspicious activity immediately to an administrator, teacher, Allen East anonymous hotline (ae.k12.oh.us website), or to law enforcement.

**TREASURER, ANDREA SNYDER**

Recently, the Allen East Local School District refunded the outstanding \$5,405,000 of General Obligation Various Purpose Refunding Bonds, issued originally in 2007. The Board of Education wants to take every opportunity to reduce taxes to our constituents, and we found this refunding to provide a great opportunity to save money for the community.

The combination of low-interest rates, a "AA-" credit rating from S&P Global Ratings, and good market timing allowed the district to save residents more than \$657,000 over the life of the bonds. The savings exceeded initial expectations with a final savings of approximately 10.4%. The refunded bonds will mature through 2031.

## **NURSE, DAVID PRYER**

This school year we have had a lot of illness, not only at Allen East but also statewide and nationwide. Two tips to stay healthy this flu season are:

### **#1—Get vaccinated**

Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends an annual flu vaccine for everyone six months and older. Some of the benefits of being vaccinated include fewer illnesses, doctor visits, and less time off work or school.

### **#2—Take everyday actions to prevent the spread of germs**

- Wash your hands often.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth—germs spread this way.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze.
- Stay home when you are sick (temperature free for 24 hours).

Hopefully, we have a healthy remainder of the school year.

## **DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, BILL MATTEVI**

March 13, 2018 (Tuesday) Winter Sports Awards banquet at 6:00 P.M.

March 15, 2018 (Thursday)—OHSAA Spring Parents Night meeting

May 7, 2018 (Monday)—OIO Physicals

May 14, 2018 (Monday)—OIO Physicals MAKE UP

Athletic director, Bill Mattevi, would like for each spring student athlete to have a parent at this meeting. During this meeting, the team parents meeting will also be held.

On a personal note, I would like to say I appreciate the sportsmanship and friendly attitudes that we have exemplified as a fan base at Allen East. It goes a long way toward making good relationships with other schools. I would like to thank everybody for his or her courtesy and sportsmanship, which is a very important part of getting along with neighboring schools.

## **HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, KEITH BAUMGARTNER**

I hope everyone is having a wonderful winter and it is hard to believe we are already halfway through this school year! We had our College Credit Plus parent meeting in January. If you were unable to attend and your child has an interest in this program, please have them see me or Mrs. Koontz as soon as possible.

Our tenth graders had the opportunity to attend Apollo in January, and get a hands-on experience in two programs. The newly renovated facility provides a tremendous opportunity for students to be job and career ready upon graduation.

Participation remains strong with our athletics, music, art, SADD, and club programs. Almost three quarters of the student body is involved in an extra or co-curricular activity.

In the next several months, we will begin our state-mandated testing. All juniors will take the ACT on February 27, beginning at 7:50 A.M. The ACT will be taken on the students' Chromebook. Apollo students will be given a computer to use that morning. All juniors will be dismissed after completing the ACT at 12:00. Makeup dates for the ACT are February 28 and March 1, 2018. The End of Course (EOC) exams will take place on the following dates:

ELA I & ELA II—April 16, 2018

Biology—April 27

Algebra I & Geometry—May 1

American History & Government—May 2

Only students taking an exam that day will be required to come to school. Each test is comprised of two sessions and the students will have a session in the morning and the second session in the

afternoon. Students will use their Chromebook to take their EOC exam.

Graduation will take place on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. in the main gym. Seniors will have their breakfast and graduation practice on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 8:15 A.M. in the auditoria. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, JARROD WEHRI**

Another school year is flying by and state testing is rapidly approaching. Below are the middle school testing days. Please make sure your student gets plenty of sleep the night before, eats a good breakfast, and charges their Chromebook. Much like the paper OAs, each specific test has two sessions, which we will take the same day with a break in between sessions. Please encourage your students to take their time and answer all questions. Thank you.

April 16, 2018	ELA (each session 1 hour 45 minutes)
April 27	8th Science (each session 1 hour 15 minutes)
May 1	Math (each session 1 hour 30 minutes)

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, HEATHER PATTERSON**

### Social Media

At Allen East we strive to maintain a positive environment for the community in which we serve. So with that being said, please do not use social media as a platform to express your concerns and/or frustration regarding school matters. Consider going right to the source: your teacher(s), social worker, or building administrator to ensure the issue can be resolved effectively. Let's work together so we can continue spreading Mustang Pride.

### Test Dates

April 17, 2018 (Tuesday)	3rd grade English Language Arts (ELA)
April 18 (Wednesday)	4th grade ELA
April 19 (Thursday)	5th grade ELA
April 24 (Tuesday)	3rd grade Math
April 25 (Wednesday)	4th grade Math
April 27 (Friday)	5th grade Science
May 2 (Wednesday)	5th grade Math

Please make sure your child eats a good breakfast and receives plenty of sleep before testing days.

The Allen East Board of Education requires a prospective kindergarten student be 5 years old before October 1, 2018. Kindergarten registration for 2018-2019 will be held March 6, 7, and 8, 2018, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and 3:30-6:00 P.M. If you miss these three dates, please contact the elementary office at 419-648-3333 as you must register your child and sign up for a screening date.

### Registration-required documents

1. Birth Certificate
2. Social Security Card
3. Shot record
4. Custody papers (entire court document)
5. Two verifications of residency (must have your full name and address). Examples: utility bill, deed to home, escrow papers, lease agreement, receipt from moving company, or delivery of appliance/furniture.

Screening Dates: (**Parent and child are REQUIRED to attend the screening**)

May 29, 2018 (Tuesday) 8-10 A.M. 10 A.M.-12 Noon 12:45-2:45 P.M.

May 30 (Wednesday) 8-10 A.M. 10 A.M.-12 Noon 12:45-2:45 P.M.

May 31 (Thursday) 8-10 A.M. only

If your phone number changes, please be sure to notify the elementary office 419-648-3333, ext. 1004 so that we can update our records.

## AMERIGAS SCHOOL DAYS PROGRAM

Allen East has registered with AmeriGas for their School Days Program. Families bring their propane bills (the section that has School Days Program on it) to school. We will then tally receipts and submit them to AmeriGas for cash. We will earn 2 cents for every gallon purchased. Turn in your AmeriGas School Days receipts to any building secretary. Thank you!

