



## September 2024

Welcome back to another exciting year here in RAM Land! Fall will eventually come after the heat waves!

**What's new?** We have some new staff in the building! We would like to welcome Allison Pennell in KDG, Jennifer Lozano moved to 3<sup>rd</sup>, Amy Soluri para, Emily Mathias Pre-School teacher, Bri Smith Preschool para, and Lisa Jackson and Jeannine Rex are new to the kitchen staff!

**Attendance:** Please be sure your child is here and on time each day. If they are going to be absent please call the school at 419-332-5361. Please provide copies of any doctor's notes when able. Absences that are not reported are unexcused in your child's record.

**Reminders:** Just a reminder that breakfast starts every day at 8:30 am. All other students should arrive at 8:45 am. Parents should not be dropping off in the front loop as this is for busses only. Only CC unit and preschool are allowed to pick up students in the back of the building.

Please encourage and model reading at home with your children! Be sure to check their book bag each night and keep in communication with your child's teacher when needed. Together, we can make your children a huge success!

*Please follow us on FACEBOOK under Atkinson Elementary School to see current pictures of events going on in our building!*

With Kids in Mind

Chris Ward, Principal



# ATTENDANCE Matters

## ABSENCES AND LEAVING EARLY

School hours are from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The **first bell rings at 8:45 am** for the students to enter the building. There is a strong correlation between good school attendance and academic success. Please make every effort to make sure your child is in attendance regularly to receive the full benefit of school. Students will be considered tardy/late to school if they are not in their classroom at 9:00. If you know your child will be out of school due to illness or any type of absence, please call the office at 419-332-5361 before 9:30 am. Anyone picking up or dropping off a student during school hours needs to sign them in/out in the office. **A note from the custodial parent needs to be sent to school in the morning if the child will be leaving during school hours. We cannot release a child to anyone other than the custodial parent during the school day without a written note from the parent.**

## Attendance Policy

- ★ Students are allotted 5 days of excused absences without a doctor's note in one school year.
- ★ After 5 days of excused absences a doctor's note is needed. Otherwise absences will be considered "unexcused".

## Habitual Truancy

- ★ 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse
- ★ 42 or more hours in one school month without a legitimate excuse
- ★ 72 or more hours in one school year without a legitimate excuse

**ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW!  
ATTENDANCE COUNTS!  
ALL DAY EVERYDAY!**

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY DAY!

Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. When students are present or remote on Google Meets at Menchaca Early Childhood Center, they are...

- Engaging in relevant instruction and learning!
- Creating meaningful relationships with caring adults and Friends!
- Participating in a GREAT school culture!



#### CHRONIC ABSENCES 18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



#### WARNING 10 - 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



#### GOOD ATTENDANCE 9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.



# Counselor's



# Corner



## Hello Rams!

My name is Miss Hoffman and I will be your school counselor this year. I am excited to get to know you all. I have a passion for working with and helping students in the school setting. I want to help promote student growth and success through academic, career, and social/emotional development.

In 2023, I graduated with my Master's of Education in School Counseling from Bowling Green State University. I graduated in 2021 with my Bachelor's of Science in Social Work from Bowling Green State University as well. I am licensed as a school counselor and social worker. Also, I hold a certification for a Chemical Dependency Counseling Assistant.

I grew up in Elmore, Ohio. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. I love watching movies and TV shows. Listed below are some of my favorites:

**Color:** Light Purple

**Food:** Pizza

**Subject:** Science

**Sport:** Basketball

**Season:** Fall

**Fun Fact:** I have a twin sister!

I look forward to being your counselor! I am excited to connect and help in any way I can with you all. Let's have a great school year!

### Contact Information

Please do not hesitate to reach out. I am here to help!

Email: [hoffmanme@fremontschools.net](mailto:hoffmanme@fremontschools.net)

Phone: (419) 332-5361

[WWW.FREMONTSCHOOLS.NET](http://WWW.FREMONTSCHOOLS.NET)



# Notes from the Nurse



I hope you all had a wonderful summer and start to the 2024-2025 school year!

My name is Colleen Osborne and I am the Atkinson Elementary School Nurse. My job allows me to help our students to be safe, healthy, in class and ready to learn. I am looking forward to serving you and your child throughout the school year. To ensure your child's health and safety, I would like to share a few things with you:



**HEALTH CONCERNS:** Please inform the school nurse and your child's teacher of any severe allergies, surgeries, accidents or new health problems that occurred during the summer months or that may occur during the school year. If your student had a health care plan on file with the school last school year, please make sure you and your physician fill out new documents and return them as soon as possible. New paperwork is required every year and needs to be updated every school year. If your student has a specific health condition or needs special care during the school day such as medication, treatments, or monitoring and does not have a current plan, please inform your school nurse and she can provide you with the proper paperwork needed for your student. Individual health care plans help keep your student safe and healthy.

**MEDICATIONS:** Please remember our medication policy and forms that can be found on the Fremont City Schools website under Student Services: Health Services. All medications must have A GENERAL MEDICATION FORM completed and signed by the parent or guardian and signed by the doctor prescribing the medication. Any medications, must be brought to the nurse and signed in by a parent. **DO NOT SEND MEDICATIONS TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD.**





# Notes from the Nurse



**ILLNESS:** Please keep children home during the course of a fever and for an additional 24 hours after the fever has passed. This also goes for vomiting and diarrhea. Your child may be carrying something very contagious.

***\*\*Also, remember to update your phone number and emergency contact numbers in the office so that we can reach you in case of an emergency.***

**SCREENINGS:** Hearing, and Vision screenings will occur throughout the year. Your student will bring home a form and any needed referrals once completed.



**HEALTHY SNACKS & LUNCHES:** It is our goal to provide healthy meals during school. If you choose to pack your child's lunch please remember that some students have life threatening food allergies. I will send home a letter if a student in your child's class has a severe food allergy.



**CLOTHING:** Please make sure your student has an extra change of clothing in his/her backpack incase needed for unseen circumstances that may arise during the school day.



I hope this information is helpful to you! I am looking forward to a safe and healthy school year. If I can be of any help throughout the year, please don't hesitate to call or email.

Colleen Osborne BSN,RN-LSN

419-332-5361

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MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

## SEPTEMBER

**Sept. 3 -17** ..... Fall Flower Fundraiser

**Sept. 16-20** .... Say HELLO Week

**Sept. 26** ..... Fall Picture Day

**Sept. 26** (*Last name A-L*) & **Sept. 27** (*Last name M-Z*) ..... Grandfriend's Day  
8:00-8:30

**Sept. 27** .... Midterms go home

**Sept. 30** .... Professional Day - NO SCHOOL

## OCTOBER

**Oct. 3** .... MUMS delivery day!

**Oct. 14** .... Little Caesars fundraiser kickoff

**Oct. 17** (*Last name A-L*) & **Oct. 18** (*Last name M-Z*) .... Donuts with Dads

**Oct. 25** .... Fall Campout

**Oct. 28** .... Afternoon Conferences

**Oct. 30** .... Afternoon Conferences

## Lunch Notes



- Breakfast and Lunch are free of charge for all buildings this year!
- No fast food or food from other establishments are allowed in the cafe
- Packers may buy an extra milk for \$.50.
- Money can be added to student's account for milk with cash or check (payable to Fremont City Schools) or online through [www.fremontcity.familyportal.cloud](http://www.fremontcity.familyportal.cloud)

**FINAL FORMS**

### Please update your FINAL FORMS

Please remember that if you change phone numbers, address or contacts, you must update your information in Final Forms. The school staff depends on this information to be current in case you need to be contacted.





COMMUNITY

**Join us on Facebook!**

Join the Atkinson page by searching for "Atkinson Elementary School" or scanning the QR code to get school updates and view pictures!

# SMILE

Why? Because you can.

HELLO WEEK

## HELLO!

From September 16-20th, we're excited to celebrate **Start With Hello Week** at Atkinson! This initiative, inspired by the Sandy Hook Promise, encourages students to make meaningful connections and ensure that every student feels **accepted, included, and valued**. By starting with a simple hello, we take a powerful step toward preventing social isolation, bullying, and violence. Throughout the week, students will have the opportunity to participate in daily challenges and a coloring contest. Let's come together to make a positive impact!

For more information visit [www.sandyhookpromise.org](http://www.sandyhookpromise.org)

### DAILY CHALLENGES

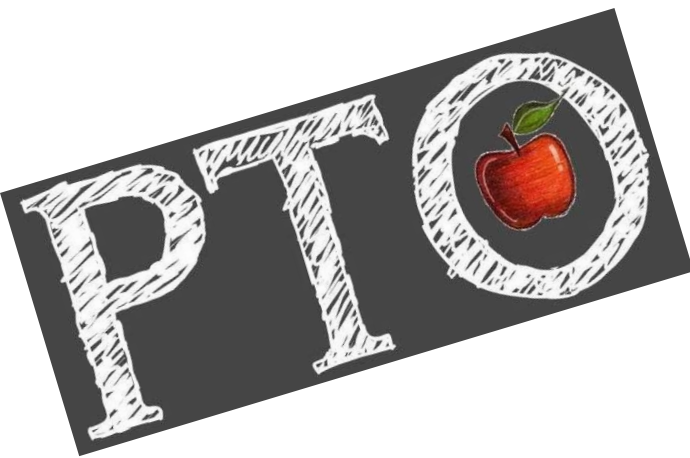
MONDAY Sept. 16th	TUESDAY Sept. 17th	WEDNESDAY Sept. 18th	THURSDAY Sept. 19th	FRIDAY Sept. 20th
Say Hello to <b>10</b> People 	Ask someone <b>new</b> to play with you at recess!	<b>WEAR GREEN</b> to show your support for inclusion!	Learn <b>3</b> new ways to say hello and practice with your friends! 	Think of 3 kind things you can do for someone else. Continue <b>including everyone</b> and <b>spreading kindness</b> all year long!







**PLEASE do NOT drop off or pick up your student in the front loop. This drive is for bus drop off and pick up only. Thank you for your support!**



**Meetings are at 5:30 in the Atkinson Cafe**

**MEETING DATES:**

October 8, 2024  
November 12, 2024  
December 10, 2024  
January 4, 2025  
February 11, 2025  
March 11, 2025  
April 8, 2025  
May 13, 2025

**OFFICERS:**

President: Brittany & Blair Ellenberger  
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Teacher Rep: Christina McBride  
Teacher Rep: Evilia Sandoval

