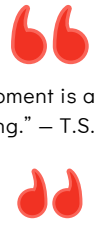


January 2026

Alexander Elementary



Every moment is a fresh beginning." — T.S. Eliot

Happy New Year! We are excited to welcome our students and families back as we begin a new year together. December truly flew by, and it was filled with many memorable moments here at school.

The weeks leading up to winter break were especially busy. Along with navigating a wave of seasonal illnesses, our students and staff worked hard to keep learning on track while still finding time to celebrate. We enjoyed wonderful events like our Jingle Ball dance, where students had the chance to play games, listen to music, and have fun with friends. Our kindergarten students also shined during their holiday program, sharing songs and smiles that brought joy to everyone in attendance.

As we move into January, we look forward to settling back into routines, continuing our learning, and setting goals for the months ahead. Thank you for your continued support and partnership, it truly makes a difference in our school community.

Wishing you a healthy, happy start to the new year!

Megan Karr
Elementary Principal



JANUARY

- 1/14 - Board of Education Meeting
- 1/16 - No School For Students
- 1/19 - No School



ATTENDANCE

We know this time of year unfortunately brings an increased amount of sickness. Please do not forget to send in doctor or parent notes if your child is absent.

You are permitted to have up to 8 parent notes a year for excused absences.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Date: 2/5 and 2/11

We will begin taking calls on January 26th to schedule conferences.

BUNDLE UP REMINDER



Winter weather is here, and chilly temperatures mean it's time to bundle up! Please remember to send your child to school with a coat, hat, and gloves each day. We head outside for recess whenever possible, and warm kiddos have much more fun playing.

A name label on winter gear can also help lost items find their way back home. Thank you for helping us keep everyone cozy, happy, and ready for winter fun!

If your child needs any winter items, please let us know. Our Athens County Children Services Outreach program helps keep many of these items stocked and ready for students who need them.



MAKE-UP DAY PLANS



If cancelled school days exceed 5 days, the following will be used to make up the days:

- 1/19 - Teacher Work Day WITHOUT students
- 2/16 - Presidents Day
- Additional days for students will be added to the end of the school year as needed. The current last day of school for students is May 21.

Make sure you have the correct phone number in Infinite Campus and the Alexander Local Schools app downloaded so you receive all notifications. Please call the office if you need help.

WHAT ARE THE REPORTS THAT CAME HOME WITH THE GRADE CARDS?

Your child will be bringing home parent reports for their reading(Acadience) and mathematics(I-Ready) diagnostic assessments along with their report card. Three times a year, students participate in these diagnostic assessments to help guide instruction and support learning.

These diagnostics are not graded tests. Instead, they are tools that help teachers better understand each child's strengths and identify areas where additional support or enrichment may be beneficial. Diagnostic assessments help teachers plan instruction that meets individual student needs, provide timely intervention or enrichment, monitor progress throughout the year, and support overall growth in reading and math.

If you have questions about your child's diagnostic results or how they are used in the classroom, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. We appreciate your partnership in supporting student learning!



CELEBRATING HOLIDAY FUN AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY

At our school, we know that learning is important but so is having fun! Taking time to enjoy special events helps build a sense of community, keeps students engaged, and creates memories that last a lifetime.

In December, our students had the chance to celebrate together in several exciting ways. During their holiday program, our kindergarten students shared songs, smiles, and holiday cheer with families and classmates. The kindergarten teachers alongside our music teacher Mrs. Terry did a wonderful job preparing the students as well. Additionally, all students got into the spirit during our Jingle Ball, a festive day full of winter-themed games, music, and dancing. Thanks to the support of the Athens County Children Services Outreach Program, PTO and volunteers, these events ran smoothly and brought joy to everyone involved.

These celebrations are more than just fun, they help strengthen relationships among students, staff, and families, and remind us how special our school community is. We are grateful for the chance to celebrate together and look forward to creating more joyful experiences in the months ahead!