

February 2026

Alexander Elementary

Kindness is like snow—it beautifies everything it covers. — Kahlil Gibran

As we begin the month of February, winter has certainly made its presence known! Snowy weather has already brought a few interruptions to our schedule, and I appreciate the patience and flexibility our families have shown as we work together to keep students and staff safe. While these changes can be challenging, they are always made with the well-being of our school community as the top priority.

February is also a time for us to settle back into routines, refocus on learning, and continue building momentum in our classrooms. Our students and staff are off to a strong start, and we're excited about the growth we'll see in the weeks ahead. Even in the heart of winter, there's a sense of anticipation for brighter days and the promise of spring just around the corner.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we move through the remainder of the school year together.

Megan Karr
Elementary Principal



FEBRUARY

- 2/5-Parent Teacher Conferences
- 2/11-Parent Teacher Conferences
- 2/11 - Board of Education Meeting
- 2/13 - Make-Up Day for students and staff
- 2/16 - Make-Up Day for students and staff
- 2/27 - Early Dismissal for Students

SPARTAN SERVICE PROJECTS SPOTLIGHT

We are proud to recognize several students who have recently completed outstanding service projects in our community.

- Kennedy Gregory packed meals in November to help support children in our community who experience food insecurity.
- Winnie Jordan helped shop for Christmas presents for children during the holiday season, spreading joy and kindness to others at Christmas time.
- Emma Metcalf volunteered by serving food at Albany's Christmas in the Village and by preparing hats filled with goodies for local nursing homes.

We are so proud of these students for making a positive impact! Students who would like to earn the Super Spartan Award must receive a nomination for each of the three Live R.E.D. characteristics and complete two service-learning projects.



MAKE-UP DAY PLANS

After the first five snow days, any additional missed school days must be made up. We have currently missed 9 days.

Friday, February 13 will be a regular school day for students and staff.

Monday, February 16 will be a regular school day for students and staff.

Please be sure your phone number is up to date in Infinite Campus and that you have downloaded the Alexander Local Schools app so you receive all school notifications.

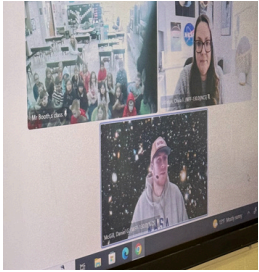




PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION



Registration for preschool will be held on March 18th and 19th at Alexander Elementary School. For your child to register, they must be 4 years of age on or before the first day of school, must be present at the time of the screening, and must be a resident of the Alexander School District. Beginning on March 2nd, you may call the school at 740-698-8831 to make an appointment. For further information or questions about preschool, contact the Early Childhood Office through the Athens-Meigs ESC at 740-797-0064. The following must be brought to registration: Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, Proof of Residency, Proof of Income (one of the following: current tax form or 2 consecutive pay stubs)



Mr. Booth and Mrs. Lovsey's classroom zoomed with NASA

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL CHANGES



If your child will be going home in a way that differs from their usual routine, the school must be notified. Notification may be provided by sending a written note with your child or by calling the elementary office.

For safety reasons, students will not be permitted to change their dismissal method without direct parent/guardian permission communicated to the office.



HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD IN MATH



Many children find math challenging at times, and that's completely normal. Math skills take time to develop, and confidence matters just as much as practice. Encouraging a positive attitude and reminding your child that mistakes are part of learning can make a big difference.

At home, small, simple activities help. Talk through everyday math you use, play number-based games, practice math facts in short bursts, or ask your child to explain their thinking. Using flashcards for addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division, whether store-bought or homemade, can also build comfort and fluency with key skills.

If your child is struggling, please know we are here to help. Teachers closely monitor progress and provide extra support when needed. By working together, we can help students grow their confidence and skills in math.



TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY



On January 16, our staff participated in professional learning focused on strengthening the support we provide to students. While we understand these days can be challenging for families, they are essential for staff growth, collaboration, and continuous improvement.

We were grateful to welcome Officer Wilkof from the Ohio University Police Department, who shared strategies for preventing and responding to emergency situations. His presentation, grounded in real experiences and current research, helped staff feel more prepared and informed. We also appreciate the Ohio University Police Department for their partnership.

Throughout the day, staff engaged in learning around supporting students with behavioral needs and understanding the impact of trauma. Teachers also participated in vertical alignment meetings, collaborating across grade levels to review student progress data and identify next steps to support learning.