

Athens Community Unit School District #213  
Cantrall Elementary School  
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December 6, 2018

CES Community,

The Holidays are upon us. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students have their winter concert next Tuesday (K & 1<sup>st</sup> grades will perform a spring concert) and Winter Break is right around the corner.

CES Stars of the Week

Our stars for the week of December 3-7 are: Kindergarten: Bella DeRosa, Lulu Kirk, Caden Loehr, TJ Broch. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Mia Armstrong, Owen Davis, Cullen Pauley, Grace Schoenhard. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Reece Howlett, Kayden Beatty, Olivia Reagon. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Tinsley DeClerck, Hannah Lovekamp, and Maddie Womble. Congratulations stars!



Salvation Army Bell

Have an interest in ringing the Salvation Army Bell this holiday season? Jackie Hines is helping coordinate/schedule volunteers to ring the bell outside of Casey's in Athens from the end of November through the Christmas season. The times available are now through Dec 23, 9am-7pm, in one hour increments. Please contact Jackie in the CES office if your family has an interest in volunteering some time ringing the bell.

Dress Warmly

Cold weather is here. Please make sure your child is wearing coats, hats, gloves, and any other cold weather items. We want our students to be safe and warm while waiting for the bus. Also, students will continue to go outside for recess as much as possible. We

will continue to send students out for recess as long as the temperature (or feels like temperature) is above 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

### Emergency Closing of Schools

Athens CUSD #213 is providing the following information on school cancellations or early dismissals of school due to weather and/or road conditions:

The major consideration determining the cancellation of school will be the concern for safety and welfare of students and staff. Hazardous road conditions, caused by drifting of snow, ice accumulation, or extreme fog, may result in the cancellation or early dismissal of school. Also, dangerous temperature conditions because of extreme cold or wind chill factors may cause school to be closed.

### School Cancellations

The District will attempt to notify the media outlets listed below by 6:30 A.M. if school is to be canceled. This will occur after road conditions have been determined by actually driving bus routes in the District, consulting with road and law enforcement officials in the areas, and monitoring weather forecasts to assess developing conditions. Parents are encouraged to monitor radio/television broadcasting for cancellation information.

**PARENTS AND STUDENTS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO CALL THE SCHOOLS SINCE SCHOOL ACCESS TO PHONES IS NECESSARY.**

### Early Dismissals

Once school is in session, every attempt will be made to complete the entire school day and dismiss at the regular time. Often, road conditions may be better during a winter storm later in the day because road crews have had the opportunity to plow or salt roads in the District. Again, weather forecasts will be monitored closely. Also, the District recognizes the burdens placed upon families caused by early dismissals because often the parents are working and may experience difficulties in making arrangements for childcare during the school day. Parents are again encouraged to monitor radio/television broadcasting for early dismissal information. **PARENTS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO CALL THE SCHOOLS SINCE SCHOOL ACCESS TO PHONES IS NECESSARY.**

The following media will be notified of school cancellations and/or early dismissals.

**Radio Stations: WTAX(1240-AM), WDBR(103.7-FM), WFMB(1450-AM), WFMB(104.5-FM), WMAY(970-AM), WNNS(98.7-FM), WQLZ(92.7-FM), WQQL(101.9-FM), WYMG(100.5-FM), WMHX(93.9-FM) Television Station: WICS (Channel 20)**

## School Messenger

The number that each parent provided at registration will be called if there were an emergency closing of schools.

### Lost and Found

The Lost and Found cubby located near the exit of the cafeteria is starting to overflow with items that are unclaimed. As you visit CES the next few weeks, please take a moment and check and see if anything belongs to your child.

### **Upcoming dates:**

December 11 –	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Winter Concert (CIS @ 6:30)
December 14 –	Christmas Lunch (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade families)
December 21 -	Class Parties (12:45 - 1:45)
December 21 –	End of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter / 1:50 Dismissal
Dec. 22- Jan. 6 -	Winter Break
January 7 -	School resumes

Mr. Szoke